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Project Abstract

Title of Project: Reopening of the Corneal Transplantation Department at The Emergency Eye Hospital, the only public facility for corneal transplantation in Romania.

Purpose: After 20 years the reopening of the Corneal Department in the largest emergency hospital in Romania it's a challenge from the medical and organizational point of view. Our purpose is to create a modern facility where all types of corneal diseases can be treated.

Methods : To open and develop our department we redesigned our facility according to the new medical legislation, we wrote the corneal transplantation procedures for every type of corneal transplant, we created a new National waiting list and a new score for receiving the cornea. We also establish a new protocol for bank eye cornea.

Results: After approx. 20 years we can say that we have reopened corneal transplantation in Romania. We have done through National Eye Bank but also International Eye Bank almost 150 corneal transplants. We are aiming for improvement in lamellar surgery, in keratoprosthesis and also in research especially in corneal pathology.

Conclusions: Performing more corneal transplants in Romania was mandatory. Emergency Eye Hospital is providing now care for all the corneal patients in Romania and not only.