A U/M Business Student Analyzes Aravind

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Posted at the entrance of Aravind Eye Hospital, Madurai, India: the famous saying of Dr. Venkataswamy, Aravind’s founder.

Early morning walk through town with a companion.

Aravind “sister” performs tear duct tests on a patient at an eye camp in a rural village.

My Project: Vision Center Cost Analysis

- Vision center “sister” salaries and transport
- Vision center rent, utilities, maintenance, etc.
- Medical supplies, specialties, medicines

How much does it cost to initiate and operate an Aravind vision center?

Are vision centers financially sustainable?

Direct Costs

Indirect Costs

- Team medicine necessities ophthalmologist salaries, IT support, training, etc.
- Quality control team: monthly vision center visits
- Base hospital administrative team time, salaries


My first day in surgery!

Early morning walk through town with a companion.