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THIS WEEK'S HEADLINES

NYEEI Staff Join ORV to Help Restore Vision

Several members of The New York Eye and Ear Infirmary's professional staff have joined the International Surgical Mission Support's "Operation Restore Vision (ORV)," whose objective is to bring back vision, prevent blindness and repair eye deformities in patients in poor and underdeveloped countries. The initiative provides comprehensive ophthalmic surgery services for free and trains local medical professionals to carry on its work.

NYEEI staff taking part in ORV include John Aljian, MD (cornea, cataracts, trauma); Nelson Co, CRNA (anesthesia); Ronald C. Gentile, MD (retina); Sanjay Kedhar, MD (uveitis, cornea); Christopher Teng, MD (glaucoma); and Christopher Quaglio (retinal imaging).

During a recent mission to Morocco, ORV physicians performed the first corneal transplants in Marrakesh, laying groundwork for the first and only eye bank in that country. They provided care for diverse patients, from infants with congenital glaucoma to older adults with retinal detachments. A similar mission to Nepal is scheduled for mid-November in collaboration with the Dooley Foundation, a nonprofit organization that provides medical assistance to people in Laos, Nepal, Nicaragua and Thailand.

For more information on ORV, visit its Web site at www.operationrestorevision.org.