

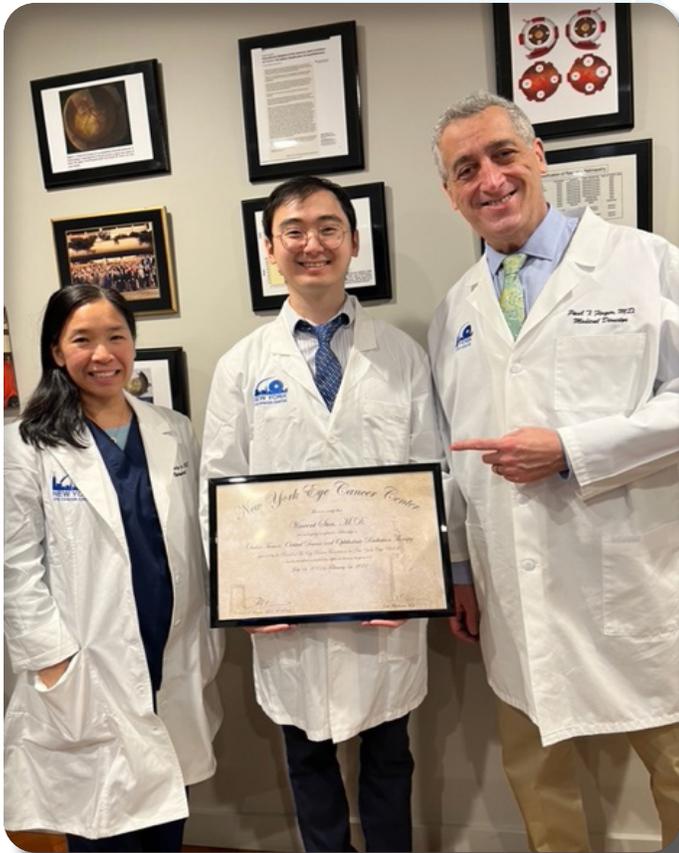


VISIONARY

THE EYE CANCER FOUNDATION
SPRING 2022

NEW ECF FELLOWS

**"THE ONE WHO PLANTS TREES, KNOWING THAT THEY WILL NEVER SIT IN THEIR SHADE, HAS AT LEAST STARTED TO UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF LIFE."
- RABINDRANATH TAGORE**



From July 1st, 2021 to February 1st, 2022, Dr. Vincent Sun trained under Dr. Paul T. Finger in New York to complete a fellowship in ocular tumor, orbital disease and ophthalmic radiation therapy! Dr. Sun becomes the first fellow from Canada to complete his fellowship in NYC.

While in New York City, Dr. Sun exhibited exceptional clinical expertise and intellectual curiosity while being trained by Dr. Finger. Having completed eye cancer education covering diagnostic and treatment techniques, he will take his skills

to McGill University Faculty of Medicine. With his fellowship in New York completed, Dr. Vincent Sun will care for eye cancer patients, saving sight and saving life in Canada. The Eye Cancer Foundation would like to say congratulations again to Dr. Vincent Sun and best wishes on his journey!

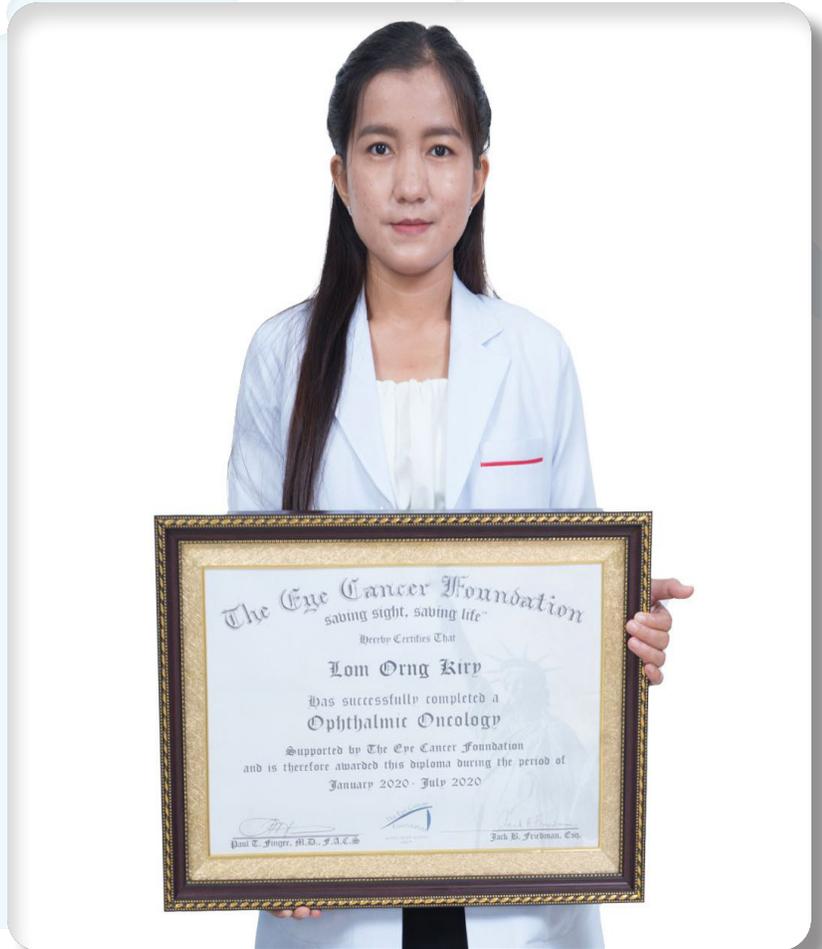
Pictured above from left to right are Drs. Kim Chin, Vincent Sun and Paul T. Finger.

CAMBODIA'S ECF EYE CANCER SPECIALIST: LOM ORNG KIRY, M.D.

Dr. Kiry was one of the few successful ECF candidates to complete a fellowship during the COVID-19 epidemic. She travelled to India for her training under our Scientific Board Member, Dr. Santosh Honavar at the Centre for Sight in Hyderabad. Dr. Honavar has trained the most specialists for The Eye Cancer Foundation's Retinoblastoma Fellowship Program. Due to the ECF and the ophthalmic oncology education provided by Dr. Honavar, Dr. Kiry is currently serving as an eye cancer specialist in Cambodia. She is the first internationally recognized specialist in that country.

The ECF is very pleased with our progress, providing eye cancer specialists to underserved countries and looks forward to supporting additional trainees! We would like to say congratulations to Dr. Lom Orng Kiry, and our continued support with discovering and treating eye cancer!

Above is a picture of Dr. Lom Orng Kiry with her diploma of completion.



LATEST NEWS



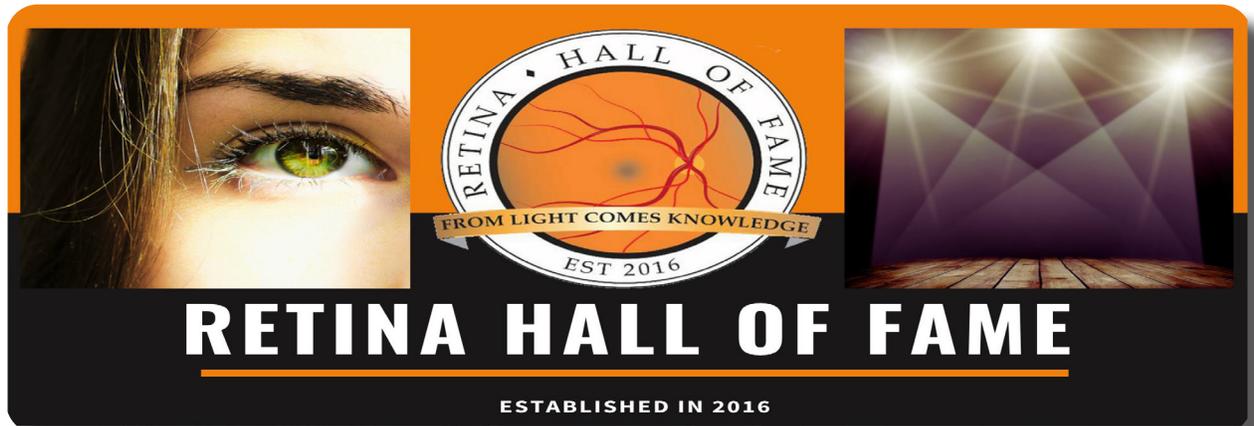
Dr. Yousef, a senior fellow of The Eye Cancer Foundation, was trained by Drs. Paul T. Finger and Brenda Gallie. We are pleased to announce that he was awarded the King Hussein Award for Excellence in Cancer Research. This honor (in part) is for his work on eye cancer staging with The American Joint Committee on Cancer's Ophthalmic Oncology Task Force. He was also recognized for a multitude of research papers and book chapters he has published in ocular oncology. Dr. Yousef understands the need for eye specialists in unserved and underserved countries. He understands that children with eye cancer have no chance for life or vision without at least one specialist to handle their care. Since the ECF trained Dr. Yousef, he has paid that forward by establishing the first international eye cancer training center at The King Hussein Cancer Center in Amman. In the best medical tradition, Dr. Yousef has trained many eye cancer specialists for the surrounding countries while offering life and vision-sparing treatments for patients throughout the Middle East.

Here are some words from Dr. Yousef regarding the award:

"I am so honored and proud to receive the inaugural King Hussein Award for Cancer Research (Research Project category). It was a life time celebration under the patronage of his Majesty King Abdullah II, her Majesty Queen Rania and HRH princess Ghida Talal. I have received this Award for my extensive research for understanding and management of Retinoblastoma in Jordan, where we could decrease mortality for Retinoblastoma in Jordan from 38% to 5%, and we increased the eye globe salvage rate from 4% to more than 60%. This achievement could never happen without the hard and continuous work of the Ocular Oncology team at King Hussein Cancer Center over the past 15 years."

Yacoub A. Yousef, MD
 Consultant, Ocular Oncologist.
 King Hussein Cancer Center, Amman,
 Jordan





The Eye Care Foundation is proud to congratulate our Founder and Chairman, Dr. Paul T. Finger on being inducted into the Retina Hall of Fame! Prior to The Eye Cancer Foundation, there was no open-access, world-wide educational information or support services available for eye cancer patients and others. Since its inception, The ECF has grown to become the leading non-profit organization dedicated to serving the needs of eye cancer patients worldwide. His work did not stop there. Dr. Finger has also been a prominent figure in the ophthalmology world. Not only has he invented tools that help treat melanoma and other forms of eye cancer, but he has been training fellows for over 30 years from the USA and in unserved and underserved countries. His expertise and knowledge allow him to train others who are now able to locate, follow-up and treat different types of eye cancers. Even through the pandemic lockdown, Dr. Finger and associates have published research which allowed people to continue to learn and grow in the ophthalmology world (despite the pandemic and not being able to travel).

When asked about his induction, Dr. Finger replied, *“I would like to take this time to thank The Retina Hall of Fame Committee members for honoring me. I am pleased to join my selected colleagues in the Retina Hall of Fame. My heartfelt thanks goes out to President Dr. Tarek S. Hassan, the Treasurer, Dr. John T Thompson, and the committee Drs. Robert Avery, Jerald Bovino, Mark Humayun, and Nicholas Zakov as well as the Executive Director, Petra Vanderlinden, and the Retina World Congress.”*

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Transparency
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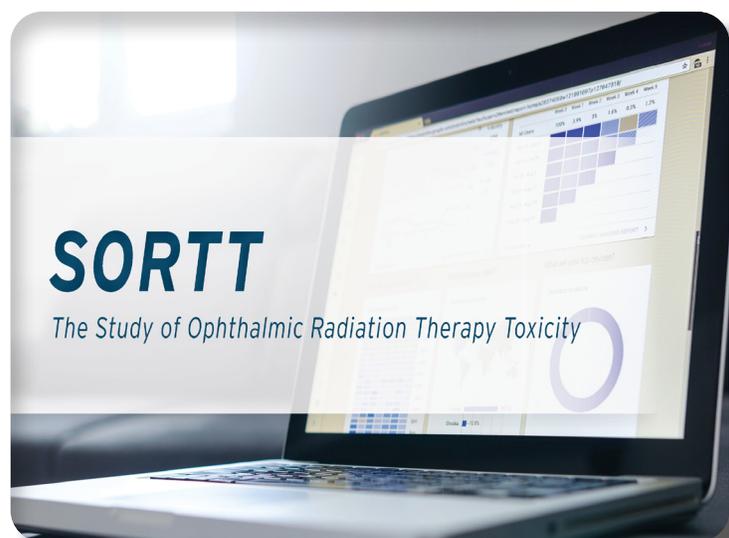
Candid.

For the third year in a row, The Eye Cancer Foundation has been awarded the Platinum Seal of Transparency by Candid, the leading source of information on non-profits within the United States.

RESEARCH

WE STARTED THE FIRST COMPREHENSIVE, ONLINE EYE CANCER PHYSICIANS CERTIFICATION COURSE IN RETINOBLASTOMA – THE INTERNATIONAL RETINOBLASTOMA CERTIFICATION COURSE (IRBCC). This way, ophthalmologists around the world may still equip themselves with the tools needed to treat retinoblastoma despite geographical limitations. We have worked to meet the challenge by brainstorming new ways to provide fellowship education through the internet.

We're proud to serve as a sponsor for the **Study of Ophthalmic Radiation Therapy Toxicity (SORTT)** alongside the John and Myrna Daniels Charitable Trust at Princess Margaret Cancer Centre (Toronto, Canada). SORTT is a multicenter, international study working with eye cancer specialists from Canada, Colombia, France, Germany, Jordan, Russia and the United States, with additional centers enrolling around the world. Visit sortt.net to learn more and/or eyecancercure.com/donate-now.html to support.



DR. GARG'S ECF-SPONSORED RESEARCH PAPER,

“Patients Presenting with Metastases: Stage IV Uveal Melanoma, an International Study,” has won the “Best Abstract Award” at the Asia Pacific Vitreo-Retina Society (APVRS) 2021. This research, in part, was work of the American Joint Committee on Cancer - Ophthalmic Oncology Task Force, published in the British Journal of Ophthalmology. The article showed that whole body imaging was more likely to find systemic metastasis before eye surgery. Garg’s commentary, “Patients Presenting with Stage IV Uveal Melanoma: Lessons Learned”, was published in the Indian Journal of Ophthalmology as of late 2021.

SOCIAL MEDIA

OVER THE LAST YEAR, OUR SOCIAL MEDIA PRESCENCE HAS GROWN!
WE WILL CONTINUE TO INFORM, SHARE AND EDUCATE THROUGH THESE
VARIOUS CHANNELS. JOIN US!!!



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Ocular Melanoma & Eye Cancer Patient Forum:
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YOU MAKE A DIFFERENCE



Due to the generosity of our previous Board Member, **Ms. Lynne Shevlin**, The Eye Cancer Foundation was able to send a state-of-the-art indirect ophthalmoscope (used to look inside the eye) to one of our eye cancer fellows in the Philippines. Ms. Shevlin helped develop The Eye Cancer Foundation's ground-breaking efforts to train doctors from unserved and underserved countries to become ophthalmological oncologists. But she wanted to go further and help these newly trained eye cancer specialists to obtain basic equipment for use in their home countries.

The Eye Cancer Foundation's Fellowship Program provides stipend-supported six-month training programs where doctors are given access to world-class clinical, research, and practical experience in diagnosing and treating eye cancers. Though these ECF funded teaching-programs were started by Dr. Paul T. Finger in New York City, they are currently provided in other countries such as Jordan, Spain, India, France, and Canada. To date, more than 50 doctors from 25 countries have been trained.

Utilizing a series of interviews and surveys, graduates of the ECF Fellowship Program noted that they needed specialized equipment to put their eye cancer training into practice. Here is where Lynne Shevlin stepped in. Though she realized that solving the whole problem would be a huge undertaking, costing hundreds of thousands of dollars, she wanted to get the process started. So, Lynne decided to help The Eye Cancer Foundation provide one piece of needed equipment to one former fellow. The ECF arranged for **Dr. Eva Catedral of the Philippines** to be the recipient of Ms. Shevlin's generosity.

LYNNE SHEVLIN'S GIFT PAID FOR THE PURCHASE OF A BINOCULAR INDIRECT OPHTHALMOSCOPE.

This device is the headset worn by eye cancer specialists to examine the inside of the eye and get a clear picture of intraocular tumors.

Dr. Catedral said, *"Thank you so much for purchasing an indirect ophthalmoscope for us. Please extend my gratitude to the generous donor. Our old ophthalmoscope here is dim and flickers. Now we can see more patients and provide more accurate assessments. Thank you, again."*

Here we see the power of one donor helping The Eye Cancer Foundation to help a doctor. Imagine the possibilities if more donors follow Lynne Shevlin's initiative. Please join us in this effort!

Pictured below is Dr. Eva Catedral using the indirect ophthalmoscope gifted by Lynne Shevlin.



WAYS TO GIVE



LEARN HOW YOU CAN HELP SAVE SIGHT AND LIFE AROUND THE WORLD

WILLS AND BEQUESTS

The Eye Cancer Foundation accepts gifts of cash, property, securities, etc. that are bequests or designated gifts. These gifts may be outright, residual, or contingent.

LIFE INSURANCE

Consider making The Eye Cancer Foundation a beneficiary of your life insurance policy.

TRUST AND ANNUITIES

Charitable Remainder Trust: The Eye Cancer Foundation accepts designation as remainder beneficiary of a charitable remainder trust.

WORKPLACE MATCHING GIFTS

The Eye Cancer Foundation encourages individuals to enhance their gifts by taking advantage of matching gift opportunities offered by their employers. ECF honors each organization's matching gift policies while optimizing matching opportunities as fully as possible.

SELF-PLANNED FUNDRAISERS

Another way to give to ECF is to plan your own fundraiser. Any kind of admission- or donation-based event (dinner, cake sale, garage sale, concert, etc.) that designates The Eye Cancer Foundation as the beneficiary of the proceeds is acceptable.

DONOR-ADVISED FUNDS

The Eye Cancer Foundation will accept gifts from donor-advised funds. Gifts from a donor-advised fund may be recorded and recognized as coming from the donor at the time funds are transferred to The Eye Cancer Foundation, providing the fund manager has not been advised that the gift is anonymous.

VOLUNTEER SERVICES

such as legal, financial, computer or other assistance.

AMAZON SMILE



FACEBOOK BIRTHDAY CAMPAIGNS



LETTER FROM DR. FINGER



DEAR FRIENDS,

There appears to be light at the end of the tunnel. Most of the patients have been vaccinated. The United States, once the worst hit country, is now emerging and an island of relative safety. We must turn our attention to the rest of the world, to help them and prevent worsening viral variants from coming back to us. During COVID, The Eye Cancer Foundation continued to innovate. Stopped from supporting “in-person” eye cancer fellowships,

we pivoted to support online teaching. Our fellow, and now top ophthalmic oncologist, Yacoub Yousef, MD, is leading our ECF-sponsored effort called the IRBCC or International Retinoblastoma Certification Course. This first of its kind, 16-hour course is being created by a hand-picked group of international eye cancer specialists. It will teach the basics of retinoblastoma care and provide a certificate of completion. We will use this course to both find and prepare future retinoblastoma specialists from underserved and unserved countries. This is the first, but will not be the last such course sponsored by the ECF! With your help, we plan to create educational modules for all the major types of eye cancers (e.g. choroidal melanoma, ocular adnexal lymphoma and eyelid cancers) and make them all OPEN ACCESS to eye specialists around the world.

In this Visionary, you can read about all our current initiatives. Marvel in the imagination of our board in support of programs that can move ophthalmic oncology forward despite this devastating COVID-19 pandemic.

The Eye Cancer Foundation is in need of your support to keep our current and future programs going. With your help, we will work tirelessly to teach best practices and to gather significant data to answer problems for rare eye cancers. Thus, to help create systems needed to improve patient care. Please consider making a new donation. The amount is less important than the act of supporting The Eye Cancer Foundation. If all of our friends and benefactors would make a new contribution now, we can be more assured that our current efforts will continue. If you ask your friends to donate, then we can expand our work. Please join us in the fight to save both sight and life.

Warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul T. Finger".

Paul T. Finger, MD

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