



CIMA NEWSLETTER

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A Message From the President

Dear Colleagues & Business Associates,

Greetings from the staff at CIMA. First and foremost, I hope you are all safe and healthy.

Obviously the COVID-19 pandemic has changed the world in many ways, including our social interactions and how we communicate with business contacts. Besides devastating the global economy, it understandably has slowed the pace of cataract surgeries and impacted everyone's business.

The cancellation of conferences and trade shows has reduced our face to face interaction. In addition to our normal phone and email communication, we are also utilizing video conference technology to stay in contact with many of you.

This is the first of many newsletters we will issue to keep everyone updated on CIMA and also include some technical information and articles related to cataract surgery.

CIMA was fortunate to remain open during the beginning of the pandemic with limited staff and has been in full operation since June 2020. We sincerely thank all our esteemed and loyal customers who continue to support us during this difficult time.

I am confident that all of us will come out of this more resilient, confident and stronger. CIMA is here to support you in every way possible because we all are into this together.

Keep well and stay safe.

Sincerely,
Jash Sharma M.D.
President

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COVID-19 Increases Interest in Immediately Sequential Bilateral Cataract Surgery

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Due to the huge additional sterilization and cleaning requirements during the COVID-19 pandemic, Immediately Sequential Bilateral Cataract Surgery (ISBCS) has enjoyed a resurgence in interest.

ISBCS results in only half as many patients coming to the operating room each day, and therefore makes social distancing and cleaning requirements much easier. The reduced number of patients per day reduces the number of staff needed, and significantly decreases the exposure of patients and staff members. The issue of adjusting the IOL power for the second eye based upon the results of the first eye has been rendered unnecessary as more modern biometric equipment and equations are used.

Meanwhile, the risk of bilateral simultaneous endophthalmitis has been shown to be extremely small—less than the chance of winning a major lottery. In addition, concerns about phacoemulsification generating aerosols have been allayed by several recent journal articles.

However, if you are considering conducting more ISBCS procedures on your patients, you should be aware that there are increased requirements to ensure ISBCS precision. The International Society of Bilateral Cataract Surgeons' recommendations have become the global standard for the safe performance of ISBCS.



Download the full document:

<http://www.isbcs.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/03/2010-07-20-FINAL-ISBCS-SBCS-suggestions-from-ESCRS-Barcelona.pdf>

CIMA Supports Local Food Bank

CIMA continues to support its local community by donating to the Garden City United Methodist Church Food Pantry. Dr. Sharma along with members of the CIMA staff assisted with the purchase and delivery of items to the food bank. The food bank supports local families who are in need.



CIMA Investing in New Equipment

Sterling Lathe – A new Optoform 60 lathe from Sterling was delivered to CIMA in June 2020. This is the latest and most advanced lathe from Sterling and compliments the other lathes already in use at CIMA. This addition will increase our IOL output and provide more production flexibility.

Sealer and Shrink Wrap Oven – A new shrink wrap system from Arpac was received in March 2020. The equipment includes an automated L-sealer and heated shrink tunnel.

This investment automates the shrink wrap process.



CIMA in the News

Dan Mattson, CIMA vice president and Deepak Bhardwaj, director of CIMA India were interviewed by Cake Magazine in February 2020 at the AIOC in Gurgaon, India. The topic was how COVID-19 has impacted our business.

Use this link to read the full article on page 30:
https://issuu.com/mediamice/docs/cake_5_v2_05-12-20_issuu/30



Brooke with CIMA's Dan Mattson and Deepak Bhardwaj

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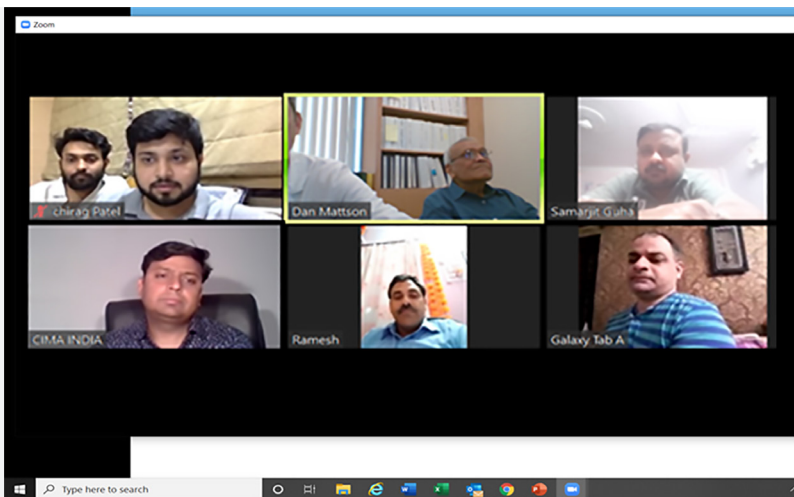
New Notified Body

After an exhaustive search, CIMA has selected SGS as our new notified body. SGS is uniquely qualified to certify medical devices including CIMA's Class 3 device BiVisc. SGS is headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland with locations around the world including Antwerp, Belgium.

Ophthalmic Conferences

CIMA always looks forward to attending the various international ophthalmic conferences (ESCRS, AAO, ASCRS, AIOC, etc.) and meeting with our current and potential distributors. Since the conferences have been canceled, CIMA has been reaching out to our distributors through Zoom and other platforms so that we can receive and provide updates.

If you'd like to setup a video call, please reach out to Dan at dmattson@cimatechinc.com.



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