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Mandal and Gothwal published their experience related to quality of life and life satisfaction in young adults with PCG (**Gothwal VK, Mandal AK. Quality of life and life satisfaction in young adults with primary congenital glaucoma. Ophthalmology Glaucoma 2021;4 (3): 312-321**). This is the first such report in the literature. The results suggest that QOL and LS of treated patients with PCG during life are generally good and appear to be driven by factors other than clinical indices. Educational achievement appears to be linked to better QOL and LS, and clinicians should emphasize the importance and need for better education in the continued care of these patients.

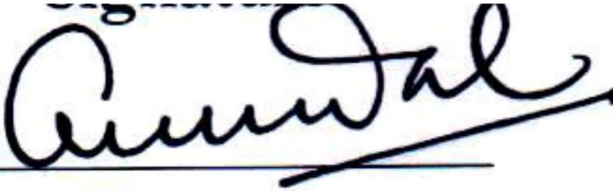
Of the 39 participants pursuing education at various levels in the emerging adults group (a little over one-half (n=21, 54%) were in secondary education, and the remaining (n=18, 46%) were pursuing tertiary education (under-and post-graduation) including professional courses in medicine, engineering and technology, computer science, pharmacy and chartered accountancy.



**Fig: Collage showing distribution of various medical professionals who were operated for primary congenital glaucoma in their early childhood by Dr. Mandal and were under regular follow-up with him over the last 3 decades.**

Dr. Mandal's colleague, Dr. Vijaya K Gothwal, is a researcher with over 2 decades of experience in patient-reported outcomes and quality of life. She has published over 100 papers in peer-reviewed journals in this field. Dr. Gothwal was responsible for data collection by administering (self or interviewer administered) 3 questionnaires to adults (operated for congenital glaucoma in childhood) during their routine clinic visit

regarding quality of life and life satisfaction. Following this, the data were analyzed using modern psychometric approach (Rasch analysis) to generate interval-level scores for quality of life and life satisfaction for each patient. These scores were then used in multiple regression models to identify factors associated with quality of life and life satisfaction. Dr. Mandal contributed to the study by helping with designing the study, patient selection, writing the first draft, and statistical analysis of this study.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anil K Mandal', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Dr. Anil K Mandal, 29 August 2024