



## **Sankara Nethralaya : RETINOBLASTOMA PROJECT**

Retinoblastoma is an unfortunate childhood cancer, which is seen not uncommonly in this country and affects the child's eye and is a risk to the child's life. The tumor is also unfortunately transmitted among the family members genetically. At Sankara Nethralaya we see a large number of such patients referred from many parts of the country and abroad. The treatment for this cancer has undergone a significant change in the last one decade wherein we are able to save many children and their eyes with a multi pronged approach. Sankara Nethralaya is in the process of establishing a separate clinic so that the treatment will be even more concentrated and individualized for these unfortunate patients.

As a part of the treatment protocol many of these children need to undergo repeated chemotherapy, which is fairly expensive for some of the indigent patients. Hence in addition to establishing a separate clinic, we also wish to establish a corpus fund specifically to subsidize the chemotherapy expenditure for the children. Your generous donation to establish this clinic as well as to create a corpus for the subsidized / free treatment will go a long way to help these unfortunate children to lead a better and near normal life. Many of the children are in the age group of 2 – 5 and have their whole life ahead of them.

Retinoblastoma clinic is likely to be unique with all the facilities under one roof to treat this difficult problem. We are planning a clinic with consultation facility, ultrasonography, facility for anaesthesia examination and documentation, facility for diode laser therapy especially TTT (Transpupillary Thermo Therapy) for which we need operating microscope and diode laser with adaptor for TTT. To deliver the chemotherapy protocol, we plan to have a small ward exclusively for this purpose with ICU facilities to take care of possible problems associated with chemotherapy. The clinic will be supported by mini library with relevant books on ocular oncology and a computer with internet connection so that the latest information on retinoblastoma treatment can be accessed.

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### **Seeking your generous support**

This project is estimated to approximately cost Rs. 1.50 Crores.  
We seek your help in this noble endeavour to save the life and vision of children.