



SightLife Labs Earn Perfect Scores from EBAA Accreditation Board

Seattle, WA (August 20, 2012)—SightLife’s eye bank laboratories in Seattle and the San Francisco Bay Area received perfect scores in routine compliance and technical skills reviews conducted in June by the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA). Each eye bank location was awarded a three-year accreditation, enabling SightLife to continue its mission to eliminate corneal blindness in the US and around the world. Working with its international partners, SightLife helps restore sight to more than 30 people every day.

The EBAA inspectors who visited SightLife’s lab at its headquarters in Seattle and the new lab in Brisbane, Calif. awarded 100 percent ratings in all eight categories under evaluation. The review categories range from protection of patient privacy to compliance with strict tissue safety and aseptic/sterile standards to surgical skills demonstrated by SightLife technicians.

“Achieving a perfect score during a rigorous EBAA inspection is a great accomplishment and a testament to the quality of SightLife’s eye banking program and our exceptional staff,” said SightLife Chief Operating Officer Bernie Iliakis. “It is an even greater feat when you have a brand new location being inspected. The fact that our California laboratory received a perfect score after only being open for less than a year speaks volumes about the hard work and planning that went into expanding SightLife’s operations to California.”

About SightLife

Founded in 1969, SightLife is the only non-profit global health organization and eye bank solely focused on eliminating corneal blindness in the U.S. and around the world. Driven by an entrepreneurial spirit, the organization leverages innovative technologies and best business practices to transform lives and unlock life’s possibilities for the corneal blind. SightLife works in partnership with surgeons and health organizations in more than 30 countries. SightLife provided a record 5,233 corneas for transplant and in addition, its global eye bank partners provided 5,622 corneas for transplant in 2011. For more information, visit www.SightLife.org.

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