



McMaster
Children's Hospital

The Campaign for Pediatric Ophthalmology

McMaster Children's Hospital is pleased to announce the \$1,300,000 campaign to transform Pediatric Ophthalmology. When completed, the Pediatric Ophthalmology Unit will be the largest centre of Excellence for specialized pediatric eye care in south-central Ontario.

Each year there are 8,000 visits to the existing eye clinic. For the thousands of children referred to McMaster Children's Hospital the benefits of a new Ophthalmology Unit specifically designed for treating children will be transformational. The existing clinic was originally designed for adults decades ago. Aging equipment and inadequate infrastructure will be redeveloped into a leading edge facility with a family and child centred environment that will be a resource to the region and the province.

Young children with vision problems often do not know that the way they see the world is not the way everyone sees it. Vision problems affect newborns, preschoolers, and children of all ages who are too young to respond to questions. Without early detection and treatment, children's vision problems can lead to permanent impairment or blindness. With specialized pediatric ophthalmologists and support staff trained to work with children even before they can speak, McMaster Children's Hospital offers expertise that is not available anywhere else in South-Central Ontario.

The \$1,300,000 campaign will allow the Hospital to build and customize the new Ophthalmology Unit for the needs of children and families. As "the" referral centre for 2.3 million people, our doctors see and treat a high volume of complex, unusual and routine eye conditions and work with other specialists throughout the Hospital to treat and diagnose children with a variety of conditions.

The complete redevelopment of the existing Eye Clinic will include:

- Relocation to a new, larger footprint
- 10 unique L-shaped examination rooms with 20 foot lanes for in room eye exams and 4 consultation rooms
- New technology to create the optimal environment designed for our young patients and their families
- A new child and family friendly waiting room



Eye patches, like the one above are used to save the sight of children with vision impairments.

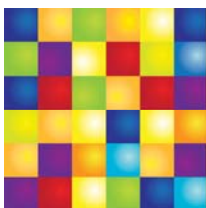
40% of all the children seen in the Ophthalmology Unit have complex, multi-system problems. The eye exam is an important part of helping with their overall management. Eye exams can identify:

- Neurological conditions
- Diabetes
- Genetic Disorders
- Cancer

Mac Kids is the:

- Only neonatal ophthalmology screening program in the region
- Only hospital with a pediatric retinal surgeon in our region
- Largest pediatric Ophthalmology surgery service in our region
- Only pediatric ophthalmology training program for new doctors in South-Central Ontario

"We want to give every child the chance at better vision, they deserve our best, this redevelopment will help us give that to our patients." Dr. Kourosh Sabri, Pediatric Ophthalmologist



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