Dr. Finger,
an internationally recognized eye cancer specialist has pioneered the use of many diagnostic and therapeutic techniques.

He is Founder and Director of The New York Eye Cancer Center, it is here where he treats patients with ocular and orbital tumors. He is also Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the New York University School of Medicine. Dr. Finger performs surgeries, volunteers his time and teaches on a weekly basis.

Over the course of more than thirty years, Dr. Finger has consistently published critical information, lectured at local, national and international meetings and invented new techniques in order to improve on current methods of diagnosis and treatment in an effort to preserve vision, prevent eye removal (enucleation) and save lives.

Dr. Finger and his staff try their best to insure patient comfort.
F.A.Q.

How do I prepare for my first visit?
• Bring your medical records, CT/MRI scans, blood tests, and/or pathology slides.
• Write down your symptoms.
• Bring your best, most recent pair of glasses.
• Bring your doctors’ names and contact info.
• Bring 1 friend or family member for support.
• Check the directions section of our website.
• Don’t forget your insurance information.

What about insurance?
Call USA 1-212-832-8170 if you need insurance approvals to visit us. We will work to help you get an approval or exception to see Dr. Finger. However, we can’t control what the government or insurance company might pay, so, we expect you to be financially responsible for your care.

What should I expect when I arrive?
Rest assured you are in experienced hands. Our professional staff will maximize your care. We only see complex cases, so wait times may be longer than expected. Please be patient and considerate of those around you.

Where can I learn more about my condition?
Visit our website, www.eyecancer.com has many resources, including a comprehensive online textbook, photographs and answers to common eye cancer care questions all written by Dr. Paul T. Finger.

What Makes Us Unique

Results
Because every patient has a right to know their doctor’s success rates, Dr. Finger created software to post his treatment outcomes for the most common tumors he treats. For example, visit Dr. Finger’s web site to see that he has provided local control for 98-100% of intraocular melanoma patients.

Research
With over 300 published articles and book chapters, Dr. Finger is well-versed in eye cancer literature. For example, Dr. Finger wrote THE chapter on intraocular melanoma in the medical oncology textbook “CANCER,” edited by DeVita, Hellman and Rosenberg. He also wrote all the chapters covering eye cancer for the worlds’ UICC Manual of Clinical Oncology.

Excellence Through Innovation
Dr. Finger believes in excellence through innovation. Never satisfied with less effective treatments, he invented “Finger’s Slotted Eye Plaques” for patients whose choroidal melanoma is near, touching or surrounding the optic nerve. In 2005, he invented anti-VEGF injections to save the vision of patients who developed intraocular radiation damage. He has also invented new, safer, and more effective small incision ocular tumor biopsy techniques.

International Cooperation
Dr. Finger assembled over 58 eye cancer specialists from over 13 countries to create a universally accepted, special language-method to describe each of the major eye cancers.

Eye Cancer Treatments

Palladium-103 Plaque Brachytherapy:
Compared to Ru$^{106}$ and I$^{125}$, palladium (Pd$^{103}$) for eye cancer treatment typically allows for more targeted treatment to the tumor while minimizing radiation exposure of normal structures. Dr. Finger has found that Pd$^{103}$ plaques yield better results than other options. While he considers using other radiation types, most of our patients are treated with Pd$^{103}$ plaques.

Proton Beam Radiotherapy:
Proton beam radiation therapy is a form of teletherapy where machine is used to direct a column of radiation into the eye. Though Dr. Finger offers proton therapy, he rarely uses it because protons usually cause more side-effects than radiation Pd$^{103}$ plaques.

Excision/Cryotherapy:
Mostly used for eyelid, orbital, and conjunctival tumors; surgical removal of the affected tissue is often used in conjunction with cryotherapy or freezing therapy. In select cases, extremely cold temperatures “cryotherapy” can be used to destroy cancers.

Chemotherapy Eye Drops:
Topical chemotherapy eye drops can be used as primary treatment OR in addition to surgery and cryotherapy, depending on the type of cancer. Dr. Finger was the first to use mitomycin and interferon eye drops for conjunctival melanoma.

Removal of the Eye:
Used as treatment of last resort for extra-large tumors, large tumors in eyes with little or no vision, and blind painful eyes; Dr. Finger has to remove less than 6% of eyes.