



## **LVPEI and CORE Sign Partnership Agreement for Vision Science and Therapeutic Development**

**WATERLOO, CANADA, and HYDERABAD, INDIA, April 26, 2024**—[L.V. Prasad Eye Institute \(LVPEI\)](#) and the [Centre for Ocular Research & Education \(CORE\)](#) at the University of Waterloo have entered into a strategic partnership to advance vision science research and therapeutic development, as well as to enhance eye care delivery on a global scale.

Structured as a memorandum of understanding, the agreement leverages the respective strengths of the two world-leading eye care and research institutions, aiming to foster a dynamic exchange of knowledge, resources, and technology. Dr. Amit Mathur, strategic global partnerships and digital innovation advisor to LVPEI and a University of Waterloo alumnus, initiated the collaboration.

Key focus areas include:

- Joint research initiatives, encompassing collaborative research projects focused on cutting-edge solutions in vision science and eye health.
- Therapeutic development, expediting the creation of new interventions to address some of the most challenging eye conditions affecting people worldwide.
- Knowledge exchange and capacity building, facilitating cross-institutional sharing through joint seminars, workshops, and exchange programs for researchers and clinicians.
- Innovation in eye care, exploring novel approaches to delivery mechanisms while harnessing the latest technology and research to improve patient outcomes.

Dr. Prashant Garg, executive chair at LVPEI, said, "Our agreement with CORE represents a significant milestone in the quest to push the boundaries of vision science and eye care. By combining our strengths, we are setting the stage for breakthroughs that could transform the landscape of eye health globally."

Professor Lyndon Jones, director of CORE, added, "LVPEI is renowned for its dedication to excellence in eye care and research. Together, we are committed to unlocking new possibilities in vision science and therapeutic development for the benefit of patients worldwide."

The memorandum of understanding was signed by LVPEI and CORE in late April, and both organizations are now establishing the joint operating models for the partnership.

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About L.V. Prasad Eye Institute (LVPEI)

[L.V. Prasad Eye Institute](#) is a World Health Organization Collaborating Centre for Prevention of Blindness and a global leader in eye care delivery and vision research. With a network spanning more than 300 patient care locations, LVPEI is dedicated to providing high-quality, affordable eye care to people from all walks of life. For more information, please visit [lvpei.org](http://lvpei.org).

About the Centre for Ocular Research & Education (CORE)

The [Centre for Ocular Research & Education \(CORE\)](#) was established in 1988 at the University of Waterloo's [School of Optometry & Vision Science](#). Over the next three decades, the organization evolved from a three-person operation into a thriving hub of basic and applied research, collaborating with sponsors, agencies and academia on advanced biosciences, clinical research and education. Its uncompromising independence and results of the highest quality have been at the heart of many of the most prominent advances in eye health. Today, its approximately [50-person team](#) serves a range of ophthalmic sectors, including medical devices, ocular pharmaceuticals, digital technology and others, with a focus on the anterior segment. For more information, please visit [core.uwaterloo.ca](http://core.uwaterloo.ca).



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Professor Lyndon Jones, Director, CORE and Dr. Prashant Garg, Executive Chair, LVPEI, sign the memorandum of understanding.

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