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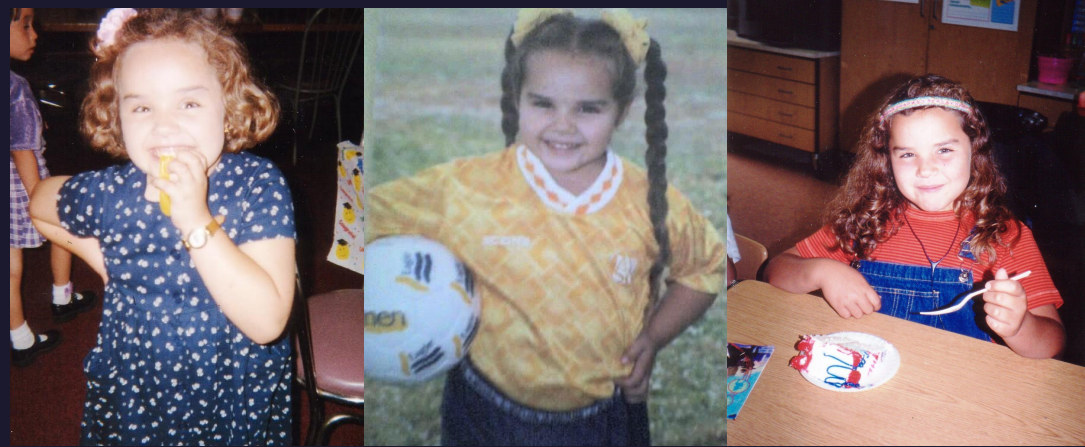
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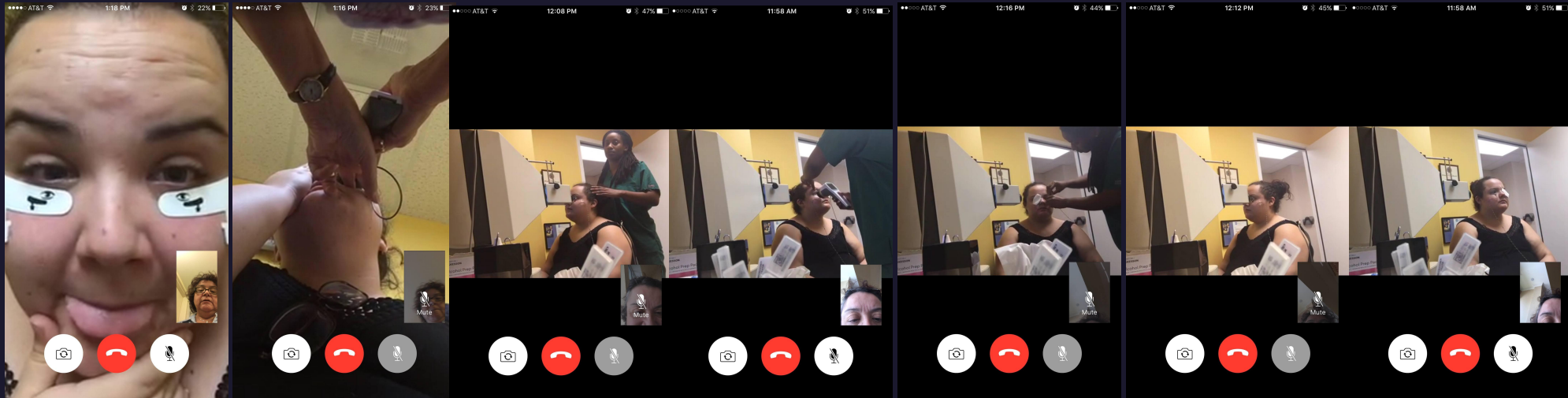
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*Veronica McDougall Story*

# Meet Veronica McDougall



- Age 3 Discovered Hard of Hearing
- Age 15 Retinitis Pigmentosa Systems Begin
- Age 24 Begin UC Irvine 2016
- Age 25 First Stem Cell Injection – Left Eye
- Age 28 Second Stem Cell Injection – Left Eye





# Veronica's Timeline



Dr. Osman & Dr Lyons  
Diagnosis 2016

Dr. Klassen & Dr. Yang Clinical  
Trial #1 and #2

Dr. Mehta injected Stem Cell  
Treatment  
Feb 2018 & Feb 2021

*We researched for Retinitis  
Pigmentosa Treatment  
Globally*

*Herbert Gavin Eye Institute  
Dr. Kuppermann assessed  
Veronica for Clinical Trial*

*Received Treatment  
jCyte Testing  
Dr. Kammer Performs  
Testing*

*Waiting for 3<sup>rd</sup> Clinical Stem  
Trial and FDA Approval*

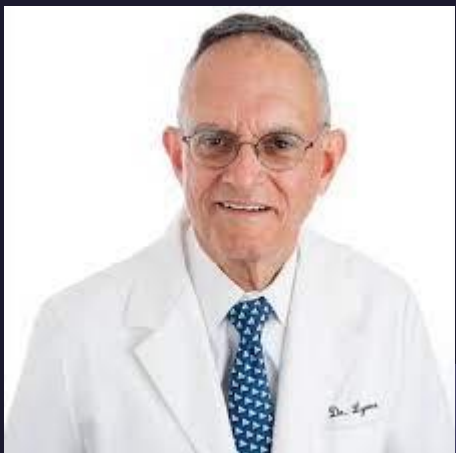
# Meet my Doctors:



Michael H. Osman, M.D.  
Retina Specialist &  
Vitreoretinal Surgeon



Baruch D. Kuppermann,  
M.D., Ph.D. is the Roger  
F. Steinert Professor,  
Chair of the  
Department of  
Ophthalmology, and  
Director of the Gavin  
Herbert Eye Institute at  
the University of  
California, Irvine.



Dr. Jonathan Lyons, MD  
Ophthalmologist



Henry J. Klassen, MD, PhD  
Professor of Ophthalmology  
University of California, Irvine



Jing Yang, MD, PhD  
Associate Adjunct Professor,  
Ophthalmology School of Medicine

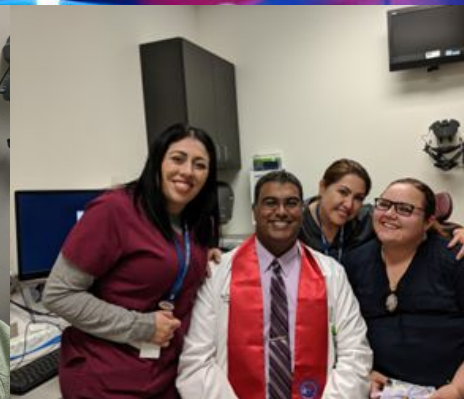


Mitul C. Mehta, MD  
Associate Clinical Professor,  
Ophthalmology, School of Medicine



Dr. Rebecca Kammer  
Adjunct Professor, Ophthalmology  
School of Medicine





# My Journey



# Questions ?

- How did you feel when you learned you had RP?
- Did you experience emotional distress?
- Psychological/Counseling help necessary for RP patients?
- Difficult for you to maneuver/walk while having RP?
- How do you adapt with RP in the environment?
- What was your experience with Clinical Stem Cell Trial?
- How has the Trial affected your daily life?
- How did this affect your ability to finish college?
- What dreams are you able to achieve?
- How expensive are the travel cost for Medical Treatments? MyjourneywithRP.com
- What are you doing to help Retinitis Pigmentosa in the future?
- What do you recommend for patients with RP?
- What do you recommend for Doctors/Nurses for them to better communicate and serve their patients?







# My Family



# Thank You CIRM

*This Stem Cell  
Treatment Works!*

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