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# PROSE EYE VIEW

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## Introducing BostonSight SCLERAL

For the past 25 years, BostonSight has been a recognized leader in the care of patients with complex corneal disease, and in the development and use of ocular surface technologies. In an effort to further our mission, leverage our experience, and make our technology available to help more people, we looked at six years of data on almost 7,000 eyes. From this data we developed BostonSight SCLERAL, a new vision for irregular cornea and ocular surface disease. Our goal is to provide patients with excellent comfort and vision, and improved ocular health. Our fitting system helps to ensure an accurate and dependable fit, through minimized modifications and a reduced number of patient sessions.



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# SCLERAL

We provide online training and resources for eye care professionals. Lens fitting sets in three diameters – 18.0, 18.5 and 19.0 millimeter – are available to properly licensed optometrists and specialty lens fitters free of charge. BostonSight SCLERAL is available from a growing number of practitioners nationwide – including in Kansas, Washington, Ohio, Arizona, Connecticut, Missouri, and Minnesota - with additional practices being added each week. Learn more and see a complete list of practitioners at [www.bostonsightscleral.org](http://www.bostonsightscleral.org).

We remain deeply committed to advancing and providing BostonSight PROSE treatment for complex corneal disease. The medical clinic at the BostonSight headquarters in Needham, MA, will continue to focus solely on providing BostonSight PROSE treatment, and will not be offering BostonSight SCLERAL.

Best wishes,

*The PROSE Eye View Editorial Team*



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### Kellogg PROSE study to be presented at ARVO



Karen DeLoss, OD (pictured at left), is the BostonSight PROSE Clinical Fellow at Kellogg Eye Institute in Ann Arbor, MI. She joins first author Christopher Hood, MD, and Kyeong Hwan Kim, MD, on a paper that has been accepted for presentation at this year's Association of Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) annual meeting, to be held in May. The presentation is entitled *Prosthetic Replacement of the Ocular Surface Ecosystem (PROSE) for the Treatment of Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency* and will be included in the Corneal Epithelium in Health and Disease session.

### Inspiring patient story on YouTube

USC Roski Eye Institute is the home to Gloria Chiu, OD, FAAO (pictured below), the BostonSight PROSE provider in Los Angeles. They recently posted a video to their YouTube channel. It tells the story of Jimmy, who survived Stevens Johnson syndrome only to suffer with severe ocular complications that had a devastating impact on his quality of life. He is feeling much better today, thanks to PROSE treatment.





FILLED WITH JOY

## Michael Headlam - a patient's story

The last thing that Michael Headlam (pictured with wife Margaret) wanted was to have surgery on his eyes. However, after years of suffering with ever-worsening keratoconus, surgery was presented as his last and only option to regain his eyesight. "I was thinking that I would have to start learning braille," remembered Michael.

As an Officer of the Watch, responsible for the safe and smooth navigation of large container ships, Michael had traveled all over the world. Now, with his vision compromised and limited to one functioning eye, his world had shrunk. In fact, he could barely travel to the grocery store by himself. "It was dangerous to drive when I could only see out of one eye," he said, but admits that he did it anyway.

Afraid of losing what little vision he had left and trying to avoid surgery, Michael turned to the internet, hoping to find an effective alternative. Fortunately he did; in the form of BostonSight PROSE treatment and Anisa Gire, OD, FAAO, who immediately impressed him. "I have seen many doctors, and Dr. Gire is the best one I have ever had. She really looked out for me and gave me the facts, encouraged me to do my research."



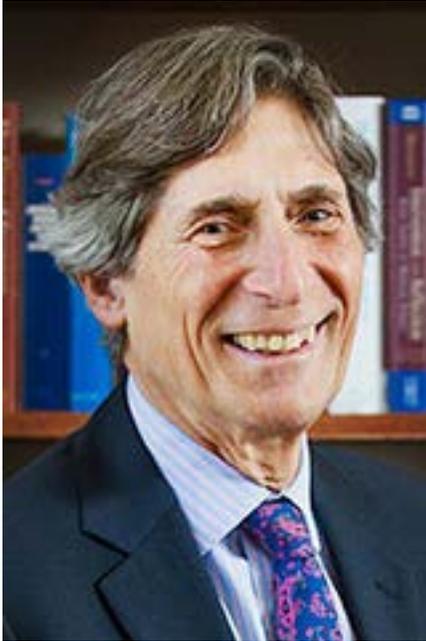
Dr. Gire helped him better understand PROSE treatment, and Michael was excited; it presented him with an opportunity to regain what he had lost. After obtaining pre-approval from his insurance company, a process which took several months, Michael successfully completed PROSE treatment with Dr. Gire at Wilmer Eye Institute in Bethesda, MD.

"I am so happy now. Nothing can hold me back," said Michael, whose current job is working with IT networks. He has been learning new coding skills and improving his C++,

which he learned in six weeks with only one working eye. Michael credits Dr. Gire with the positive change in his life. "Dr. Gire helped me to see again, and I am filled with joy."



## NEWS AND EVENTS



## Transition on the BostonSight Board

Long-time BostonSight Board Chair Gary Knaak recently retired from the Board. We are very grateful for his service and thank him for his years of leadership.

We are excited to report that David Rosenbloom, PHD (pictured) is our new Board Chair. A Professor of Public Health at Boston University since 1988, Dr. Rosenbloom brings a unique skill set and many years of experiences on boards of directors to the position. Dr. Rosenbloom earned his PhD at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

## Several new employees to welcome

BostonSight was joined by a number of new employees in recent months, and we are happy to introduce them to you.

Sabrina Grankewicz joined us in January as our new Durable Medical Equipment Coordinator. Sabrina comes to us from Dedham Ophthalmic Consultants and Surgeons, where she worked for several years as an Ophthalmic Technician. Antonio Oliviera-McDaniel, the latest addition to our talented group of lab technicians, also joined our staff in January. A native of Brazil, where he has many years of experience in human resources, Antonio is fluent in Portuguese and Spanish as well as in English.

More recently, this month Sue Sharer accepted a part-time position as Software Quality Assurance Engineer. Sue, who has more than 15 years of experience in quality management, has been with us for several months in a contract position and we are pleased that she agreed to stay on. Also in March, Nancy McBride, OD, joined our staff as a Fitting Consultant for BostonSight SCLERAL. Nancy, a BostonSight PROSE Clinical Fellow, is located in California and allows us to provide extended customer support hours for customers in different time zones.



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