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Report on Glaucoma Awareness Week -2024

World Glaucoma Awareness Week was observed from 10-03-2024 to 16-03-2024. In view of this, the department of Ophthalmology BLDE (Deemed to be University) Shri. B.M Patil Medical College, Hospital & R C Vijayapura celebrated the Inauguration function of World Glaucoma Awareness Week on 12-03-2024.

The chief guest of the function was honorable Vice-Chancellor of BLDE (DU) Dr. R S Mudhol who inaugurated the function & released the hand out on glaucoma awareness facts. Dr. Rajesh Honnutagi, Medical Superintendent, Dr. Sampath M Gunari, District Leprosy Officer, Dr. Rekha Mudhol, Dr. Vallabha K, Dr. Sunil G Biradar, Dr. R K Ijeri & faculty were present. Around 150 people attended which made this event successful.

For the whole Glaucoma Awareness Week (10-03-2024 to 16-03-2024) the department of ophthalmology had organized for free screening of Glaucoma that included Visual Acuity, Intra Ocular Pressure, Fundus Examination, Perimetry & OCT. A total of 945 patients were the beneficiary of this Glaucoma Awareness Week for the glaucoma screening. The newly diagnosed glaucoma cases were started on anti-glaucoma medication and were advised about the treatment and follow up, while glaucoma suspects were asked to review after a month. Known cases of glaucoma were evaluated for the progress of visual field loss.

E posters and banners on glaucoma awareness were put up around the university. A newspaper article on the awareness of glaucoma and the importance of early screening was also published in a local newspaper. Handouts on awareness and information about the free screening program were circulated

The entire week was meticulously planned and all the events organized were carried out with tremendous success

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