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### **Eye Bank Association of America Launches New Ocular Network Exchange**

**WASHINGTON D.C. (February 5, 2019)** – The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), a nonprofit member-based association dedicated to the restoration of sight worldwide, today launched its Ocular Network Exchange, also known as ONE, to help member eye banks provide higher quality ocular tissue to surgeons and to find the best possible use for donated corneas.

Through a user-friendly platform, ONE will allow member eye banks to post tissue for distribution to other eye banks and to select tissue they are offering, dramatically expanding their reach.

“ONE will help eye banks balance the supply of transplant-quality tissue through an online, 24/7 exchange for corneal tissue,” said Kevin Corcoran, EBAA President and CEO, “All EBAA member banks can offer their tissue for placement and view and select tissue offered by other banks. By expanding their eye bank’s reach to receive and place tissue, corneal surgeons will have greater access to tissue that suits their specific needs while also maximizing the utilization of donor tissue.”

Over 90-member eye banks operate in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. These eye banks made possible 84,297 sight-restoring corneal transplants in 2017. By helping eye banks find the highest possible use for each donor cornea, ONE will improve outcomes for surgeons and the patients they serve.

For more information on the Ocular Network Exchange, visit [restoresight.org/ONE](http://restoresight.org/ONE).

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### **About the Eye Bank Association of America**

*The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), established in 1961, is the oldest transplant association in the nation and sets standards, provides education, and engages in advocacy to support eye donation, and cornea transplantation and research. EBAA has led the transplantation field with the establishment of medical standards for eye banking, and comprehensive training and certification programs for eye bank personnel. Over 90 member eye banks operate in the United States, Canada, Europe and Asia. These eye banks made possible 84,297 sight-restoring corneal transplants in 2017. To learn more, visit [www.restoresight.org](http://www.restoresight.org).*

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