UM Medical Students Conduct Research at Aravind Eye Hospital in India in 2016

Josiah Smiley, UM medical student (far right) with Dhivya Ramasamy, MBA research faculty associate at Aravind (fourth from left) with University of Pennsylvania medical students and Aravind research associates at Aravind Eye Hospital. Josiah was doing survey research in the summer of 2016.

Mid-level ophthalmic providers ("sisters") test visual acuity before cataract surgery at Aravind Eye Hospital in the summer of 2016.

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Mid-level ophthalmic provider manufactures glasses at an Aravind outreach eye camp in summer of 2016.

UM medical student Nita Valikodath (green arrow) and Kellogg faculty ophthalmologist Maria Woodward, MD (white arrow) with N. Venkatesh Prajna, MD, cornea specialist at Aravind (left of Dr. Woodward) with cornea fellows and staff at Aravind Eye Hospital in May 2016. Dr. Woodward had given a lecture on eye banking procedures used in the United States.

UM medical student Nita Valikodath confers with Usha Kim, MD, oculoplastic surgeon at Aravind Eye Hospital, in May 2016 about creating a video on genetic testing for retinoblastoma to expand outreach into the rural communities of Tamil Nadu.

Research assistant administers pre-operative Indian Visual Function Questionnaire as part of UM-Aravind research collaboration in summer of 2016.

UM medical students Charlie Frank (second from right) and Josiah Smiley (far right) and Kellogg faculty ophthalmologist Joshua Ehrlich, MD with Aravind Srinivasan, MD, director of projects at Aravind Eye Hospital (far left) and his son Arya. Charlie and Josiah were supervised in their research at Aravind by Dr. Ehrlich in summer of 2016.

Applicants from villages in Tamil Nadu await their interviews to become mid-level ophthalmic providers ("sisters") at the Aravind Eye Hospital in May 2016.