

Partners on the Journey of Scientific Discovery



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THE DR. NASSER IBRAHIM AL-RASHID ORBITAL VISION RESEARCH CENTER was formally dedicated in March, welcoming the first cure-based, orbital research laboratory in the world where basic science will be translated into clinical cures to transform the lives of patients with eye disease.

The new research center at Bascom Palmer celebrates the culmination of a bond nearly three decades in the making between Dr. Nasser Ibrahim Al-Rashid and David T. Tse, M.D., the director of the eponymous center.

“The dedication of this magnificent orbital research center is the result of a fortuitous chance encounter, fortified by years of friendship and trust,” said Tse, who holds the Dr. Nasser Ibrahim Al-Rashid Chair in Ophthalmic Plastic, Orbital Surgery, and Oncology. “Dr. Al-Rashid’s commitment to partner with Bascom Palmer on a journey of progress and scientific discovery not only will yield academic excellence and research breakthroughs, but will also have a profound global effect on the quality of life for future generations of patients with orbital diseases.”

The center’s laboratories and facility, located in the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Vision Research Center, was made possible thanks to a transformative \$10 million gift from the Al-Rashid family to support the work of Tse, whom Al-Rashid first met 27 years ago.

In honor of the dedication, Al-Rashid traveled from Dubai, and was accompanied at the ceremony by his sons, Fahad and Ibrahim. He said his commitment stems from his belief in the University of Miami and its passion for research and exceptional clinical care.



Dr. Nasser Ibrahim Al-Rashid with Dr. David Tse

“I am dedicated, with pleasure, to make sure this center, at this University, will prove to the entire world - east and west - that this is where the treatments that are not yet available will emanate from,” said Al-Rashid. “That is my dream to see this happen.”

The Center is dedicated to the investigation of molecular underpinnings of a broad spectrum of orbital diseases in which effective therapy remains elusive, and to transform the culture of biomedical research to hasten the discovery and implementation of new treatment and prevention strategies.

“Dr. Al-Rashid, you are loved and revered here,” said Tse. “This center is now your new home, your new address. You are a partner with us on the journey of scientific discovery.” ■