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**ACTIVITIES OF FERGANA REGION EYE DISEASES HOSPITAL****Rukhiddin Kh. Patkhiddinov****Doctoral Student, Namangan State University (Namangan, Uzbekistan)**

**ABSTRACT:** This article describes the state of treatment of eye diseases during the colonial period of the Russian Empire and the establishment and operation of the hospital for eye diseases in New Margilon.

**KEYWORDS:** Russian Empire, colony, Maria Alekseeva, eye diseases, Charitable Society for the Blind.

**INTRODUCTION**

In 1876, the Kokan Khanate was abolished by the Russian Empire, and in its place, the Fergana Province was established as part of the Turkestan General Governorate. In order to organize the healthcare system in the Fergana region, military infirmaries, and city hospitals were established. In particular, by 1882, 7 outpatient hospitals with 20 beds in New Margilon and Kokon, 15 beds in Margilon and Andijan, 10 beds in Namangan, 5 beds in Chust and Osh, with a total of 90 beds, began to operate in Fergana region by 1882.[1] Treatment places in city hospitals have increased over time. Also, military hospitals were established to treat Russian officials and soldiers. In the mid-1880s, 19 military infirmaries operated in Turkestan, particularly in the cities of Kokan, New Margilon, Osh, Namangan, Andijan of Fergana region.[2]

The main results and findings

Russian medical institutions do not provide specialized care to patients. All patients were examined by one doctor. Special medical care is provided only for eye diseases. In particular, an ophthalmologist from the Turkestan military-medical inspection provided medical assistance to local residents. "Blind people's week" was held and patients were treated. For example, on May 15, 1897, about 50 blind patients were examined by the district ophthalmologist Danilov in the Namangan city hospital. 4 of the patients underwent cataract surgery and their vision was restored.[3] But it was not possible to examine all patients. According to the data of the All-Russian population census in 1897, there were 6.7-7.7 blind people per 10,000 inhabitants in Turkistan. According to the information collected by Pokrovsky, a doctor of the eye disease hospital of Fergana region, 5873 of the 148,246 patients who applied to the hospital for eye diseases in Turkestan were blind. According to the data of Fergana Region Eye Hospital, the main causes of blindness were glaucoma (42.6%), smallpox (18.6%), corneal inflammation (11.2%), trachoma (9.2%).[4] For this reason, there was a need to establish a hospital in Fergana region on the model of eye diseases hospitals established in Tashkent and Verniy. On January 1, 1902, a hospital for diseases of eyes Alekseeva was opened in New Margilon with the help of Empress Maria "Charitable Society for the Blind". The reception of patients in the hospital was carried out

by doctor ophthalmologist I. V. Golmsten every day except Friday for 2 hours.[5] Between January 1, 1902 and January 1, 1903, 1,100 patients visited the hospital 5,620 times. 593 patients were operated on. There are only 2 beds in the hospital, so the patients cannot fit.[6] On July 4, 1903, a separate house was purchased to house the hospital. For the purchase of this house, 4,000 rubles will be allocated from the funds of the charity fund, and 5,100 rubles will be allocated from the budget of the cities of Fergana region. 1146 patients visited the hospital in 1903 and 1265 patients in 1904.[7]

The hospital for eye diseases in Skobelev was provided mainly from the funds of Empress Maria Alekseeva's Charity Society for the Blind. Every year on May 19-26, the charity week was held by the society and funds were collected for the charity society. This fund was used for eye diseases hospitals located in Tashkent, Verniy and New Margilon.[8] Various charity events are also organized. On July 17, 1907, a charity performance was organized in Andijan for the benefit of the hospital. From this performance, 240 rubles 60 kopecks were collected for the hospital.[9] The operation of the hospital expanded, and the number of people applying to it and the number of operations increased year by year.

**Referral rate to eye diseases hospital in Skobelev**

<b>№</b>	<b>Years</b>	<b>1909</b>	<b>1910</b>	<b>1911</b>	<b>1912</b>	<b>1913</b>
1	Allocated funds (rubles)	2835	2489	2800	3652	14619
2	Cost (rubles)	2541	2547	2835	2356	15022
3	Referral patients	11814	20612	12126	15000	16552
4	Patients who underwent surgery	362	387	401	560	1212

**CONCLUSION**

But as the hospital expanded, the funds of the charitable society were not enough to support the hospital. As a result, the eye disease hospital in Skobelev operated with the funds of the "Charitable Society of the Blind" and a subsidy of 1,650 rubles allocated from the budgets of the cities of Namangan, Skobelev, Osh, and Margilon. In 1913, the Skobelev eye hospital was expanded. As a result, the number of treatment beds in the hospital increased from 12 to 20. Due to the fact that the doctor of the hospital, L.T. Dagayev, received a lot of trust from the local population, the number of patients coming to the hospital increased, and the funds allocated for the provision of the hospital were not enough to cover the expenses. In particular, 8,000 rubles were spent on the hospital in 1913, 16,552 patients were examined, 691 of them were operated on, and 521 were provided with operating benefits. By 1914, the hospital became the best hospital not only in Fergana region, but also in the entire Turkestan region. The hospital was visited by patients from other regions of Turkestan, as well as Khiva, Bukhara, and Kashgar, in addition to Fergana region. The hospital provided free services to patients.[10]

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