

LASIK MD Donates Excimer Laser to The Hospital for Sick Children

Toronto, ON, May 26, 2015 – Patients at The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) in Toronto will soon be able to enjoy life with clear vision thanks to a donation from [LASIK MD](#). Last week, Canada's only national laser vision correction provider, LASIK MD, donated an Excimer Laser to the hospital. The laser will be used for children with developmental delays and who are not able to wear glasses or contacts.

A donation that will make a difference

"Thanks to the generous donation from LASIK MD, the Department of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences at SickKids is now able to offer laser refractive surgery to children for the first time in its history," said Dr. Agnes Wong, Ophthalmologist-in-Chief at The Hospital for Sick Children. "The laser surgery will benefit children with behavioural challenges, as is often seen in children with autism, who refuse or are unable to wear glasses, and as a result suffer from poor vision."

Dr. Wong says this is a great way to improve the lives of patients who need it. "It is truly a gift of sight," she says. "These children can now see clearly again which will allow them the opportunity to grow, learn and play."

Surgeons in the ophthalmology department at the hospital will use this technology to perform laser vision correction; a safe and effective procedure that corrects common refractive errors such as myopia, hyperopia and astigmatism. Children who undergo the procedure will be able to see clearly without the need for glasses or contact lenses.

LASIK MD honoured to help children's hospital

"We are very fortunate to be in a position to help these children," says [Dr. Mark Cohen](#), LASIK MD Co-Founder and Co-Medical Director. "Laser vision correction has been helping adults achieve clear sight for over 25 years, and now we're able to help SickKids deliver this great treatment and technology to children who need it."

The laser platform being donated is one of LASIK MD's most widely used lasers; a [Bausch & Lomb Z100 Excimer Laser](#). It delivers 100 laser pulses per second and is proven to deliver safe and reliable outcomes.

In addition to donating the laser, four LASIK MD surgeons in the Toronto area will volunteer their time to familiarize the hospital's surgeons on how to use the equipment.

About LASIK MD

LASIK MD, the only national provider of laser vision correction in Canada, operates 30 clinics in nine Canadian provinces, and one clinic in the United States. LASIK MD provides quality medical care using state-of-the-art technology at an affordable price. LASIK MD surgeons are highly experienced in the field, having collectively performed more than 750,000 procedures. Having been named one of Canada's Best Managed Companies for eight consecutive years, LASIK MD was recently honoured with Platinum status for this award. In 2008, founders Dr. Mark Cohen and Dr. Avi Wallerstein were named Ernst & Young's Entrepreneurs of the Year in the Professional Services category. LASIK MD takes an active role in its community with many [corporate social responsibility](#) initiatives, including a voluntary per-payroll donation program for Operation Eyesight.

About The Hospital for Sick Children

The Hospital for Sick Children (SickKids) is recognized as one of the world's foremost paediatric

health-care institutions and is Canada's leading centre dedicated to advancing children's health through the integration of patient care, research and education. Founded in 1875 and affiliated with the University of Toronto, SickKids is one of Canada's most research-intensive hospitals and has generated discoveries that have helped children globally. Its mission is to provide the best in complex and specialized family-centred care; pioneer scientific and clinical advancements; share expertise; foster an academic environment that nurtures health-care professionals; and champion an accessible, comprehensive and sustainable child health system. SickKids is proud of its vision for Healthier Children. A Better World. For more information, please visit www.sickkids.ca or follow them on Twitter [@SickKidsNews](https://twitter.com/SickKidsNews).

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