Identifying content for the cataract-specific item bank to measure quality of life parameters

Brief outline of project
Cataract is the leading cause of avoidable blindness in the world. Surgical removal of cataract is the only treatment option available. In the last two decades, cataract surgery has evolved into a safe, predictable and quick procedure with immediate benefits. However, due to a huge backlog of cataract patients worldwide, timely surgery is not possible to all the people in need. Therefore, millions of people around the world are living with a period of severe visual impairment and consequently poor quality of life (QoL).

The aim of the study is to explore all the important QoL issues in patients with cataract. This involves qualitative approaches (literature review and focus groups with patients and experts). The QoL issues identified in this study will subsequently be aggregated and refined to develop a comprehensive and precise measurement of QoL. The new questionnaire will be administered via a computer adaptive testing system.

Key references

Location of Project
Sturt Buildings, Bedford Park Campus