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# Stories of Science Entrepreneurship

## 4th Talk

# Straying from the defined path

by

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### About Dr. Vinay Agrawal

Dr. Vinay Agrawal, an Ophthalmologist by profession is the founding chairman of Biopore Surgicals Pvt. Ltd as well as owner of Clear Vision Eye Center. He currently also holds Consultant position at Mumbai's two well known hospitals- Hinduja and Lilavati as well. Dr Vinay Agrawal has received various honours in the medical fraternity. He is also on the editorial board of medical journals like Indian Journal of Ophthalmology and recently he has been invited as a referee in 2 international journals- Cornea and Ophthalmology. Dr Vinay Agrawal has also published his work in numerous national as well as international journals. One of the first few surgeons performing Multifocal IOLs in Mumbai since 2005. He is recognized as a Cornea Surgeon with references from across Western India. He has conceptualized P-HDPE technology for Biopore Surgicals.

### Abstract

Biopore Surgicals started off as is usual - an idea born out of an unmet need in my Eye Surgery practice. This was around 1997. Tried various options without much success for six years. Almost thought that we cannot do it in India. Dr. Mhashelkar came to rescue. Group at NCL then took up the challenge in 2002. Worked closely with various ideas to create the platform for the implantation purpose. First success in 2005 when we could demonstrate the spheres used as implants in eye surgery - Clinical trial completed. Data preparation was good enough to get CE mark in 2005! Various platform extensions then created in maxillo facial applications. At this point we shifted to the NCL venture center as an incubatee. Here we developed further applications in Maxillofacial and Neurosurgery areas. In 2007 the extended range was introduced in the international markets with CE marking. Presently Biopore Surgicals Pvt Ltd is the largest player in India and growing internationally.

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