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Vision is not just seeing

Abstract: Vision is much more than just seeing. It is the eyes which collaborate with a number of other senses and finally results in an ultimate process called "vision". Starting at an embryonic age of just 18 days, eyes lead the body everywhere. The neural relations of the eyes with the vestibular system, supra nuclear areas, brain stem, medial longitudinal fasciculus, superior colliculus etc speaks volumes about the role of vision in controlling our balance and so much more. With 8 out of 12 cranial nerves involved in vision, nature has done no injustice to an inch in diameter eyeballs. Let us go on a journey of our eyes, their neural connections and the emergent vision.

<u>Brief Bio</u>: Aditya Goyal graduated from Elite school of optometry in 1989. He completed M.S. In clinical optometry from Pennsylvania college of optometry, Salus University and has been practicing the Science and art of optometry since 1989. He is also a fellow of COVD and is pursuing fellowship of NORA at present.

Presently, he is the principal of Sankara college of optometry, Bangalore and is also the head and mentor, Optometry in the Sankara eye care group. Aditya Goyal is also an adjunct faculty at Pennsylvania college of optometry, Salus University, USA. Being interested in optometric education, he is on the board of the association of schools and colleges of optometry, India and serves as President on the board of ASCO, India. Aditya lectures widely on the topics related to vision therapy, neuro vision, visual perception, behavioral and developmental optometry, pediatric optometry and low vision. He has a number of presentations and publications both in India and abroad to his credit and is on the editorial review boards of two prestigious international journals - OVP and JOEHR.

College of optometrists in vision development (COVD), USA honored Aditya with the prestigious "making vision therapy visible" award in 2019. He was also honored with "Asia outstanding optometrist award" in 2022.