

Be a Part of the Solution to End Cataract Blindness

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HelpMeSee—Curing Cataract Blindness

About Us

HelpMeSee is a groundbreaking campaign to solve the crisis of cataract blindness in two decades. HelpMeSee's unique strategy combines simulation-based proficiency training of highly skilled cataract surgical partners; high quality, patient-centered surgical service delivery; and community-based mobilization monitoring and patient follow-up systems. Despite the fact that cataract surgery is an effective intervention, in many remote and poor areas of the developing world people remain blind from cataracts due to the lack of access to qualified cataract surgeons. HelpMeSee's unique model combines best-in-class surgical partners, effective use of technology and best practices to eliminate blindness caused by cataracts globally over the next 20 years. We are doing this by delivering low-cost, high-quality Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgeries (MSICS) to adults and children in the developing world regardless of where they live or how underserved they may be.

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Accessible and Affordable High Quality Cataract Surgical Care Delivery



HelpMeSee is proud of the patient-centered approach to our mission. The patient care delivery model includes several key components that will ensure that everyone who needs help receives it, and that they receive the best possible care.

MSICS Surgical Kits

HelpMeSee recruits best in class, highly trained surgical partners. Once chosen, our surgical partners are required to follow strict safety and quality standards. HelpMeSee's single-use, pre-sterilized MSICS surgical kits are just one example. The kits are distributed to our partners and use will reduce post-operative complications and infection rates, particularly when surgeries are performed in remote environments with limited resources and power for proper sterilization techniques.

\$50 USD—One adult surgery (single eye)

\$350 USD—One child surgery (single eye)

Commitment to Excellence & Quality

HelpMeSee promotes patient centered standards and requires partners to follow appropriate patient care standards. The Quality Assurance (QA) Guidelines describe HMS minimum standards for surgical safety and excellence. It is the responsibility of the partner to determine how best to use these standards as a guideline for each specific situation where HelpMeSee funding will be used. However, these guidelines do not supersede or replace the partner's own medical judgment of any local medical care standards or licensure requirements.

The QA Guidelines cover general safety and sterility requirements, patient selection criteria, and specific considerations for local and general anesthetic Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgical (MSICS) cases. HMS places the highest priority on the safety of the patients and staff, as well as the quality of surgical outcomes.

Though these guidelines cannot guarantee success, HelpMeSee expects partners to demonstrate the due diligence needed to ensure safe and effective surgery and to provide for the ongoing review and improvement of the quality of care.

Surgical Clinics

MSICS is a highly effective, low-cost method of saving or restoring sight. However, the per surgery costs paid to partner surgeons do not reflect the costs involved in establishing a medical practice in a remote region which will be necessary to reach everyone in need. HelpMeSee provides start-up funding to newly trained MSICS specialists willing to set up clinics in areas of high need. All trained MSICS specialists will have the necessary skills and support to establish their own surgical practices to deliver 2,500 high quality cataract surgeries yearly. This will provide financial independence, employ additional personnel, and create a positive and enduring presence within their communities.

\$15,000 USD—Clinic Start-Up Funding

\$102,000 USD—New Clinic (Ground Up)

\$42,000 USD—Clinic Annual Operating Costs

“With the HelpMeSee campaign, we are able to treat more patients than ever before, with strong surgical outcomes, eliminating the suffering caused by cataracts one person at a time. That feeling of changing a person’s life is one I experience with my patients on a daily basis.”

—Dr. Subash Bhatta, Geta Eye Hospital

