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OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE NEW EYE CLINIC AND THEATRE – MANDEVILLE REGIONAL HOSPITAL

Former Health Minister Hon Horace Dailey officially opened the State of the Art Ophthalmology Clinic/Theatre facility on January 28th, 2016. The new facility was funded at a cost of more than \$80 million primarily from the European Union.



New Eye Clinic - Mandeville Regional Hospital

MARCH 16TH 2016

LAUNCH OF THE NEW DIABETIC RETINOPATHY SCREENING CLINIC AT UHWI

The University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI) has started a Diabetic Retinopathy Screening Clinic. This clinic will be nurse led. Patients who are newly diagnosed diabetic or not presently been seen by an Ophthalmologist can be referred to this clinic. The referral can be from their general physicians, health centres or any medical professionals. At this clinic their eyes will be dilated and the back of the eye photo graphed by the nurses. These images will be read and graded. If the retina is health, the patient will be given an appointment to return in one year to repeat the screening. If diabetic eye disease is detected then the patient will be referred to see the Ophthalmologist (eye doctor).



VISION 2020 LINKS - Moorfield-Homerton- UHWI DRS team

MARCH 16TH 2016

UHWI LINKED WITH MOORFIELD AND HOMERTON EYE CLINIC THROUGH THE VISION 2020 LINKS

The Vision 2020 LINKS programme has established a link between the UHWI and Moorfield and Homerton University Hospital to develop the Diabetic Retinopathy Screening services at UHWI and the rest of the island. The camera used to do the retinal photographs was donated through the Vision 2020 LINKS programme through funding from the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust.

The VISION 2020 Links Programme originated as part of the 'VISION 2020 - the right to sight' initiative that was established in 1999 by the World Health Organisation and the International Agency for Prevention of Blindness to eliminate avoidable blindness worldwide. The VISION 2020 Links Programme is based at the London School of Hygiene & Tropical Medicine and the International Centre of Eye Health in London England.

This is the first time that they have joined a link in the Caribbean with a UK Eye Clinic. Jamaica's Link UHWI (Eye Clinic) with the London NHS trust is their 29th link developed. With the additional funding from the Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust (QEDJT) the **link has been developed between the UHWI Eye Clinic and the Homerton/Moorfields NHS Trust in London to set up Diabetic Retinopathy Screening (DRS) at the UHWI.** This model can then be used to provide DRS services island wide. The ultimate aim is to reduce the long term complications of diabetic retinopathy, thereby reducing blindness from this disease.

Signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between UHWI – Moorfields/ Homerton NHS Trust via the Vision 2020 links programme

http://www.jamaicaobserver.com/news/Diabetic-eye-screening_55217



Chief executive officer at the University Hospital of the West Indies (UHWI) Kevin Allen (seated left) waits his turn to sign the Memorandum of Understanding after Homerton University Hospital NHS Foundation Trust's Peter Mitchell (seated right). Those witnessing the signing at the UHWI last Wednesday are (from left): Dr Lundie Richards from the Ministry of Health; minister of state in the Ministry of Finance and the Public Service Fayval Williams; consultant ophthalmologist from Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, Dr Tunde Peto; Vision 2020 Links Programme Manager Marcia Zondervan; Professor Horace Fletcher, dean, Faculty of Medical Sciences at the University of the West Indies; medical chief of staff, UHWI, Dr Carl Bruce; and head of UHWI Ophthalmic Division, Dr Lizette Mowatt.

APRIL 6TH 2016

THE CHURCH OF LATTER DAY SAINTS DONATES \$10 MILLION DOLLARS OF EQUIPMENT TO UHWI

<http://www.loopjamaica.com/content/video-uhwi-gets-10-million-donation-help-eye-disease-fight>

A new Ophthalmic microscope and Pattern Scanning Multipulse 577um Iridex laser was donated to the Eye Clinic, UHWI. This will greatly assist with the management of Diabetic retinopathy and MLT for our glaucoma patients.

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UHWI-KPH- Church of Latter Day saints outside the Eye Clinic UHWI

APRIL 7TH 2016

THE CHINESE EMBASSY DONATES WELL NEED CRYOTHERAPY MACHINE TO UHWI

This cryomachine is an essential part in the management of retinal disorders, including diabetic retinopathy, retinal tears, retinal detachment and also glaucoma

APRIL 8TH 2016

CIRRUS 5000 OPTICAL COHERENCE TOMOGRAM (OCT) DONATED TO THE KPH

The church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day saints have donated a Zeiss Cirrus 5000 OCT. This state of the art equipment will revolutionize the management of diabetic retinopathy at that hospital



KPH- UHWI Team with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints team

BUSTAMANTE CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WILL BE ACQUIRING A NEW OPHTHALMIC MICROSCOPE AND EXTENDING THEIR CLINICAL AREA.

PHACOEMULSIFICATION CATARACT SURGERY AT CORNWALL REGIONAL



The Acting CEO of the Cornwall Regional Hospital, Mr. Anthony Smike, has come on board and has given support to the Ophthalmology Department in its quest to offer free state of the art phacoemulsification cataract surgery to all eligible cataract patients under the government's free healthcare program. Mr. Smikle has purchased for the Department a new phacoemulsification machine and all the necessary disposables. Many patients have already benefited.