

Medical Missions

Enhancing Eye Health for those in Need

Since 1964, Alcon's Medical Missions program has supported eye care professionals around the world in their work to bring eye care to those in need.

These sight-saving medical missions have a lasting impact on both individuals and communities-at-large. Medical mission teams work side-by-side with local eye care professionals to provide hands-on training, while also helping to increase patient awareness about the need for proper eye care. Through ophthalmic medicines and devices donated by Alcon, medical missions improve and restore vision to patients around the world, and help improve the sustainability of local eye care clinics so they can provide long-term care to more people.

Each year, Alcon contributes products to more than 600 philanthropic medical missions in more than 80 countries.

Applying for Medical Missions

Alcon has established product donation programs for health care providers to help patients in need to gain access to quality eye care.

Medical Missions originating outside the U.S.

All requests must be submitted by completing the [Medical Missions Originating Outside U.S. Application](#).

Medical Missions originating in the U.S.

All requests must be submitted using the online process. Please complete the [Eligibility Questionnaire](#) to determine if you qualify to apply for product donations. A link to the application will be provided upon completion of the questionnaire.

Typical lead time for the application process is four to six weeks from the date of submission. If you submit an application less than four weeks from your departure date, your request may not be processed in time.

All medical professionals requesting product must provide a letter of invitation from the host country's Ministry of Health.* A letter of invitation from an in-country hospital or organization will not be accepted unless it is governed by the Ministry of Health. Please allow enough time in the planning process to obtain the letter, as your request will not be processed without it.

**Please note, the following countries do not require a Ministry of Health letter: Congo, Cuba, India, Myanmar, Sierra Leone and Sudan. Instead, an invitation letter from the in-country organization (i.e. hospital, rotary, etc) is required.*