

IDI topic guides for Traditional healers in Nepal

1. Here is an eye picture of a patient who developed this condition after something fell in his eye while working on a farm. Have you seen patients like this before? (show picture of a corneal ulcer)
2. Could you tell me what you think this condition is?
3. What do you think causes this eye condition?
4. Based on your experience, can someone with this type of eye problem be helped?
5. How often do people seek your help for this condition?
6. At what stage do they come to see you? Before or after they go for help elsewhere?
7. What do they tell you about what they think has happened to their eye?
8. How do you advise patients with this condition?
9. What treatment options can you offer these patients?
10. Can you tell us about any recent experiences you have had advising/treating a customer with this type of eye condition?
11. Are there occasions when you would refer people with this condition to a health post, pharmacy or to a hospital? If yes, please tell us about why you advised them to seek help in these places?
12. Are there challenges to referring people to the health centre-both for you and/or for the patient?
13. In your opinion, are the local health posts able to treat eye problems and do people visit health posts for eye care?
14. What steps could be taken to make it easier/more convenient for you to refer people with eye problems to health posts or hospital, without any delay, when they come to you seeking help for eye problems?