

## *Postponement of elective eye surgery – Do we need to be careful?*

Dear Members,

The life is heading towards normal post COVID pandemic and post Mucormycosis epidemic. The patients of eye ailments who were hiding in their shell due to pandemic are coming up and showing willingness for surgery. But the striking feature that is very much evident is postponement of surgery due to abnormal investigations. The study done by Bamashmus et al in 2010 showed hypertension being the most common factor for cancellation of surgery on the day of elective surgery.<sup>1</sup> In our scenario, the most common reason found was uncontrolled blood sugar. The total 482 subjects admitted in a month for cataract surgery had undergone various investigations and out of these 42 (8.7%) had uncontrolled blood sugars on the day of surgery. This is alarming situation and we all need to gear up to handle this in association with our medical colleagues.



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Stay safe and healthy.

Warm regards

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