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\$35,000 can save Isaiah's eyesight

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TODDLER Isaiah Muller has to fly half-way around the world to save his sight – and his family needs help.

The Adelaide two-year-old has retinoblastoma – a rare form of eye cancer – and is taking an emergency flight to London on Monday in a desperate attempt to save his left eye.

Retinoblastoma is a childhood cancer caused by immature retinal cells which can spread to the brain, the central nervous system and the bones.

Isaiah was diagnosed with the condition at just 18 months old – he had a tumour in his right eye. The eye was removed to stop the cancer spreading to his brain.

His mother, Olivia Muller, said a tumour

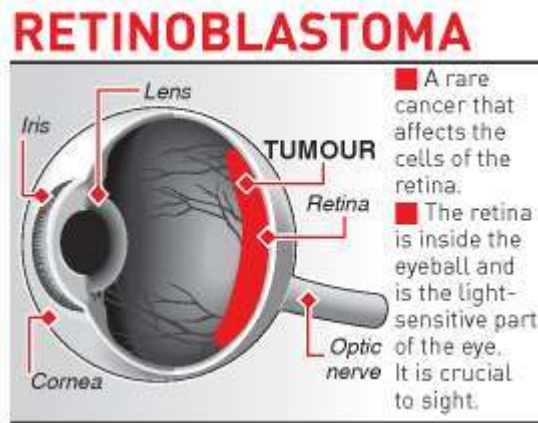
had then developed in his left eye. Chemotherapy on that tumour has not been successful.

“The tumour means that he will now also lose that eye – unless we get him to London for treatment – so we are desperate to do what we can to save his sight,” Mrs Muller said.

The Muller family needs \$35,000 for the trip and the treatment, a burden for a family struggling on one income.

The Women's and Children's Hospital Foundation has launched an urgent appeal to help Isaiah and his mother get to England.

To donate, call 1800 008 483 or visit the hospital website: www.wchfoundation.org.au



HELP NEEDED: Two-year-old Isaiah with his desperate parents Craig and Olivia Muller.

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