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BostonSight 2015 Annual Report

Click the image below to read about the powerful impact that BostonSight is having on the lives our patients in the 2015 Annual Report.



Meet BostonSight PROSE patient Barbara Sommers, who has keratoconus, a condition that causes the cornea to become distorted, in both eyes. Prior to traveling to Massachusetts from Virginia for PROSE treatment, her condition was so bad that she could only tolerate wearing contact lenses for four hours each day, and glasses were unable to properly correct her vision. Lacking health insurance, with a limited ability to work, Barbara was thrilled to learn that the entire cost of her PROSE treatment would be covered through BostonSight's financial assistance program.

Also in the Annual Report, BostonSight Board Chair Gary Knaak introduces us to Gene Guselli, BostonSight CEO and President, who came to us in April 2016 with more than 30 years of executive healthcare leadership experience. "I am honored, and I'm grateful for the opportunity to lead this exceptional organization," said Gene.

Most importantly, the Annual Report is an acknowledgment and thank you to a very important community – our valued donors. Your generosity better the lives of our patients. Thank you for giving the gift of sight.

Best wishes,

The PROSE Eye View Editorial Team



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

This is You. With Us. This is Sight.

Before BostonSight.

Patients walk in through our doors. Eyes closed in pain. Unable to see clearly. Heads bowed. Hiding under a hat and a hoodie. Wearing sunglasses - even indoors. Dependent on friends and family.

After BostonSight.

Patients walk out through our doors. Eyes open and no longer in pain. Able to see. Heads up and shoulders back. No longer hiding under a hat, a hoodie or behind sunglasses. Independent again.

A life transformed ... that is the hope of every patient.

Kick off this season of giving and support deserving patients in need by making an online gift on our website at www.bostonsight.org/donate. Use our convenient form with a credit card or make a donation via the PayPal button.





A GRATEFUL PATIENT

Mary Rengifo - a patient's story

The following is a letter written by Mary Rengifo (pictured). Mary, who suffers with severe dry eye related to Sjogren's syndrome, recently traveled from Peru to Florida to complete BostonSight PROSE treatment at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. The letter was translated from Spanish by Priscilla Sotomayor, Mary's BostonSight PROSE Clinician, who is fluent in both English and Spanish.

I have suffered with primary Sjogrens Syndrome and severe dry eye for eight years. In my country I received treatment with different types of eye drops. Each time I felt worse because my eyes would get very dry and would not produce tears. Red eyes that felt as if there was sand in them, blurred vision, and droopy lids all prevented me from being able to work.

When I was referred to Bascom Palmer and they spoke to me about PROSE devices, I had hope that this would be the appropriate treatment. I was seen by excellent medical staff; they helped me and gave me information.

Now that I am using PROSE devices, my symptoms have decreased. My lids that were very droopy upon waking up are now almost normal. I have learned to use the PROSE devices, and my quality of life has improved greatly. Now I can do the things I could not do before. Because of this I would like to make others in Peru aware of PROSE.

A special thank you to Dr. Priscilla Sotomayor and her assistant, who in all moments would cheer me on to apply and remove my PROSE devices.



En Espanol:

Padezco Sindrome de Sjogren primario y ojo seco severo desde hace 8 años, en mi país vine recibiendo tratamiento con diferentes tipos de gotas pero cada vez me sentía peor puesto que mis ojos se ponían muy secos y no producían lágrimas, la sensación de arenilla, visión borrosa, ojo rojo y párpados caídos no me permitía trabajar adecuadamente.

Cuando me recomendaron acudir al Bascom Palmer y me hablaron de los lentes PROSE, tuve la esperanza que iba a ser el tratamiento adecuado, fui atendido por un excelente personal médico y asistencial dándome la

información y la confianza adecuada, ahora que estoy usando los lentes PROSE las molestias han disminuido, mis párpados que estaban muy caídos al momento de despertar ya están casi normales, ya aprendí a usarlos con mayor destreza, y mi calidad de vida ha mejorado grandemente, ahora ya puedo hacer las cosas que no podía hacer antes, así mismo asumo el compromiso de difundir el uso de estos lentes a muchas personas que padecen el mismo problema en mi país.

Un especial agradecimiento a la Dra. Priscilla Sotomayor y su asistente que en todo momento me alentaron para poder colocar y retirar el PROSE.



EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

Learn about PROSE and earn COPE credits!

BostonSight has teamed up with the New England College of Optometry (NECO) to present A Night of Continuing Education. The evening will include two courses for optometrists: Overview of the Irregular Cornea and Ocular Surface Disease; and Strategies for Scleral Lenses. Attendees will receive two hours of COPE (Council on Optometric Practitioner Education) credit. Refreshments will be served at the event, which will take place October 18 at 6:30 pm, in Waltham, MA.

To register or for more information, please email Nancy Lemist at nlemist@bostonsight.org. Please note that this event is only for medical professionals.

Our educational partnership with MCPHS University

School is back in session, and that means that we recently welcomed a fourth year Optometry student from MCPHS University's Optometry School. This fall, Kimberly Wadas will spend a three month rotation learning about BostonSight PROSE treatment, including patient work-ups and observation in our clinic. Hands-on experiences are an important part of an optometrist's education; and our collaborations with local Schools of Optometry are a great way to spread knowledge and understanding about the benefits of BostonSight PROSE treatment to the next generation of eyecare professionals.

Dr. Jacobs to attend FDA workshop

As the immediate past president of the Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists (CLAO), BostonSight Medical Director Deborah S. Jacobs, MD served on the planning committee of and will offer closing remarks at a public workshop on myopia (near-sightedness) later this month.

Co-sponsored by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and a number of professional eye care associations, the workshop is entitled *Controlling the Progression of Myopia: Contact Lenses and Future Medical Devices*; participants will talk about the increasing prevalence of myopia and discuss future clinical trials of contact lenses and other medical devices to treat the condition.



EDUCATION AND RESEARCH

2016 American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting

This year at the annual meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), BostonSight Medical Director Deborah S. Jacobs, MD and President and CEO Gene Guselli (both pictured below) will host a PROSE Interest Group. Interested doctors are invited to learn more about PROSE treatment in clinical practice and clinical challenges, as well as an update on the BostonSight Network.

Dr. Jacobs is always very active at the AAO meetings, and this year is no exception. Her involvement this year includes serving as a speaker at two symposiums:

- A joint symposium with the American Academy of Optometry entitled Corneal Infections and Contact Lens Wear: An Evidence-Based Approach to Navigating the Risks and Complications
- Myth-Busting in Refractive and Cataract Surgery, a symposium co-sponsored by the Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists

Additionally, she will teach courses on contact lens fitting; dry eye disease; ocular surface disease; and ocular surface pain.

