Prof. N. N. Sood

With more than 50 years of experience of practicing glaucoma exclusively, Prof. N. N. Sood continues to lead and motivate Glaucoma Clinic New Delhi.

Prof. N.N. Sood was head of the Glaucoma Services at the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

It was with his initiative that the glaucoma department at the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences was started as a fledging unit and then blossomed into one of the best glaucoma centres in the world. Current management protocols for glaucoma management in India were established here under his supervision.

A graduate from Amritsar Medical College, he completed his postgraduation from Moorfield’s Eye Hospital in 1962 where he was awarded the Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons. He also received the best postgraduate award from the Moorfields Eye Hospital. Prof. Sood was conferred the Fellowship of the Royal College of Ophthalmologists, England in 1982.

In 1963, Prof. Sood was a consultant ophthalmologist in Surrey, England before he took over as head, department of ophthalmology at JIPMER, Pondicherry. In 1968 Prof. Sood moved as an Associate Professor to the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Centre for Ophthalmic Sciences at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi.

In 1991 with Prof. N. N. Sood as the Founder President, the first national meeting of the Glaucoma Society of India was organized. Prof. Sood has over 250 research papers and chapters on various issues pertaining to glaucoma management. He has chaired numerous meetings and sessions on glaucoma at all levels. In 1991 Prof. Sood was invited to the Moorfields Eye Hospital as a guest speaker on glaucoma to lecture at the place he had trained in, in the early sixties.

Prof. Sood is a recipient of numerous awards including the Prof. Siva Reddy award for best teacher. But perhaps the one which sums him up best was the recognition accorded by the Glaucoma Society of India in 2006, The Glaucoma Society of India Award for Pioneering Glaucoma Care in India, the citation for which reads –
Prof. Sood does not see patients anymore. However he continues to guide us in our endeavour to provide Customised Quality Glaucoma Care to All, in the Indian perspective.

“We the members of the Glaucoma Society of India, the many students, co workers and associates of Prof. N.N. Sood, would like to recognize his contributions to the subspecialty and to their own growth as glaucoma specialists. Dr. Sood was one of the first ophthalmologists in the country to understand the need for focused attention on the problem of glaucoma, and by nurturing the interest of the scores of young ophthalmologists who came under his supervision, has developed a substantial body of expertise in the country. His efforts ultimately resulted in the formation of the Glaucoma Society of India, in 1991 of which he served as the First President. His many students remember him not only for his clinical and scientific acumen, but also for his ability to see beyond disease, and bring home to us all, that we are, after all, dealing with people, not just eyes. This rare combination of medical expertise and humanity is a lesson well learned by all his students.”