

Dear Readers,

It is my privilege to welcome you to this issue of the Indian Journal of Ophthalmic Anaesthesia (IJOA). On behalf of the Editorial Board, I extend my sincere appreciation to our readers, authors, reviewers, and contributors whose dedication and continued support have been instrumental in advancing this specialized field. As ophthalmic anaesthesia continues to evolve, the journal remains committed to disseminating evidence-based knowledge, sharing clinical experiences, and promoting best practices that enhance patient safety and perioperative outcomes.

Recent geopolitical tensions and conflicts across various regions of the world have underscored the fragility of peace and the profound impact of instability on societies and healthcare systems. As healthcare professionals, we are united by a common commitment to preserving life, alleviating suffering, and promoting well-being irrespective of nationality, ethnicity, or political boundaries. In times of uncertainty and division, the values that define our profession—compassion, service, scientific inquiry, and collaboration—become even more relevant. It is our collective hope that dialogue, understanding, and peaceful resolution prevail, enabling communities worldwide to rebuild and heal.

Against this backdrop, we continue our shared mission of advancing knowledge and improving patient care. This issue presents a diverse collection of articles addressing both contemporary concepts and practical challenges encountered in ophthalmic anaesthesia.

We begin with a comprehensive review on **Total Intravenous Anaesthesia (TIVA) in Ophthalmic Surgeries**, which examines the current evidence, clinical applications, advantages, and limitations of TIVA in ophthalmic practice. As anaesthetic techniques continue to evolve, this review provides valuable insights into optimizing perioperative management while enhancing patient safety and surgical conditions.

The issue also features a **case series on anaesthetic challenges during cataract surgery in patients receiving multiple chronic psychotropic medications**. With increasing numbers of elderly patients presenting with psychiatric comorbidities, anaesthesiologists are frequently confronted with complex pharmacological interactions and perioperative considerations. The authors provide practical lessons drawn from real-world clinical experience.

A timely **brief communication on the perioperative management of antithrombotic agents in ophthalmic surgery** addresses the frequently encountered dilemma of whether these medications should be continued or discontinued. The article offers a balanced discussion of thrombotic and bleeding risks, providing guidance for informed clinical decision-making.

Patient safety remains a cornerstone of anaesthetic practice. In this regard, another **brief communication on fire safety in the ophthalmic operating theatre** highlights safe oxygen practices and strategies for minimizing the risk of operating-room fires. Given the unique environment of ophthalmic surgery, this contribution serves as an important reminder of the vigilance required to prevent potentially catastrophic events.

Finally, a **Letter to the Editor** describes an unusual case of **tongue cyanosis associated with laryngeal mask airway cuff inflation in a preterm infant**. This report underscores the importance of meticulous airway management and continuous monitoring, particularly in vulnerable neonatal populations.

The diversity of topics featured in this issue reflects the breadth of challenges and innovations that characterize contemporary ophthalmic anaesthesia, reinforcing the importance of continual learning, patient safety, and interdisciplinary collaboration.

As we continue to strengthen the academic and professional foundations of our specialty, I am delighted to invite all our readers to the forthcoming **Annual Conference of Association of Indian Ophthalmic Anaesthesiologists (AIOA)**, scheduled to be held from **11–13 September 2026** at the **Jio World Convention Centre, Mumbai**. The conference theme, **“The Anaesthesiology–Ophthalmology Alliance: Two Specialties; One Vision,”** aptly reflects the collaborative partnership that underpins successful ophthalmic care. The scientific programme promises a rich blend of cutting-edge research, expert-led discussions, hands-on learning opportunities, and multidisciplinary perspectives designed to advance clinical practice and improve patient outcomes. We warmly encourage clinicians, trainees, researchers, and allied healthcare professionals to join us for this important academic gathering and contribute to the exchange of knowledge and ideas that continue to drive our specialty forward.

We hope that the articles presented in this issue stimulate thoughtful discussion, enrich clinical practice, and inspire further research in ophthalmic anaesthesia. We look forward to welcoming many of you to Mumbai this September as we continue our shared journey of learning, collaboration, and excellence in patient care.

Wishing all our readers an engaging and informative reading experience.

With warm regards,



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