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Dear All,

The inaugural CME of Indian Neuro-Ophthalmology Society was conducted on 7th Oct 2017 at India Habitat Centre, New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Prof Vimla Menon, president of the society. The speakers included Prof Rohit Saxena (secretary), Dr Shahna Mazumdar, Dr Satya Karna (Joint Secretary) , Dr Swati Phuljhele and Dr Elizabeth Messersmith. The topic for the CME was “Discussion on the Disc”; where Dr Swati Phuljhele presented differential diagnosis of Disc oedema, Dr Satya Karna discussed about Non Arteritic Ischemic Optic Neuropathy and Prof Rohit Saxena gave an insight about the latest drugs for the management of NAION.

The audience was informed about a multicentric trial that is being conducted all over the world including India. The study “QRK 207” is sponsored by Quark Pharmaceuticals, Inc., in collaboration with Neuro-Ophthalmology Research Disease Investigator Consortium (NORDIC). The clinical research is to evaluate the safety and efficacy (Phase 2-3 trial) of the molecule QPI 1007 to stop further vision loss in patients of early NAION. Dr Elizabeth gave more information about the new molecule and its mechanism of action.

Currently the research is being conducted at 11 centres in India. The eligibility criteria include:

- Age 50-80 years
- Sudden unilateral loss of vision, presentation within 14 days of onset of symptoms
- Presence of disc oedema
- No history of any previous treatment for the current episode

The patients of NAION who meet the above mentioned criteria can be referred to any of the following centres in India

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The next meeting of INOS is scheduled along with midterm DOS conference on 9-10th Dec 2017. This will be followed by a session in the upcoming AIOS meet at Coimbatore. An annual conference is being planned around mid-May next year.