

Testimonials



"My fellowship in Dallas was a dream that came true. I already knew about the program but never thought it would be so far beyond my expectations. The year in Dallas was amazing. I already had some training in Strabismus surgery, but there I took it to another level with over 400 surgical cases done. I could also learn a lot about pediatric ophthalmology in general, congenital cataracts, nasolacrimal system, neuro ophthalmology, glaucoma, cornea and retina. Besides all the state of art in the technique, I also learned about carefully listening to patients, dealing with difficult situations in the clinical practice and knowing different cultures and languages. I travelled to several ophthalmology conferences happening that year in USA and even presented posters in 2 of them. And if all that was not enough I made friends to my entire life. Dr. Weakley and Dr. Wang are amazing in clinic, in surgery and in life. I truly recommend the fellow.

Now 5 years later, I am a Pediatric Ophthalmologist of an Eye Hospital with over 60 ophthalmologists in South of Brazil, teaching residents and with a pediatric ophthalmology fellowship program. I introduced the fornix incision approach to perform strabismus surgery in my city and give several talks in the main national general ophthalmology and pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus meetings. I am finishing my PhD, and this year I will be part of the board of the Brazilian society of pediatric ophthalmology as secretary/treasurer.

Everyday I think how incredible those days in Children's Medical Center were and I feel honored to have been part of the PAAO pediatric ophthalmology program. "

Luisa Moreria Hopker, MD



I'm from São Paulo – Brazil, where I did all my training, including a pediatric ophthalmology fellowship. I applied to this program because I believed it would be a great way to bolster my qualifications and enrich my knowledge base. But what I found here was way above my expectations.

This program is a great opportunity to acquire valuable experiences and enhance your surgical and clinical skills learning from highly qualified attendings. It includes all the big areas of ophthalmology such as cornea, glaucoma, retina, neuro, plastics, uveitis, cataracts and strabismus, geared towards pediatrics patients.

It's also worth to mention that Dallas is a richly diverse American city concerning to arts, music, food and historic landmarks. What makes this program an amazing opportunity to experience a new country and culture, as well as building professional and personal relationships.

Long story short, this program has changed my perspective of pediatric ophthalmology!

Cristiana Soares Ronconi, MD