

Legacy Health

Devers History

1959: Coffee merchant Arthur H. Devers bequests \$1 million to help fund eye care for all Oregonians, regardless of their ability pay.

1962: An ophthalmology residency program is established at the Arthur Devers Memorial Eye Clinic.

1972: The first chief of ophthalmology and the first fellowship-trained retina specialist in Oregon, Richard Chenoweth, M.D., is recruited.

1974: W. Thomas Shults, M.D., joins Devers' faculty as the first fellowship-trained neuro-ophthalmologist in Oregon.

1975: With the help of the Oregon Lions Sight & Hearing Foundation, Good Samaritan establishes Oregon's first statewide eye bank.

1984: Devers Eye Institute moves into the first three floors of a newly completed Neurological Sciences Center on the Good Samaritan Hospital campus in Northwest Portland.

1990: E. Michael Van Buskirk, M.D., is named chief of ophthalmology. The Honorary Chenoweth Chair is established in honor of Devers' first chief.

1990s-2000s: Research at Devers creates new international guidelines for treating diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, optic neuritis, ocular hypertension, and glaucoma.

1991: Devers glaucoma fellowship program is created

1998: Good Samaritan Foundation completes a \$3 million capital campaign to raise funds for Discoveries in Sight, the new research arm of Devers Eye Institute, which recruits five new scientists

2000: Mark A. Terry, M.D., performs the first endothelial keratoplasty in the U.S. (second in the world) and goes on to establish a new standard of care for transplant surgery.

2001: The Good Samaritan Foundation establishes an endowed chair for ocular research named in honor of E. Michael Van Buskirk, M.D.



2004: George A. “Jack” Cioffi, M.D., is named chief of ophthalmology and assumes the Chenoweth Chair of Ophthalmology.

2005: Devers Cornea Fellowship program is created.

2006: Claude Burgoyne, M.D., joins Devers research and develops a world-renowned center for ocular structure and biomechanics

2008: Thelma and Gilbert Schnitzer donate \$1 million to establish a Comprehensive Glaucoma Center at Devers.

2009: The first artificial corneal transplant is performed in Oregon by Neda Shamie, M.D., a corneal and anterior segment surgeon.

2009: Devers Eye Institute celebrates its 50th anniversary of bringing vision-saving therapy to the Pacific Northwest.

2012: Michael D. Straiko, M.D., performs the first corneal crosslinking treatment in the Pacific Northwest to stop the progression of keratoconus disease

2012: James T. Rosenbaum, M.D., is named chief of Ophthalmology and assumes the Chenoweth Chair of Ophthalmology