

OM SNAPSHOT

Ocular melanoma is an extremely rare cancer of the eye, occurring in 5 to 6 people per million. OM is different from skin (cutaneous) melanoma and there is little evidence it is caused by sun exposure. It is the second most common type of melanoma after skin melanoma, representing approximately 5% of all melanomas.

FAST FACTS

- 1 Around 2,000 new cases in the U.S. every year
- 2 Most common form of cancer in the adult eye
- 3 Very different from skin melanoma
- 4 Aggressive cancer often spreading to the liver
- 5 50% chance of spreading (metastasizing)
- 6 No cure today for metastatic ocular melanoma



WHY OMF A LIFELINE WHEN THERE WAS NONE

The Ocular Melanoma Foundation (OMF) was established in 2003 by Dr. Robert Allen, a renowned Virginia eye surgeon who was diagnosed with ocular melanoma and, in 2005, succumbed to the disease. Now the #1 online destination for OM information, OMF is dedicated to supporting patients, caregivers and cancer researchers.

Among its many educational and research initiatives, OMF created the world's only Patient Forum dedicated to OM, hosts the annual Eye Am Not Alone (EANA) patient retreat series, launched the Travel Assistance Grant (TAG) program and, in 2013, established a \$50,000 per year OM research grant in collaboration with the AACR.

SEE A CURE

SUPPORTING PATIENTS &
EYE CANCER RESEARCH
UNTIL WE SEE A CURE.

"Let me applaud you and the entire team at OMF for the exemplary service and education you are providing patients and the community on ocular melanoma."

- Prithvi Mruthunjaya, MD, Duke Eye Center

"The OMF [Eye Am Not Alone] retreat was inspiring and reinvigorating. I met a bunch of warriors who were creatively and self-assuredly taking their lives in their own hands and even having lots of fun at it, despite the serious subject. There was a lot of laughter there. The benevolent spirit was infectious."

- Peter (OM Patient)

GET INVOLVED

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