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Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital

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Ananta Eye Bank

(Unit of Chaithanya Eye Hospital and Research Institute)

Memorandum of Understanding

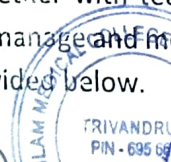
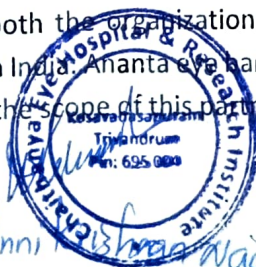
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In recognition of the benefits of Eye Donation, Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital and Ananta Eye Bank enter into this agreement in order to facilitate and promote the procurement of corneal tissues for transplantation, research and medical education to eliminate treatable corneal blindness, providing fair and equitable distribution of tissue.

PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF ANANTA EYE BANK

The purpose of this joint collaboration is to strengthen Eye Donation activities specifically, Hospital Cornea Recovery Programmes (HCRP) at Hospital and other eye bank partner donor hospitals with the aim to encourage and promote eye donation in southern part of Kerala.

It is envisioned that both the organizations will work together with team spirit to eliminate corneal blindness from India. Ananta eye bank is to set-up, manage and monitor HCRP programs at hospital. Details of the scope of this partnership are provided below.



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REFERRAL SERVICES

Eye Donation technicians are trained to perform cornea recovery and their credentials shall be submitted to the Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital on request.

Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital agrees to participate and assist in the identification and referral of potential donors. This includes allowing the counsellors and eye bank technicians to ask questions related to the social, behavioural and medical background of the deceased to the family members. Eye Bank Technician will do the recovery service and will coordinate the transportation of these recovered corneas to Ananta Eye Bank. Ananta Eye Bank will be available on a 24-hour basis to receive calls for eye donation. Ananta Eye Bank requests to Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital to provide the death intimation call at the time of the death by PRO or the concerned officials, and thereby Counsellor can motivate and convince the family members to donate the deceased corneas. Convincing and motivating the family members is the sole responsibility and duty of eye bank counsellors.

In case Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital initiates retrieval, the protocol must be followed as per standards and regulations prescribed by the NPCB/ Eye Bank Association of India, which will include obtaining proper consents, providing proper and accurate information to the family of the donor, correct technique of procurement of donor tissue and safe transportation to Ananta Eye Bank, failure of which will result in violation of the SOP.

COSTS BILLING AND REIMBURSEMENT

The Donor family and Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital will incur no costs associated with Eye Donation including medicolegal and ethical issues.

EDUCATION, TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Ananta eye bank will use its best efforts to respond to all requests for service or other technical assistance.

CONSENT

Ananta eye bank will take documented approval from families of all donors prior to cornea recovery and one copy of the consent shall be given to the Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital. Ananta eye bank also agrees to submit performance report on Monthly/Quarterly basis to Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital.



COMPLIANCE WITH NPCB STANDARDS

Ananta eye bank commits to manage its operations as per NPCB Standards and guidelines provided and any amendments or modifications specified by the government from time to time.

EMPLOYEE CONDUCT

Ananta eye bank assumes total responsibility for the actions of its personnel in their efforts to obtain consent, retrieve and transport donated eye tissues. Both the Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital and Ananta eye bank will require their staff to adhere to the guidelines of the Human Organs Transplant Act 1994.

SHARING OF CORNEA

Ananta eye bank will provide cornea depending on its availability upon request by Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital for cornea transplant surgeries taking place at Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital without processing charge and transportation cost. Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital gives Ananta eye bank full authority to distribute the cornea recovered from Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital for surgical or research use.

EXCLUSIVE RELATIONSHIP

Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital recognizes that based on this agreement Ananta eye bank will depute eye donation counsellors who will be available once a death is intimated. And the eye donation counsellors will visit the Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital on a regular basis to strengthen our relationship. Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital agrees to have exclusive relations with Ananta eye bank for retrieval of corneas for a period of 11 months after which it can be renewed yearly if both parties are satisfied each other.

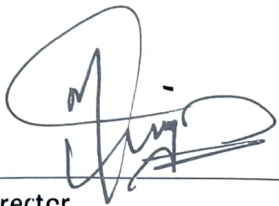
Procurement of eyes from unclaimed dead bodies will not be done. The Technician/Counsellors will inform the duty doctor whenever there is an eye donation in Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital. Attending eye donation call from outside the hospital will be done by the Trained Technician without the help of doctors.

In case of infringement of the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP), Ananta Eye Bank can withdraw the MOU.



DATE OF MOU BECOMES ACTIVE AND PERIOD COVERED

This MOU becomes effective upon signature by both the parties and will remain in effect until terminated by 30 days advance written notice to either party. This agreement may be amended by written agreement of both the parties.



Director
Sree Gokulam Medical College Hospital



Medical Director
Ananta Eye Bank



Place: *Thiruvananthapuram*
Date: *15/04/2024*

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