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Congratulations to Our 2021-2022 PTC Graduates!



Congratulations to the four ophthalmologists who have successfully completed our Phacoemulsification Training Course (PTC) program in Ethiopia:

Dr. Adugna Lissanewerk

Dr. Dagmawit Kifle

Dr. Daniel Getaneh

Dr. Yonas Abraham

PTC, Vision Care's core training program for phacoemulsification, has been conducted at Ras Desta, Vision Care's partner hospital in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, for over ten years. Its four-phase curriculum includes didactic teaching through lectures given by U.S. Vision Care doctors as well as Cybersight's Online Fundamentals course, Wet/Dry Lab Kitano training, and hands-on observation and surgery with experienced local Vision Care surgical trainers.



Image: Virtual graduation ceremony held earlier this month.

And while this past year was made more difficult due to the COVID environment, the interactive online platform enabled our U.S. doctors, Ethiopian trainers, trainees, and staff to work together during the six-month training period.

Special thanks to our U.S. doctors, Dr. Lisa Park, Dr. John Park, and Dr. Grace Bai for leading the live online PTC lectures, and to our local trainers, Dr. Yemisrach, Dr. Addis, Dr. Gebremedhin, and Dr. Tsedeke for supervising the surgeries at Ras Desta.

In 2021, Vision Care has also expanded this innovative teaching model in Tanzania. Please continue to support us in building sustainable eye health!

Testimony from Dr. Daniel Getaneh, a PTC graduate

The phacoemulsification training course (PTC) is one of its kind and is provided solely by Vision Care in Ethiopia. Getting the chance to train in such a course is a precious opportunity.



The dedication and commitment of Vision Care staff and trainers were overwhelming. All were so receptive, caring and none hesitant in sharing their resources and knowledge.

I believe we have acquired all the basics of phaco surgery and post-operative evaluation. Such training has an enormous impact on the eye health care of the country and should be strengthened.

I feel so lucky to be amongst the PTC trainees and I thank you Vision Care for all the support.

Thank you!

Dr. Daniel

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