Best Practices in Eye Bank Development
A PRACTICUM TO ESTABLISH NEW EYE BANKS AND DEVELOP EXISTING EYE BANKS TO INCREASE AVAILABILITY OF CORNEAS

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BACKGROUND: Millions of people with corneal blindness could benefit from corneal transplantation, but a lack of corneal tissue is a key barrier. Based on over 15 cases of successful eye bank development, a set of best practices have been developed into nine success factors that enable the creation of scalable, sustainable and quality eye banks.

OVERVIEW: This full-day practicum will provide participants with tools to assess the current state of eye bank development in their home countries and the potential for growth in the number of transplants. Participants will leave this working session with a written action plan that assesses their current state and identifies the steps to establish or develop their local eye bank.

KEY TAKE-AWAYS: Participants will…
• Gain a working knowledge of the 9 essential factors of eye bank success
• Explore, in-depth, 7 of the 9 essential factors
• Identify and use appropriate tools to lay the foundation for the creation of an eye bank (or further develop an existing eye bank)
• Identify local challenges and explain how the 9 factors can be adapted to local eye bank development in the attendees’ home country/community

FACULTY:
• Leading eye bank practitioners in global eye bank development from SightLife
• Leading eye bank practitioners from across Asia

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
• Leaders seeking to start a community eye bank and who wish to avoid committing unnecessary mistakes, as they begin their efforts
• Eye banking leaders who currently oversee an eye bank and are seeking to increase their local supply of quality corneas available for transplant

INTERESTED IN ATTENDING?
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