

PROJECT ABSTRACT

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| Title of Project: | <i>PECIR - Programa de estudos de córnea e cirurgia implanto-refractiva - (Corneal and implant-refractive surgery study program)</i> |
| <p>Purpose: The purpose was to facilitate access to training in the area of Corneal and Implant-refractive surgery, through the availability of web-based theoretical content complemented with small on-site internships in recognized centers.</p> <p>Methods: Program</p> <p>Hybrid program (face-to-face/web-based), self paced introduction to corneal surgery and implant-refractive surgery.</p> <p>28 themes (14 corneal surgery and 14 refractive surgery), renewable annually, chosen by an editorial board (expert commentators chosen for the different themes).</p> <p>The themes are delivered in the form of a weekly webinar, which will later be available on an online platform (under password-controlled access) and can be reviewed at an opportune time.</p> <p>The face-to-face modules are of two types: observational in corneal surgery and observational in refractive surgery. Ideally lasting 3 days, they include observation of cases in the preoperative period, follow-up of surgeries and observation of the postoperative period the following day. Whenever possible, schedule patients with longer post-surgery time on the first or third day. Before and after clinical practice, short briefings draw attention to clinical procedures and cases. (2 participants p/center/module)</p> <p>Target</p> <p>Ophthalmology residents and specialists interested in learning about corneal and implant-refractive surgery.</p> <p>The theoretical modules have a broader target: specialists in ophthalmology from all areas who want to have contact or deepen knowledge in different topics.</p> <p>The theoretical modules are taught in Portuguese so they can easily be a scientific dissemination mechanism among the Portuguese-speaking community.</p> <p>The face-to-face modules (to take place during the year between the volunteer and selected centers) must last 3 days and integrate 2 (3 max) participants per module. These are particularly aimed at all residents of ophthalmology in order to standardize opportunities for contact and learning in the areas under consideration.</p> <p>Results: This project was planned at a stage in which the possibility of a COVID pandemic emerging was not imagined. Its development was partial only because the pandemic prevented part of its execution from being carried out.</p> <p>The preparation of the project was done in 2019 but during 2020, and due to the emergence of the pandemic, its execution was subject to adaptation changes. The project is a national project designed for our country and developed by the Portuguese Society of Ophthalmology. Due to its characteristics, this project is easily replicable in other PAAO member countries.</p> <p>We had the possibility of doing 10 theoretical sessions and counting on the presence of national and international speakers of excellence. The themes were broadcast live via webinar and were available online for consultation.</p> | |