



THE OCULAR IMMUNOLOGY
AND UVEITIS FOUNDATION
Dedicated to Eye Disease Cure and Education

Brighter Vision Weekly Newsletter March 18, 2025

Our Mission Continues!

On March 8th, OIUF celebrated the unveiling of a portrait of Dr. C. Stephen Foster at the Massachusetts Eye Research and Surgery Institution. The unveiling ceremony kicked off the start of our campaign for the **C. Stephen and Frances Foster Center of Excellence in Ocular Inflammatory Disease** *to train fellows and represents the lasting legacy to further the mission of OIUF to educate ophthalmologists in treatment of ocular inflammatory disease and to promote research to help the care of patients suffering from OID.*

“The center will secure both Dr. Foster (now President Emeritus) and France’s legacy and better the lives of patients and future patients” said OIUF’s new Board President Dr. David Chu who came to Waltham to help kick off the campaign. Frances Foster, now OIUF Board member and Chair of Patient engagement and Support said, “As we were deciding about a center for excellence in Education of ocular inflammatory disease to continue his legacy, we wanted to dedicate it to a place that was committed to Dr. Foster’s philosophy of care for steroid free remission with the goal of durable remission or cure off therapy. In 2005 Dr Foster created MERSI as a state of the art center for the care of ocular inflammatory disease with bench to practice research. MERSI continues to be dedicated to ongoing research, education and his mission of never give up and do whatever it takes for steroid free remission with the goal of durable remission and That’s why we decided to donate \$500,000 to the Foundation to start the first center of excellence in Education of ocular inflammatory disease.”



Today, the OIUF fellowship continue to make a visible difference in the field of Ocular Inflammation led by former fellows of Dr. Foster, Drs. Stephen Anesi and Peter Chang. The fund in its maturity, led by a generous donation from Dr. Foster and Frances Foster, will be a much needed resource to ensure the continuation of fellowship training and cutting edge research of OID.



Tax Season is Here!

For those who donated to OIUF in 2024 and have not yet received a Charitable Donation Receipt, please contact Alison Justus (ajustus@oiuf.org).

Also, be on the lookout for OIUF's upcoming webinar in the spring about **Planned Giving!** Learn how you can fulfill your financial goals and help OIUF fulfill our mission by including a charitable gift in your estate plan.

April Support Group!

Autoimmune Ocular Inflammatory Diseases overlap with the field of rheumatology, and OID can be associated with a number of systemic autoimmune diseases like sarcoidosis, juvenile idiopathic arthritis or rheumatoid arthritis. Join us in April for an open discussion with a rheumatologist to answer questions!

"Ask a Rheumatologist"

April 16th, 2025 @ 7:00 PM EST

Led By:

Frances Foster, MS, NP

OIUF Support Group Chair/Facilitator

Dr. Laura Amorese-O'Connell, MD

Former OIUF Fellow and Practicing Rheumatologist

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