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The Australian Inherited Retinal Disease Registry & DNA Bank (AIRDR)

Supporting the AIRDR: Making a Donation

WHY DONATE?

Inherited retinal diseases (IRDs) are a group of genetic eye conditions that can cause vision loss and blindness at any age, and are the leading cause of blindness among working-age Australians. With more than 300 genes linked to IRDs, **genetic research plays a critical role in improving patient care and developing future treatment**s.

The Australian Inherited Retinal Disease Registry and DNA Bank (AIRDR) is **Australia's largest genetic IRD research resource**. We have approximately 10,000 DNA samples in our care, representing more than 4,600 Australian families affected by IRD. This invaluable program has enabled over 7,200 genetic analyses and provides an **important foundation for national and international research into IRDs**.

AIRDR continues to grow, collecting 300 to 400 new DNA samples each year. Where possible, genetic research findings are shared with participants' clinicians, helping families gain answers about the genetic cause of their IRD and supporting genetically informed patient care. On average, it costs AIRDR around $3,000 to genetically analyse a family's DNA, interpret the results and provide an informative research report. To date, **we have provided more than 2,500 genetic research reports for AIRDR participants, free of charge.**

While AIRDR works closely with clinicians and contributes to patient care, it is a research program rather than a clinical service. As such, **we rely on funding support from grant agencies, charitable foundations, private donations, and bequests** to continue this world-class program.

Our goal is to identify the genetic cause of IRD for every family enrolled in AIRDR. Your support will help us achieve this goal sooner and advance research, opening pathways to potential treatments.

Your donation will help:

- Advance genetic discovery
- Build a more complete picture of the genetic causes of IRD in Australia
- Support the development of personalised and other innovative treatments for Australian families affected by IRDs
- Connect eligible AIRDR participants with clinical trials and treatment programs.

Every contribution makes a difference. If you would like to donate, please see details on the next page and complete the form below.

Thank you for supporting AIRDR's research and the families we serve.

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HOW TO DONATE?

Complete the attached form with your name, signature, and donation amount.

Make your donation by electronic funds transfer, cheque or money order and return the completed form using details below:

Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT):

Bank:	Commonwealth Bank
BSB:	066 040
Account:	13303489
EFT reference:	Cost Centre 402163

⚠ *It is essential to add **'Cost Centre 402163'** in your EFT reference. This ensures your donation is credited directly to AIRDR and not to general hospital funding.*

Return the form and your remittance advice by:
Email to hcn.fa@health.wa.gov.au, and copy to terri.mclaren@health.wa.gov.au, or
Post using the address below. We will forward to the finance department on your behalf.

Cheque or money order:

Please post your cheque or money order along with the completed form to:

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EDUCATIONAL GRANT DONATION FORM

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The Department of Medical Technology and Physics, Sir Charles Gairdner Hospital is pleased to accept the donation of:

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on the understanding that the donation:

- will be used to support Australian Inherited Retinal Disease Registry and DNA Bank Research by funding salaries, goods and services, and travel and accommodation associated with research and education.
- will be accepted and expended in compliance with the provisions of the Health Accounting Manual, section 413 “Donations and Gifts”.
- will not influence the prescribing habits of doctors at the hospital nor create an improper or unlawful business opportunity or relationship nor otherwise contravene the *WA Health Managing Conflict of Interest Policy and Guidelines* (OD 0264/10) or replacement; and
- will not be used for any purpose in breach of applicable legislation, including the *Corruption, Crime and Misconduct Act 2003* (WA).

All donations are tax deductible.

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Date: _____

For and on behalf of the Director General of Health, as delegate of the Minister for Health