BostonSight PROSE coming to Canada!

We are thrilled to announce that the newest BostonSight Network clinic will be located at Kensington Eye Institute (KEI) in Toronto, Ontario, Canada; our first Canadian provider will begin seeing patients in early 2017. Approved by the Ontario Health Ministry, the clinic will initially be open only to adult residents of Ontario province; residents of other Canadian provinces will be required to obtain a single-case authorization for out-of-province care.

Home to more than 50 of Ontario’s top ophthalmic surgeons, KEI is a world class institute that provides clinical, diagnostic, and ancillary vision care services in addition to being a surgical center. KEI is licensed under the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care as an Independent Health Facility, and is affiliated with the University of Toronto Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences.

The BostonSight PROSE Clinical Fellow at KEI will be Jennifer Liao, OD (pictured). Dr. Liao earned her Doctor of Optometry degree from the New England College of Optometry, and completed part of her residency at BostonSight. She received her Bachelor of Science from Trinity College at the University of Toronto, with a double major in Human Biology and Anthropology.

Once the clinic is up and running and ready to see patients, we will be sure to share all of the details!

Best wishes,

The PROSE Eye View Editorial Team
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

BostonSight and #GivingTuesday

BostonSight, along with many other nonprofit organizations, is participating in #GivingTuesday, which is held annually the Tuesday after Thanksgiving. This global day dedicated to giving will be held on November 29, 2016.

We invite you to join the movement and help get out and give this November 29th. This year for #GivingTuesday, BostonSight is asking for support of our new initiative – Partner with a Patient. This fund provides financial assistance to BostonSight patients who are seeking PROSE treatment, and require assistance to remove barriers to treatment based upon financial need.

Join the #Unselfie Movement on November 29th through your gift to BostonSight.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES

Halloween is coming - avoid non-prescription lenses

A recent post to Connected Visions, the BostonSight blog, talked about the dangers of wearing non-prescription lenses. When planning your Halloween costume, don't forget that there is no “one size fits all” contact or scleral lens, and wearing poorly fitting lenses can do permanent damage to your eyes! Equally frightening is the fact that some “over-the-counter” lenses have been found to contain dangerous materials, including chlorine.

Please have a safe and fun Halloween, and if you feel you need specialty lenses to perfect your costume, please visit your local optometrist for a prescription.
PROSE presentations and posters at AAO

At this year’s Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Optometry (AAO), to be held next month in Anaheim, CA, two clinicians from BostonSight, Needham, are presenting their work:

- Crystal Remington, OD, FAAO, will present *Management of a Cornea When a Standard Scleral Lens Induces Corneal Edema in a Compromised Endothelium* at the Ellerbrock: Grand Rounds II

- Chirag Patel, OD, FAAO, will present a poster entitled *Clinical Cases on Management of Chronic Exposure Keratopathy*

BostonSight will host a PROSE User Group meeting for the BostonSight clinicians who will be attending AAO. This is an important opportunity for BostonSight PROSE providers to convene to share clinical experiences and collaborate on solutions for patients with complex corneal disease.

Dr. Carrasquillo at EVER conference

BostonSight Director of Clinical Care Karen G. Carrasquillo, OD, PhD, FAAO (pictured), traveled to France earlier this month. While there, she attended the 2016 Congress of the European Association for Eye and Vision Research (EVER) and gave a talk entitled It’s not for Just Keratoconus: Some General Fitting Techniques for Scleral Lenses in Many Different Scenarios.

Dr. Jacobs participates in AAO2AAO

We are honored to announce that BostonSight Medical Director, Deborah S. Jacobs, MD, is an invited participant in AAO2AAO. AAO2AAO is an exciting collaborative educational initiative, now in its second year, between the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Academy of Optometry. A 90 minute symposium on a topic of mutual interest will be presented by professionals from both disciplines at their annual meetings. This year’s topic is Corneal Infections and Contact Lens Wear.

Dr. Jacobs will be presenting introductory material on corneal ulcers and infiltrates, and will also present case studies for panelist review. This type of groundbreaking programming mirrors the collaborative approach to eye care that has been offered at BostonSight for decades.
PROSE....the missing link

Kendall E. Donaldson, MD, and Priscilla Sotomayor, OD, BostonSight PROSE Clinical Fellow (pictured), recently published a great article about PROSE treatment at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. In the article, Dr. Donaldson stated that, “I have a multitude of patients, who were incapacitated either by their vision or by discomfort, who are now fully functional, working, driving and reading again with their PROSE lenses....The PROSE device gives us an opportunity to change lives for those patients who have lost all hope in other conventional treatments. It has really become an essential component of our ocular surface practice at Bascom Palmer.”