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## **Thomas Lindquist, MD, PhD to be Awarded 2009 Paton Award**

The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) is pleased to announce that Thomas Lindquist, MD, PhD, Medical Director for SightLife, Inc., based in Seattle, Washington, will receive the 2009 R. Townley Paton Award during the EBAA Fall Educational Symposium in San Francisco, California, October 23, 2009.

The R. Townley Paton Award is the EBAA's highest honor for corneal physicians, and is presented annually to an ophthalmologist in recognition of his/her outstanding contribution to the EBAA's development and for exemplifying the precepts of R. Townley Paton, M.D., the father of modern eye banking and the founder of the first eye bank established in the United States.

Dr. Lindquist has served on the EBAA Medical Advisory Board, in addition to being a former chair of the Research Committee and a past president of the Western Region.

The Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA), established in 1961, is the oldest transplant association in the nation. The EBAA is dedicated to the restoration of sight through the promotion and advancement of eye banking. It has led the transplantation field with the establishment of medical standards for the distribution of eyes and comprehensive training and certification programs for eye banking personnel. These

standards have been used as models for other transplantation organizations. Member eye banks operate in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East, and Asia. These eye banks make possible more than 50,000 sight-restoring corneal transplants annually.

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