

## **PROFILE OF DR. M. CHOCKALINGAM**

Dr. M. Chockalingam graduated from Stanley Medical College, Chennai where he completed his internship. He did his ophthalmology residency (DO and DNB) in Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai. He completed his FRCS in ophthalmology from The Royal College of Surgeons and Physicians, Glasgow, UK. He has also done a one year Post Graduate Diploma in Health and Hospital Administration from IGNOU, New Delhi. Dr. M. Chockalingam has done a short term fellowship in glaucoma in National University Hospital, Singapore. He has completed the internal counsellor program of NABH in the year 2012.

Dr. M. Chockalingam is the Medical Director in Vignesh Meenu Eye Clinic, Porur, Chennai. In the past, he was Senior Consultant in Cataract, Glaucoma and Department and NABH Coordinator in Uma Eye Clinic, Chennai. He has worked as Consultant in Aravind Eye Hospital, Coimbatore and as Senior Resident in Sankara Nethralaya, Chennai. Till recently, he was a Senior Consultant, Apollo Hospitals, Greaves Road, Chennai.

Apart from being an ophthalmologist, he has a passion for teaching. He is a visiting faculty at the Apollo Institute of Health Management and Allied Sciences, Chennai since 2008. He specializes in health law and ethics, organization behaviour and health policy. He was formerly a visiting faculty in KMCH Institute of Hospital and Health Management, Coimbatore from 2005 to 2012.

He has published numerous articles and papers in reputed national and international journals and has been invited to speak in various conferences in glaucoma, cataract and health management. He is one of the contributors for the 2nd South East Asia Glaucoma Guidelines issued by the South East Asia Glaucoma Interest Group (SEAGIG). He is a member of various professional bodies such as TNOA, GSI, AIOS, IMA, MCOA, TOS.

He is the Hony. Secretary of IMA, Chennai Pillar City Branch having served as executive committee member and Hony. Treasurer in the past. He is also an executive committee member of the Madras City Ophthalmic Association. He has been associated with a charity hospital in his native district (Sivagangai) as a visiting consultant for cataract and glaucoma. He also heads the S S Charity foundation, Chennai which is involved in social support programs (Scholarships to meritorious needy students, financial aid to people who need medical treatment) to the indigent and also performing subsidized cataract surgery to the needy.

He is filing his nomination for Management Committee Member, Tamil Nadu Ophthalmic Association for the term 2025 – 2028 and on his election will strive his best to further the causes and goals of the organization and the members in a spirit of team work and with due diligence.