

Professor Geoff Rose

Professor Rose has made outstanding contributions to the field of ophthalmology for four decades, providing selfless, exceptional, and innovative services to incalculable groups of patients suffering from rare and painful eye diseases all over the world, as well as an exemplary commitment to teaching and training health professionals worldwide.

Since joining Moorfields Eye Hospital as a Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon in 1991, he has continuously improved the capacity and quality of care of the lacrimal and orbital services, receiving UK-wide and international referrals of patients who have not been treatable elsewhere, as well as training several hundred fellows from the UK and abroad.

Research and innovation have been central to his practice. He has pioneered some very important advances in the management of ophthalmic disease, describing several new ophthalmic conditions and designing various new treatments – most notably the minimal-incision orbital decompression surgery for thyroid eye disease designed in 1991, that has now become the most popular approach in many world-wide hospitals, description of the "Cactus syndrome" and its prevention, "Giant Fornix Syndrome" (a blinding condition if untreated) and its treatment, and improving the treatment for patients with lacrimal gland malignancies with eye-sparing surgical techniques.

Professor Rose is widely respected and acclaimed for his major scientific contributions and medical education, with over 300 peer-reviewed papers in scientific journals and over 40 book chapters. He has lectured widely on various aspects of orbital and eyelid diseases, to many established professional medical and surgical organisations in Britain and world-wide.

In recognition of his outstanding achievements, he was awarded Honorary Life Fellowship of the American Society of Oculoplastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, and also received their highly-prestigious Lester-Jones Anatomy Award in 2003 (at that time, only the second time awarded outside the USA in more than 30 years). Professor Rose has also received the Senior Achievement Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He had the honour of serving as President of both the British Oculoplastic Surgical Society (2007-2009) and the European Society of Oculoplastic and Reconstructive Surgeons (2015-2017).

What distinguishes him is the amount of time he has devoted to unpaid extracurricular charitable and humanitarian activities, helping to set up clinical services nationally and internationally, including in Northern Ireland (Royal Victoria Belfast) and East Africa (Kikuyu Eye Unit in Kenya), where since early 90s, he helped in the establishment of oculoplastics service, benefiting thousands of patients who had, until that time, received only minimal or no specialist ophthalmic reconstructive services. During the years he has trained local surgeons and offered his specialist surgical skills for difficult and rare cases, with several hundred patients (particularly with painful eye disease) receiving treatments that would, otherwise, have been unavailable to them, without any financial rewards.

He has also dedicated a large amount of his time to charities, participating in a variety of organisations, including the British Thyroid Foundation, TEAMED, the Thyroid Eye Disease Charitable Trust of which he was a patron, the little Portion Community Project, giving unlimited amounts of time and energy to help people and communities in need.