

Moment of Black History



Dr. Patricia Bath

Dr. Patricia Bath, was a pioneering UCLA ophthalmologist who became the first African American female doctor to receive a medical patent after she invented a more precise treatment of cataracts. In the 1980s, Bath joined in researching the use of lasers in ophthalmology. In 1988 she patented the Laserphaco Probe, short for “laser photoablative cataract surgery.” It uses a laser to dissolve cataracts. The device offered less painful cataract treatment and restored the sight of patients who had been blind for decades.

You too have the potential to be the next great ophthalmologist – If Dr. Patricia Bath can do it, so can you!