



August is proving to be a very busy month; we thought that it would be timely to send out a newsletter informing you of the recent activities that have taken place.

Dr Bheema Patil joins the Hamilton Eye Clinic

At the beginning of August, a new Ophthalmologist joined our practice.

Dr Bheema Patil has worked with us at Waikato Public Hospital Eye Clinic for the past 18 months, since emigrating from the UK with his family. As well as treating all general eye conditions, Bheema has a special interest in medical retinal conditions such as diabetes and macular degeneration.

Southern Cross Affiliated Providers from mid-August

We were recently approached by Southern Cross Health Society to become Affiliated Providers as they are making changes to their cataract funding. We will officially be Southern Cross Affiliated Providers from 16 August 2010. In the meantime, patients will get insurance approval for cataract surgery in the usual way. Some of our patients have been misled by recent information from Southern Cross and their call centre and it has been a frustrating time for all of us trying to get the correct information out to the public. We would be grateful if you could display the accompanying advert we recently placed in the newspapers to dispel any remaining misconceptions that patients may have.

Patient Information Brochures

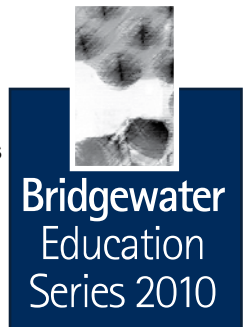
Over the last few months we have put together information brochures on the following conditions:



Cataract, Pterygium, Glaucoma, Diabetes, and Macular Degeneration. They should be useful and informative for your patients. Please let us know if you would like us to provide you with any brochures, as we are in the process of having them printed.

Education Evenings

Coming up later in the year we have two Bridgewater Education Evenings that we will be hosting for Optometrists; one on the 13th of September titled "The Diagnosis and Management of Red Eye" and the fourth and last meeting for the year is on the 8th of November and will focus on "The Less Common Forms of Glaucoma". We will also be presenting at a GP Evening in November organised through Waikato Postgraduate Education Centre.



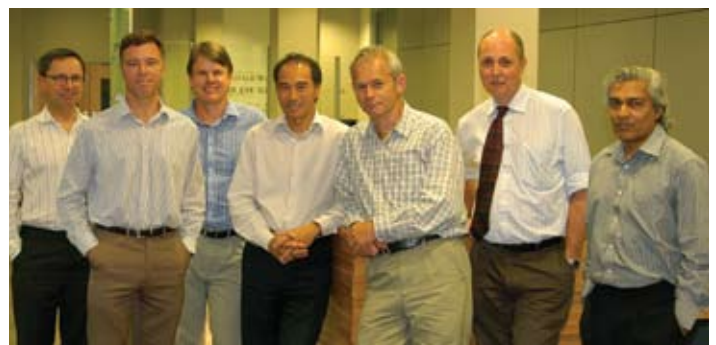
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CUSTOM MADE ARTIFICIAL EYES



The New Zealand Artificial Eye Service now located in Hamilton

Keith Pine, Ocularist for 30 years and Director of the NZ Artificial Eye Service, now operates out of the Hamilton Eye Clinic. Keith makes, fits and maintains artificial eyes onsite. For an appointment please ring us on (07) 834 0006.



HAMILTON EYE CLINIC CONSULTANTS:
David Worsley, Stephen Guest, Michael Merriman, Stephen Ng, John Dickson, James Stewart, Rohan Weerekoona, and Bheema Patil (not in photo)

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