

# Dr. Rita Dhamankar

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With **46 years** of a formidable career behind her, Dr Rita Dhamankar heads the Glaucoma department at Laxmi eye Institute.

She is an alumnus of the Grant Medical College, Mumbai and had topped the Master's program at Mumbai University as well as Diploma in Ophthalmic Medicine & Surgery, winning Dr Dastoor's Gold Medal during her graduation and post-graduation tenure there.

She has trained with Dr G. Chandrashekhar at the L. V. Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad & Dr Ravi Thomas at the Christian Medical College, Vellore as well as travelled to the USA on Rotary Scholarship for international exposure.

Dr Dhamankar did her fellowship training in Glaucoma under Dr Paul Palmberg at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami in 2004.

She is frequently invited as a speaker and contributor at key ophthalmic meets on glaucoma at national and international forums. She is also actively involved in various drug trials for glaucoma for national and multinational companies. In fact, Dr Dhamankar is one of the first ophthalmologists in India to start using the Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty.

She has many publications to her name in peer reviewed journals. Has authored a chapter in Manual of Glaucoma. She has won the best Paper award In AIOS in 2004. She has trained many Postgraduates in Laxmi eye Institute for DNB Ophthalmology since 2006.

She also heads the Laxmi College of Optometry, since its inception.

## Professional Memberships

- Bombay Ophthalmology Association
- Maharashtra Ophthalmology Society
- All India Ophthalmology Society
- Glaucoma Society of India
- South-East Asia Glaucoma Interest Group
- Navi Mumbai Raigad Ophthalmology Association

- American Academy of Ophthalmology
- Raigad Medical Association
- Indian Medical Association, Alibag