

NCDappendix3

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Subject: [EXT] Requesting to include WHO eye care tools within the WHO tools of Global NCD Action plan Appendix 3

Dear NCD Appendix 3 updating committee,
Greetings on behalf of IAPB.

International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) is a NSA in official relation with WHO. IAPB is an overarching alliance for the global eye health sector with 150 member organizations in over 100 countries working together for a world where everyone has universal access to eye care. IAPB appreciate the updates being made in the Appendix 3 of the Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2030.

The [Appendix 3](#) include a policy option for Diabetic retinopathy (Intervention D2) under Diabetes (pg-69) This disease is the fifth leading cause of blindness in the world and the only one to increase the age-standardized prevalence between 2010-2020.

“Detection of diabetic retinopathy by dilated eye examination followed by appropriate laser photocoagulation therapy to prevent blindness”

WHO secretariat launched a suite of [eye care tools](#) this year during WHA75 to implement the WHA73 resolution on Integrated People-centred Eye Care. Among them, the [Package of Eye Care Interventions](#) guide countries to plan and implement various eye care interventions including Diabetic Retinopathy. Likewise, the [Eye care indicator menu](#) supports countries to monitor progress in response to interventions at a national level. It includes an indicator for Diabetic Retinopathy (Core Indicator 10, pg 21)

This is the right time that the tools are included in the action plan. Therefore, we request you to include the following two tools within the [WHO tools](#) of Appendix 3 in the Global NCD Action Plan 2013-2030.

1. Package of Eye Care Interventions <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240048959>
2. Eye Care Indicator Menu: <https://www.who.int/publications/i/item/9789240049529>

These tools are helpful in considering the intervention by the policy makers, which we believe also aligns with the objective of WHO.

Please feel free to contact me for any concerns.

Thank you so much,

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