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# Clear Perspectives

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## BUILDING SKILLS, STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS, AND EXPANDING OUR GLOBAL IMPACT



On July 17, Beauty of Sight partnered with Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and Grupo Mayo to host a hands-on wet lab for 25 ophthalmic surgeons from Spain. Beauty of Sight proudly sponsored the event, providing all ocular tissue and surgical supplies for advanced training in DMEK and DALK.

Guided by faculty members Drs. Jaime Martinez, Guillermo Amescua, and Alfonso Sabater, the surgeons gained practical experience with techniques that can restore sight and transform lives. Marta Marszalek of Grupo Mayo described the program as “an extraordinary experience,” noting that the wet labs were among the most highly valued parts of the course.

Programs like this demonstrate how Beauty of Sight’s impact extends far beyond the tissue we provide. By collaborating with respected partners such as Bascom Palmer and Grupo Mayo, investing in surgeon education, and building relationships with ophthalmic professionals around the world, we help expand access to advanced corneal transplantation.

Each surgeon trained has the potential to restore sight for countless patients throughout their career, creating a lasting ripple effect made possible through the generosity of our supporters and advancing our shared vision of creating a world without blindness.

## THE BEAUTY OF A SELFLESS GIFT



**Deryck Coetzer**

"This moment, captured through a lens I once thought I'd never use again, reminds me to keep my head up. There is still beauty, still hope, still love to be seen. And because of your gift, I can see it all." This picture was taken by me during some of the most difficult parts of my eye journey."



**Diane Polley**

"I honestly don't know where to begin thanking my donor, your loved one, for the precious gift of better vision they have given me. Knowing someone was loving enough to share a part of themselves in such a selfless way reinforces that we are truly connected."

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## RECOGNIZING AND TREATING EYE INJURIES



**Take All Eye Injuries Seriously**

You can't always tell when an eye is injured. Some injuries are only obvious when they get really serious.

Eye injuries can cause vision loss or blindness. That's why it's important to have an ophthalmologist or other medical doctor examine the eye as soon as possible, even if the injury seems minor at first. **DO NOT attempt to treat a serious eye injury yourself.**

#### Common causes of eye injuries include:

- Punches
- Blows from hands, balls, or other sports equipment
- Flying pieces of material from explosions or industrial work
- Flying objects like bullets, darts, fireworks, bungee cords, and BBs
- Chemical splashes

#### Common Symptoms of Eye Injury

If you notice any of these signs in yourself or someone else, get medical help right away. These are signs of possibly serious eye injury:

- Ongoing pain in the eye
- Trouble seeing
- Cut or torn eyelid
- One eye does not move as well as the other
- One eye sticks out of the eye socket farther than the other
- The eye has an unusual pupil size or shape
- There is blood in the clear part of the eye
- The person has something in the eye or under the eyelid that tears and blinking can't remove

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#### We would love to share your story

If you are the recipient of a cornea or have a story of a donor that you would like to share, please let us know. Email [ddfrancisco@med.miami.edu](mailto:ddfrancisco@med.miami.edu) or use the QR code



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