

Santosh G Honavar, MD, FACS

Dr. Honavar had his basic medical education at the Bangalore Medical College. He was the Best Graduate of the Bangalore University. He received post-graduate training in Ophthalmology, followed by senior residency in Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery, Pediatric Ophthalmology and Glaucoma at the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Center for Ophthalmic Sciences, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi. During his residency training at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, he was adjudged the Best Resident.

Dr Honavar further trained in Ocular Oncology and was mentored by Prof Jerry Shields , Prof Carol Shields and Prof Arun Singh at the Wills Eye Hospital, Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA, USA. He thereafter established and now heads the comprehensive Ocular Oncology Service at the LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, the first such facility in the country. Further, the comprehensive multispecialty Children's Eye Cancer Center was established in collaboration with the SightSavers International.

Dr. Honavar's current research interests comprise of tumors of the ocular surface, orbit, retinoblastoma, and pediatric lacrimal disorders. Dr Honavar's overall research contributions that have had very significant impact on the diagnosis and management of retinoblastoma and its outcome. He has extensively published in peer-reviewed journals (over 125 manuscripts) with a cumulative citation index of 617, H Index of 16 and G Index of 22. He is the reviewer for American Journal of Ophthalmology, Archives of Ophthalmology, British Journal of Ophthalmology, Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology, Eye, IOVS, Journal of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Lancet Oncology, Ophthalmology and Retina.

Some of the major awards and honors to his credit include Pfizer Post-graduate National Award & Medallion, 1990; Col. Rangachari Gold Medal by the AIOS, 1992; Most-Promising Young Ophthalmologist-in-Research Citation, 1994, 1996, 1997, and 1998; Best-Resident Award by the Dr. Rajendra Prasad Center for Ophthalmic Sciences, All India Institute of Medical Sciences, New Delhi, 1995; ARVO-Santen International Fellowship by the ARVO, 1996; Zeigler International Fellowship by the Orbis International, New York, USA, 1999; Young Scientist Award by the Indian Society of Oncology, 2000; Dr Vengala Rao Award for the best scientific paper by the Andhra Pradesh State Ophthalmological Society, 2001; Achievement Award by the Andhra Pradesh State Ophthalmological Society, 2001; Best of Show Award for the video film by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2002, 2006, 2010; Achievement Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2002; Dr Surya Prasad Rao Oration by the Andhra Pradesh State Ophthalmological Association, 2006; Dr Siva Reddy International Award by the AIOS, 2007, the Senior Achievement Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology, 2009, and the Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar Award, 2009.