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ICO Issues Guidelines for Glaucoma Eye Care

Recommendations for Low and Intermediate to High Resource Settings

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San Francisco, California, USA - The [International Council of Ophthalmology \(ICO\)](http://www.icoph.org) has published *ICO Guidelines for Glaucoma Eye Care*. The *ICO Guidelines* summarize core requirements for the appropriate care of open and closed angle glaucoma and consider low and intermediate to high-resource settings. They are currently available in English and Spanish.

"Glaucoma is the leading cause of world blindness after cataracts. Blindness from both open and closed angle glaucoma is preventable in the vast majority of cases", said Dr. Neeru Gupta, Chair, ICO Task Force on Glaucoma.

"The new ICO glaucoma guidelines are very exciting as they break new ground. They not only set out best practice for those working in high resource settings in developed areas, but for the first time they also give strong guidance to ophthalmologists working in low resource settings in developing areas. We expect they will have relevance around the world" said Professor Hugh Taylor, ICO President.

The *ICO Guidelines for Glaucoma Eye Care* are a valuable resource for the broad suite of health professionals who work with glaucoma and serve to reduce the amount of blindness and vision loss from glaucoma by facilitating diagnosis and treatment. In addition, the *ICO Guidelines* allow eye care practitioners to define benchmarks that measure the effectiveness of local and regional glaucoma programs.

Download the *ICO Guidelines for Glaucoma Eye Care* from the ICO website at:
<http://www.icoph.org/glaucoma>.

The *ICO Guidelines* are designed to be a working document and will be updated on an ongoing basis. Comments are welcome at: info@icoph.org.

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