Appendix E

Methods for Determining Prevailing Traditional Eye Practices by Healers

There are some simple, yet important, steps to undertake in order to determine the prevailing traditional eye medicine practices by healers.

- Contact the National Prevention of Blindness Committee to determine if studies have been undertaken in your country or a surrounding country.

- If there is no locally appropriate information that can assist you, pepare a list of issues and questions such as those included below. Use these questions to help create a "picture" of traditional eye practices in your area.

    - Be sure to sensitize the healers regarding the reasons for your questions

    - Be sure to define your area of study (make it reasonable)

    - The person who carries out the questionnaire needs to be accepted and respected by healers and eye care personnel

    - Put the answers in a form that can be easily summarized

- Suggested recording form for assessing traditional eye practices of healers

DATE: .... VILLAGE: ....

DISTRICT: ....

NAME of HEALER: ....

TREATS EYE DISEASES: YES / NO

TREATS EYE DISEASE IN:

- CHILDREN
- ADULTS

TREATMENT METHODS (EYE DISEASES):

Yes	No	
[ ]	[ ]	DRINKING OF MIXTURES
[ ]	[ ]	FACE WASHING
[ ]	[ ]	WEARING OF AMULETS
[ ]	[ ]	SMOKE/POWDER BLOWING
[ ]	[ ]	DIET/FASTING
[ ]	[ ]	LICKING
[ ]	[ ]	INCANTATIONS
[ ]	[ ]	SCARIFICATION
[ ]	[ ]	POULTICING/CUPPING
[ ]	[ ]	TOPICAL INSTILLATIONS
[ ]	[ ]	FUME BATHS

SURGERY (FOR EYE DISEASES)

Yes	No	
[ ]	[ ]	EPILATION
[ ]	[ ]	EYELID SURGERY
[ ]	[ ]	COUCHING
[ ]	[ ]	OTHERS ______________________

Yes	No	
[ ]	[ ]	AWARENESS OF EYE CARE FACILITIES
[ ]	[ ]	DO YOU REFER TO EYE CARE FACILITIES?
[ ]	[ ]	DO YOU WANT COLLABORATION WITH EYE CARE SERVICES/HOSPITAL?