



# Hope For Rare Eye Diseases



## Are we doing enough?

19th July

This **CURED WEBINAR** is meant to sensitise ophthalmologists, scientists, and the general population about the struggles of individuals with rare eye diseases and shed light on research initiatives by eminent scientists.

### Featured Speakers



#### Mr Prasanna Shirol

*Co founder and Executive Director of ORDI- Organization for Rare Diseases India*

Mr. Prasanna is the Co-founder and Executive Director of ORDI (Organization for Rare Diseases India), President of the Pompe Foundation, and advisor to several non-profits.



#### Prof. Neil Lagali

*Professor in Experimental Ophthalmology, Institute for Biomedical and Clinical Sciences, Linköping University*

The Lagali lab performs basic, preclinical and clinical research with a strong translational application to cornea and eye diseases.

### Webinar Highlights

- A first of its kind discussion based forum on **Rare Eye Diseases**
- Q&A sessions with international scientists and advocacy group leaders.
- Patients' journey through **Rare Eye Diseases**



#### Dr. Miguel C Seabra

*Group leader of the Molecular Mechanisms of Disease Lab and a Full Professor at Nova Medical School (NMS) in Lisbon*

Dr. Miguel from the Champalimaud Center for the Unknown in Lisbon focuses on developing affordable gene therapy solutions for the eye, aiming to make this treatment globally accessible.



#### Barbara Poli

*President of Aniridia Europe*

She co-founded "Aniridia Italy" and the federation "Aniridia Europe," where she has helped organize conferences and research projects on rare eye diseases.



**Dr. Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital**

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### SCEH Faculty

#### Dr. Virendra Singh Sangwan

*Director, Innovation*

Dr. Sangwan leads pioneering efforts in stem cell research, bioengineering, technological advancements, and research innovation.

#### Dr Shailja Tibrewal

*Senior Consultant*

Dr Shailja is a Child Eye Surgeon with a special interest in inherited and rare eye diseases like microphthalmos, anophthalmos, coloboma, pediatric cataract and aniridia.

#### Dr Abha Gour

*Senior Consultant*

Dr Abha Gour is a clinician scientist with a decade long experience in managing anterior segment diseases, pediatric corneal disorders, ocular surface problems and performing refractive surgeries.

#### Ria Sachdeva

*Genetic Counselor*

Ms Ria Sachdeva is a Level II senior genetic Counselor and PhD scholar associated with Dr Shroff's Charity Eye Hospital since 6 years with a special interest in ocular genetics.

**Date: 19th July**

**Time: 7-8:30 PM IST; 9.30-11 AM EST**

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