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Unlocking Eye research Opportunities in India

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India and China have been projected as the favorite destinations for Ophthalmology clinical trials. In future, up to 65% of food and drug administration (FDA)-regulated trials are expected to be outsourced from the US to these two destinations.

Over the past two decades, India has made tremendous strides in eye care. A political will, strong leadership, government support and the strength of a robust nonprofit sector has led to a series of key policy decisions in Eye health and innovations in the country. India is today ready to contribute its potential in Eye care to the world in a big way. This paper attempts to identify, address and compare the current capabilities in Indian Eye care system with rest of the World/US, in terms of facilities, research pool, subject pool, knowledge, equipment, technology, funding, administration, among other areas in Eye research. It is an attempt to show case India as a destination for Eye research/Real world Drug and Device Clinical trials in Ophthalmology.

Biography

Prabhati Mukherji is working Over 29 years of combined clinical, teaching, administrative, Business development and research experience in Ophthalmology. MS Ophthalmologist by training /practice, with added qualifications in Pediatric and community ophthalmology she joined Syneos Health in 2018 as medical monitor in Ophthalmology and also served to support catalyst site initiatives in India as Medical monitor Ophthalmology at Syneos, Therapeutic Area Expertise Phase I,II,III,IV Studies in Retina, Dry eye disease, Glaucoma and pediatric rare disease. Prior to entering the pharmaceutical industry she served as Clinical head Ophthalmology at various charitable and corporate hospitals in India. She managed various community Ophthalmology projects in India for NGOs and INGOs including WHO, Sight Savers, Orbis International, Christian Blinden mission. She contributed to startup of eye care facility chain in India (> 35 Eye hospitals in India) by managing business operations, practice acquisitions, recruitment of Ophthalmologists and support staff. She is a Faculty member at Government aided Medical College in India. She is the Board Member in national and international Community Ophthalmology Charities. She has several articles and abstracts publications.