

ANOTHER WORLD FIRST IN HIS SIGHTS



With your support, ophthalmologist Dr Greg Moloney is pioneering a new technique at the Sydney Eye Hospital that could restore sight to millions.



Greg's ground-breaking work is tribute to you and other generous supporters who help make Sydney Eye Hospital an internationally renowned institution.

Almost 10 million people around the world are waiting for a corneal transplant. But only one in 70 will get the treatment they need to save their sight.

Greg knew there had to be a better way.

Through his work at Sydney Eye Hospital, he developed a new technique that restores sight without the enormous costs, logistics and ongoing medication involved with a corneal transplant.

Many people waiting for corneal transplant suffer from Fuchs Dystrophy, a disease that causes protein to build up on the inner surface of the cornea, causing it to swell and eventually leading to severe vision impairment.

In the past, the only option would have been a complex procedure involving a corneal graft. That would require life-long anti-rejection medication and the use of precious donated eye tissue.

Greg set out to change this. As he explains:

"The goal is to remove that protein causing the problem, and stimulate the patient's own cells to heal. The procedure itself takes only six or seven minutes."

"If we can find any way to give patients with Fuchs Dystrophy a non-transplant option the potential effect on our specialty could be enormous. Patients will be taken off the waiting list, and valuable transplant tissue will go to someone else who needs it more."

Greg's work at Sydney Eye Hospital has already been recognised internationally – but Greg is no stranger to pushing the boundaries.

He was the first surgeon in Australia to perform a Boston Keratoprosthesis implantation (artificial cornea) and Osteo-odonto Keratoprosthesis procedure (tooth in eye).

It's a long way from country Wagga Wagga, where Greg grew up before graduating with honours from the University of NSW, and training as an ophthalmologist here at Sydney Eye Hospital.

The Sydney Eye Hospital is proud to call Greg one of our own, and we can't thank you enough for helping make sure his talents benefit people around the world.

MEET THE NEW FELLOWS CALLING SYDNEY HOME, THANKS TO YOUR SUPPORT

Your donations help talented young doctors from around the world come to the hospital for a year, to share their knowledge and learn new skills from our own expert surgeons and clinicians. They assist Sydney Eye Hospital with important work and in turn take knowledge back to their home countries, bringing the gift of sight to millions. Thank you again for making this possible.



Dr Noor Ali

Professorial (Uveitis) Fellow

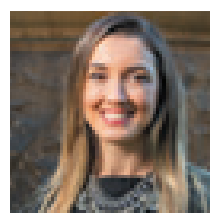
Noor studied medicine at the University of Auckland in New Zealand, and was drawn to the specialty of ophthalmology for its intricate surgery, advancing research and imaging. She is thrilled to have the chance to learn from world-renowned experts and participate in cutting-edge research.



Dr Tasneem Arsiwalla

Corneal Fellow

Tasneem has trained in ophthalmology in India and in 15 to 20 years from now, she plans to start a non-profit organisation which will enable patients to lead a life free from blindness. She is delighted to get the opportunity to learn from and work with some of the pioneers in the field of cornea.



Dr Ana Luiza Mylla Boso

Corneal Fellow

Ana Luiza studied Medicine at the University of Santa Catarina in Brazil. She did an Ophthalmology observership in Germany, where she discovered how fascinating this specialty was. She is thrilled with the opportunity to enhance her skills with renowned professionals at Sydney Eye Hospital.



Dr Raksmei Ea

Mabs Melville Corneal Fellow

Raksmei completed his medical and ophthalmology training at the University of Health Sciences Cambodia before working as a consultant at a large public hospital. After completing the fellowship, Dr Raksmei will return to Cambodia to help establish Cambodia's first Eye Bank.



Dr Amaka Vera Ofoegbu

Oculoplastic Surgery Fellow

Amaka studied at the University of Ilorin in Nigeria, and trained in Ophthalmology at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital. She is a Fellow of the West African College of Surgeons and The Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow, UK. She hopes to perfect her oculoplastic surgical skills while here.



Dr Perach Osaadon

Graham Lovett

Vitreoretinal Fellow

Perach trained in Israel, doing clinical research and clinical teaching for medical students and junior residents. She is keen to learn from the vitreoretinal team at Sydney Eye Hospital, to improve her clinical and surgical skills. She plans to return to Israel to work as a vitreoretinal consultant.



Dr Timothy Tang Lee Say

Medical Retinal/Uveitis Fellow

Timothy obtained his medical degree from the University of Santo Tomas, Philippines where he finished as Class Valedictorian, Summa Cum Laude. He is excited to improve his clinical skills, and to gain experience in clinical research. He plans to return to Philippines as a Retina and Uveitis specialist.



Dr Emily Shao

Dr Eddie Donaldson

Vitreoretinal Fellow

Emily graduated from Imperial College in London, and completed her ophthalmology training in the UK. She is looking forward to the opportunity to learn from some of the best vitreoretinal surgeons in the world at Sydney Eye Hospital. She plans to return to the UK to work as a vitreoretinal consultant.

FELLOWSHIPS ARE FULLY FUNDED BY GENEROUS DONORS LIKE YOU

Since 1986, Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation donors have contributed \$5,203,184 to bring doctors from around the world to the hospital to share their knowledge and learn new skills through our Fellowships program.

The Fellows learn from our world-class surgeons and clinicians, taking knowledge back to their home countries, and bringing the gift of sight to millions.

All this is only possible with your support. We at the Foundation, the doctors, and the millions of people you help, are all immensely grateful.

SYDNEY EYE HOSPITAL TOP OF THE LIST

Dr Sirichai Pasadika, a Fellowship recipient in 2005-2006, has worked and trained across three continents, but he says the retinal Fellowship through Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation had the greatest impact on his work.

"Sydney Eye Hospital was the top on my list for training. Retinal fellow alumni, Dr. Mansing Ratanasukon and Dr. Maytinee Sirimaharaj had told me it was the best place in the world for clinical training.

"I could not say enough how much I appreciate being trained at Sydney Eye Hospital."

Sirichai is today using his training to save sight in the US, working as a director of vitreoretinal and co-director of uveitis services at Devers Eye Institute (part of the Oregon Health & Science University).

He hopes one day to be able to give back to his home country, Thailand, where he can use his expertise to help the Thai people.

This kind of opportunity is all thanks to you, and your generous support of our fully donor-funded Fellowship program.



A GIFT OF SIGHT BEYOND YOUR LIFE

Leaving a gift in your Will to Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation has the power to transform lives.

Your gift will help save the sight of thousands each year, buy crucial equipment and help train the next generation of eye surgeons.

Once your loved ones are taken care of through your Will, you can arrange to donate the rest to your favourite causes. It allows your personal legacy to live on for years to come.

If you would like to talk with us about the possibility of building your legacy through your Will, feel free to chat with Amrita Sharma on 02 9382 7408 or amrita.sharma@health.nsw.gov.au.



"I believe sight is the greatest gift ever given to humanity. To have had it, then lose it, must be the hardest thing imaginable to overcome. Let us all help someone who is sightless." – Ken, who is leaving a gift in his Will to Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation. Ken is pictured here with his late wife, Rosalyn.

Sydney Eye Hospital Foundation Board Management

All Members of the Board of Management are financial members of the Foundation. They also give their time freely in the interests of enhancing the ability of Sydney Eye Hospital to provide first class care to the public of Sydney and beyond.

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THE SYDNEY EYE HOSPITAL AUXILIARY CELEBRATES ITS CENTENARY OF SERVICE THIS YEAR



Sydney Eye Hospital Auxiliary Volunteers

The Auxiliary was formed in the aftermath of World War 1, when a who's who of Sydney volunteers came together to raise money to replace the Hospital's "sadly depleted" linen supplies.

From these humble beginnings, the Auxiliary has gone on to meet an incredible array of the Hospital's needs. They've funded beds, major medical equipment, building works, furnishings and fittings, a library, patient services and so much more.

Thank you to the tireless volunteers who give their time and energy so generously.