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Role of Community Ophthalmology in control of Visual impairment and Blindness during Covid 19 pandemic

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ABSTRACT:

During the pandemic¹, the community has suffered a lot of issues in their health service needs. To fight against visual impairment and blindness control during the pandemic, It demands multidimensional approaches comprising of various measures like assessing the ophthalmic health issues of the public, education, and awareness of the public regarding a predisposing ophthalmic condition that lead to visual impairment and blindness, community participation in health check-ups, training of healthcare workers, and involving NGO, teachers, other medical system practitioners in analyzing the health standards of the community in eye health and timely referring them to higher centers. Community medicine gives training to doctors in community ophthalmology and can contribute to public health as well as healthcare services during the pandemic. This review has been done for giving an insight into the proper utilization of community ophthalmology services and the existing manpower of community medicine.

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