

Supporting Children with Eye Cancer



Every day **4 children** are born with
eye cancer in India.

Out of the 4, **one** will die.

92% of children with eye cancer live in developing nations.

RETINOBLASTOMA

Retinoblastoma is a life threatening eye cancer that affects children. The cancer grows from the retina, which is a sensory layer located inside the eye. Retinoblastoma is a silent tumour, which is often detected too late to save the eye. In less fortunate children the tumour affects both their eyes. In early stages of the disease the eye looks normal externally.



This cancer usually shows up as a white reflection which is seen to arise from within the eye. Sometimes, when vision is affected early, the first sign of trouble can be the development of crossed (squinting) eyes. These are often missed in the Indian population, and the cancer progresses. Eventually the eye becomes painful, red and swollen. Once the cancer spreads outside the eye the cancer becomes a threat to life, especially when it spreads to the brain and other parts of the body.



THE NEED

Every 57 minutes a child is diagnosed with retinoblastoma eye cancer. In some countries, 80% of the affected children die from this cancer even though it is a highly curable form of cancer. Most of the children who are diagnosed with this cancer come from economically underprivileged sections.

Many children lose their eye sight or die from this cancer due to lack of awareness of the initial signs of presentation, poor access to proper treatment or lack of finances to finish the treatment. There is a great urgency in saving these little ones from going blind or worse, dying. Early diagnosis is key in treating this cancer.

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WHAT WE DO

Iksha foundation is a public charitable trust formed to focus on retinoblastoma to create awareness, to provide aid for its treatment and to support research to improve care of children with retinoblastoma.

OUR OBJECTIVES

- To provide support to the poor and underprivileged families.
- To ensure early diagnosis and timely treatment.
- To spread awareness in the society about retinoblastoma and promote early detection.
- To ensure quality treatment to these children

We at iksha believe that no child should ever lose eyesight or face death to this type of childhood cancer that has one of the best cure rates.

SUPPORT US

Your support makes the difference!

Your help could go a long way in mitigating the suffering of these children. All contributions will go towards life saving surgery or chemotherapy that takes the ailing child one step closer towards cure.



Help us in our dream to see a day when no child loses vision or faces death to retinoblastoma.



DONATE

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