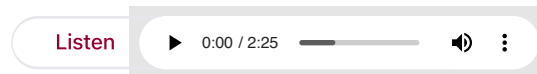




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## HelpMeSee announces new training partnerships, simulation training sites

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### Key Takeaways

- HelpMeSee collaborates with USC and UIC to establish simulation-based surgical training centers for ophthalmic education.
- The training program uses high-fidelity virtual reality technology with haptic feedback to develop critical surgical skills.

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HelpMeSee announced its newest training partnerships with the University of Southern (USC)/LA General Medical Center in Los Angeles, CA, and the University of Illinois Chicago in (UIC) Chicago, IL. The collaborations now allow for two new simulation-based surgical training locations to advance ophthalmic education and address the current global cataract blindness crisis.



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Bonnie An Henderson, CEO of HelpMeSEE, said, "We are thrilled to collaborate with two exceptional institutions—USC and UIC—in our mission to eradicate cataract blindness worldwide. By integrating HelpMeSee simulation-based training courses into their residency programs, we are empowering the next generation of ophthalmologists to refine their surgical skills safely, effectively, and efficiently. These

partnerships will further expand access to high-quality surgical training and ultimately improve patient outcomes."

The training sites will also provide residents from USC and UIC, and ophthalmology residents and surgeons from nearby program, access to the HelpMeSee Simulation-based Eye Surgery Training Program. The company's program features high-fidelity virtual reality technology with haptic feedback, making courses realistic and risk-free environments to develop the critical skills needed to perform Manual Small Incision Cataract Surgery, Phacoemulsification, and other surgical techniques.




"The HelpMeSee Simulation-based Training Program represents an incredible advancement in surgical education," Peter MacIntosh, ophthalmology residency program director at UIC, said. "Haptic feedback combined with instructor-led guidance ensures that our residents develop the hand-foot-eye coordination and problem-solving abilities required to tackle even the most challenging cataract cases."

Both training sites will also have fully certified HelpMeSee instructors who will provide real-time feedback and personalized guidance. Residents and ophthalmologists in the region can now access training on demand as well, promising they will gain the hands-on experience needed for successful cataract surgery and related procedures.

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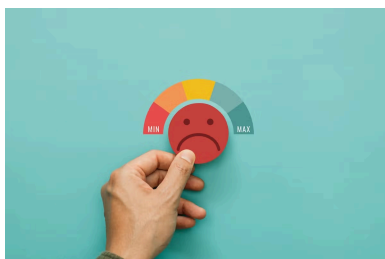
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