



# Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians NY State Ophthalmological Society

## Virtual Scientific CME Regional Meeting June 2 & 9, 2022 - 5:00 - 9:30 pm

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## Program Agenda



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**THURSDAY, JUNE 2, 2022**

**VIRTUAL SESSION SCHEDULE**

**5:10 pm Welcome Remarks & Sponsor Introductions - Ed Lim, MD, Moderator**

**5:15 pm Special Guest Senator Saud Anwar - "Hope for the Future"**



**5:30 pm The Otherness of the Other: Elie Wiesel's Lessons on Respect and Constructive Dialogue – Ariel Burger, Author**

*Objectives: 1. To describe new perspectives on and tools for navigating difference; 2. To review tools for engaging in dialogue across ethnic, religious, and political diversity.*



**6:30 pm Glaucoma - MIGS and Beyond - Ike Ahmed, MD**

*Objectives: 1. To update ideal MIGS patient selection. 2. Discuss optimal techniques and visualization for MIGS. 3. Present new MIGS technologies for the future.*



**7:00 pm Demystifying Dry Eye – Deepinder K. Dhaliwal, MD, L.Ac**

*Objectives: 1. understand important history-taking for dry eye patients in order to effectively treat 2. Learn critical exam techniques for "dry eye" patients*

**7:30 PM PRODUCT THEATER -**

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**8:15 pm Complicated Cataract Surgery & IOL Exchange/Secondary IOLs – Zaina Al-Mohtaseb , MD and Cathleen M. McCabe, MD**

*Objectives: 1. How to learn placement of IOLs in patients with absence of capsular support 2. How to optimize the Yamane Technique 3. How to perform the Belt Loop buckle technique 4. How to perform cataract surgery in patients with corneal scars*

**8:45 PM PRODUCT THEATER -**

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**9:30 PM DOOR PRIZES**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022**

**VIRTUAL SESSION SCHEDULE**

**4:55 pm Welcome Remarks & Sponsor Introductions - Vincent deLuise, MD, Moderator**

**5:00 pm David Parke, Sr., MD Lifetime Achievement Lecture – Robert Ritch, MD**  
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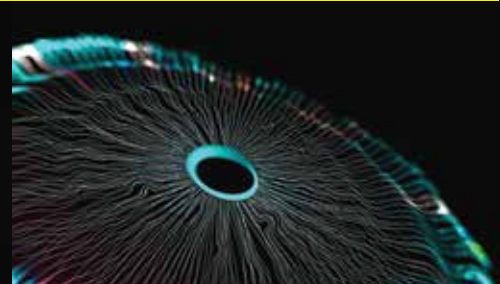
**5:05 pm Clear Lens Extraction for Angle Closure Glaucoma – Ike Ahmed, MD**  
*Objective: To describe methods for clear lens extraction for Angle Closure Glaucoma*



**5:30 pm Happiness U Curve – Thomas Oetting, MD**

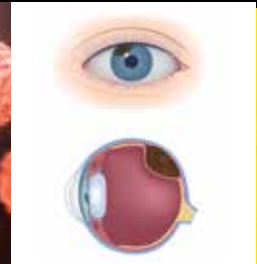
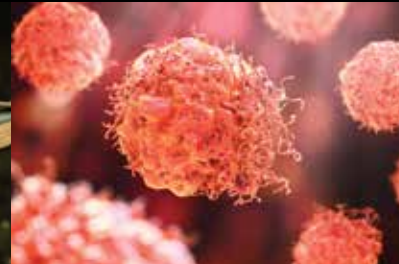
*Objectives: 1. Describe common pattern of happiness as populations age 2. List techniques to address work life balance*

**6:00 pm PRODUCT THEATER**



**6:15 pm Taming the Irreverent Iris: Cool Cases – Michael E. Snyder, MD**

*Objectives: 1) The physician learner should be able to recognize what iris problems are fixable and what iris problems require an iris prosthetic implant. 2) The physician learner should be able to adopt the techniques of iris cautery and sculpting and be familiar with techniques for iris suturing. 3) The physician learner should have an awareness of the uses and limitations of iris prostheses in managing significant iris deficiencies.*



**6:45 pm Co-Managing Choroidal Melanomas – Basil K. Williams, Jr., MD**

*Objectives: 1. Identify typical regression features of choroidal melanoma 2. Provide two reasons for vitreous hemorrhage in an eye with a previously treated melanoma 3. Describe signs of choroidal melanoma recurrence*

**7:15 pm PRODUCT THEATER**



**Special Guest Senator Saud Anwar** - Deputy President Pro Tempore

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State Senator Saud Anwar was first elected to the Senate in February 2019 to represent the residents of the 3rd State Senate District towns of East Hartford, East Windsor, Ellington and South Windsor.

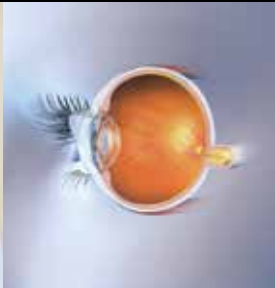
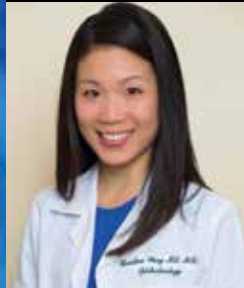
Saud was first elected to public office in 2011 as a member of South Windsor's Town Council. He has served two terms as South Windsor mayor, once from 2013 to 2015 and once from 2017 to 2019.

Saud is a medical doctor with specializations in treating lung diseases and critical care medicine, occupational and environmental medicine. He currently serves as Chair of the Department of Internal Medicine at Manchester Memorial and Rockville General Hospitals. Saud was trained in pulmonary and critical care medicine at, and holds a Master's Degree in Public Health from, Yale University.



**8:00 pm Update on Pediatric Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension – Gena Heidary, MD, PhD**

*Objectives: 1. To describe the epidemiology of pediatric idiopathic intracranial hypertension 2. To provide an update on the diagnostic evaluation of children with papilledema 3. To examine visual outcomes and tools for improved management of pediatric idiopathic intracranial hypertension*



**8:30 pm Vitreous Management for the Anterior Segment Surgeon: The Posterior Perspective – Christina Y. Weng, MD**

*Objectives: 1: Demonstrate understanding of how to best manage vitreous in common situations such as dislocated intraocular lens, posterior capsular rupture, and subluxated crystalline lens 2: Understand how to modify the various vitrectomy parameters for different surgical scenarios 3: Know the common points in surgery where vitreous-associated complications can occur and how to best prevent them*

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## Speaker Bios

### **IQBAL IKE K. AHMED, MD, FRCS (C)**

Professor, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Utah  
Director, Alan S. Crandall Center for Glaucoma Innovation, John A. Moran Eye Center  
Director, Glaucoma & Advanced Anterior Segment Surgery (GAASS) Fellowship, University of Toronto  
Research Director, Kensington Eye Institute, University of Toronto  
Division Head, Ophthalmology, Trillium Health Partners, Mississauga, ON  
Chief Innovation Officer, Prism Eye Institute  
Co-Medical Director, TLC Oakville

Dr. Ahmed is recognized as one of the world's most experienced eye surgeons, renowned for his skills and ground-breaking work in glaucoma surgery and the management of complex surgical complications. He practices and is board certified in ophthalmology in Canada and the USA and is an active member of numerous national and international societies.

Dr. Ahmed is recognized as being one of the most experienced complex eye surgeons in the world and has become renowned for his skills and ground-breaking work in the surgical treatment of highly complex eye diseases including glaucoma and surgical complications. Dr. Ahmed has received numerous awards including the prestigious Binkhorst medal at ASCRS.

In 2021, Dr. Ahmed took on a new initiative as Director of the new Alan S. Crandall Center for Glaucoma Innovation at the John A. Moran Eye Center and became a tenured Professor at the University of Utah, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences.

Dr. Ahmed has been Principal Investigator for numerous research studies and has served as medical monitor for many pivotal clinical trials. He has published over 170 peer-reviewed papers and has published books on Glaucoma Surgery, Intraocular Lens Surgery, and Advanced Anterior Segment Surgery. He has won five film festival awards, ten best papers of session, and a poster award at ASCRS, as well as an ESCRS first place video award and AAO "Best of Show" award. He has given over 1000 scientific presentations thus far in his career, including 40 visiting professor's lectures around the world. He is the Director of the Glaucoma and Advanced Anterior Segment Surgery (GAASS) fellowship at the University of Toronto, and Director of Research at the Kensington Eye Institute, University of Toronto. He has trained glaucoma specialists and cataract/anterior segment surgeons who are now practicing around the world. Dr. Ahmed has a large tertiary glaucoma/cataract practice at Prism Eye Institute ([www.prismeyeinstitute.com](http://www.prismeyeinstitute.com)) in the Greater Toronto Area, and primarily performs surgery at Trillium Health Partners, Mississauga, Ontario, the Kensington Eye Institute, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, and TLC Oakville. He also sees patients and operates at the John A. Moran Eye Center in Salt Lake City, Utah.

### **ZAINA AL-MOHTASEB, MD**

Dr. Al-Mohtaseb is an ophthalmologist specializing in cornea, external disease, cataract and refractive surgery. Dr. Al-Mohtaseb earned her medical degree with honors from Baylor College of Medicine. She completed her ophthalmology residency at the Cullen Eye Institute at Baylor College of Medicine and was elected Chief Resident. She finished her training at the University of Miami's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute with a fellowship in cornea/external disease, cataract & refractive surgery. She is currently an associate professor at BCM. She has authored more than 40 peer reviewed scientific publications and book chapters and is an active peer-reviewer. She has taken an active leadership role and presents at multiple national and international conferences and has become a key opinion leader in ophthalmology. She truly enjoys education and is currently the associate residency director at BCM and is the chair of the ASCRS Young Eye Surgeon committee. In her free time, she loves spending time with her husband Rami Farasin, daughter & son Aya & Zayd Farasin and her parents.

### **ARIEL BURGER**

Ariel Burger is the author of the Publisher's Lunch Club book, Indie Buzz Book selection, and National Jewish Book Award winner, Witness: Lessons from Elie Wiesel's Classroom (Houghton Mifflin Harcourt). He is the founding director and senior scholar of The Witness Institute, whose mission is to empower emerging leaders, inspired by the life and legacy of Elie Wiesel. He is an author, teacher, and artist whose work integrates spirituality, the arts, and strategies for social change. An Orthodox-trained rabbi, Ariel received his PhD in Jewish Studies and Conflict Resolution under Elie Wiesel. A lifelong student of Professor Wiesel, Ariel served as his Teaching Fellow from 2003-2008, after which he directed education initiatives at Combined Jewish Philanthropies of Greater Boston. As a Covenant Foundation grantee, Ariel develops cutting-edge arts and educational programming for adults, facilitates workshops for educators, consults to non-profits, and serves as scholar/artist-in-residence for institutions around the U.S. In 2019 Ariel was chosen as one of the Algemeiner's Top 100 people positively influencing Jewish life today. When Ariel's not learning or teaching, he is creating music, art, and poetry.

### **DEEPINDER K. DHALIWAL, MD, L.Ac**

Dr. Dhaliwal is a professor of ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, chief of Refractive Surgery and the director of the Cornea Service at the UPMC Eye Center. She is vice chair of the department of ophthalmology for wellness and communications. Dr. Dhaliwal also serves as the director of the UPMC Laser Vision Center, the associate medical director of the Campbell Ophthalmic Microbiology Laboratory and has recently been appointed as co-director of the Corneal Stem Cell Task Force at the University of Pittsburgh.

Dr. Dhaliwal earned her medical degree from Northwestern University in the Honors Program in Medical Education where she was selected to be a member of the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society. She completed her residency in ophthalmology at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center where she was selected as chief resident her final year. She then pursued fellowship training in cornea and refractive surgery at the University of Utah. She became a licensed acupuncturist in 2006 and founded the Center for Integrative Eye Care at the University of Pittsburgh to research integrative treatments for eye disease.

Dr. Dhaliwal holds leadership positions in the Cornea Society, the International Society of Refractive Surgery of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and the Eye and Contact Lens Association/CLAO. Dr. Dhaliwal is a recognized expert in her field and teaches corneal and refractive surgical techniques to other ophthalmologists globally. In addition to teaching and research activities, she has authored several book chapters, numerous journal articles, and serves on the editorial board of several ophthalmology journals. In recognition of her clinical and surgical skills, she has been selected as a "Top Doctor" by her peers every year since 2006.

### **GENA HEIDARY, MD, PhD**

Dr. Heidary is an Associate Professor in Ophthalmology at Harvard Medical School (HMS) and is the director of the Pediatric Neuro-ophthalmology service at Boston Children's Hospital. She is the Fellowship Director for Pediatric Ophthalmology Boston Children's. Dr. Heidary has served as the director for the Consortium of Pediatric Neuro-ophthalmologists a national and international organization dedicated to forwarding the field of pediatric neuro-ophthalmology through collaborative clinical and research endeavors.

Dr. Heidary received her MD, PhD in Neuroscience from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. She completed her ophthalmology residency at the Harvard Medical School Residency Program in Ophthalmology. She is dually fellowship trained having completed a fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus at Boston Children's Hospital and a second fellowship in Neuro-ophthalmology at Massachusetts Eye and Ear.

Dr. Heidary's clinical work focuses on pediatric neuro-ophthalmology and the management of pediatric and adult strabismus. Dr. Heidary's primary research interests focus on improving treatment and management of pediatric neuro-ophthalmic disease. Recent projects include a multicenter, prospective study on pediatric idiopathic intracranial hypertension, multicenter collaborations focused on biomarkers of disease progression in NF1-associated optic pathway gliomas, development of a non-invasive method to assess intracranial pressure, and the development of quantitative visual field assessment methods in infants and toddlers.

#### **CATHLEEN M. McCABE, MD**

Cathleen McCabe, MD serves as Chief Medical Officer at Eye Health America™. She is one of the foremost eye surgeons today, specializing in bladeless laser cataract surgery and LASIK at The Eye Associates in Sarasota, Florida. Dr. McCabe has performed over 50,000 cataract surgeries and more than 17,000 LASIK procedures. She has a keen interest in advancing the field of ophthalmology and has participated in numerous clinical trials, including innovations in intraocular lenses, perioperative medications, medications and devices to treat glaucoma, dry eye treatments and presbyopia correction.

Dr. McCabe continues to receive many prestigious and esteemed awards for her work in Ophthalmology, including being named a Castle Connolly Top Doctor – 2015 to 2021 for Ophthalmology. Castle Connolly also selected her for the first-ever Exceptional Women In Medicine Award for 2017 to 2020. She was named to the OSN Premier Surgeon 300 List, and the Premier Surgeon 250 List of Leading Innovators in Premium IOL Cataract Surgery. She was also chosen a LASERVISION Top 100 LASIK Surgeon, elected President of CEDARS/ASPEN-2017, has received the American Academy Achievement and Secretariat Awards, is the President of the Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Society, the chair of the Refractive Surgery Clinical Committee for the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS), serves on the governing board of ASCRS and serves on numerous editorial and subspecialty boards and committees. She has leadership positions in mentoring and international educational organizations, including YoungMDConnect, Global Education and Research Society in Ophthalmology, and serves as an advisor to many ophthalmology industry partners. She is passionate about giving back to her local community, profession and globally and participates in charitable giving and volunteer efforts both at home and abroad. She is a board member of several charitable foundations in ophthalmology, including One World Global Health/Sight for Life, OOSS Gives, and others. Dr. McCabe received her medical degree from the Medical College of Wisconsin and received her residency training at the prestigious Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami's School of Medicine. She continues to share her expertise by publishing articles and book chapters as well as lecturing at national and international ophthalmological seminars.

#### **THOMAS A. OETTING, MD**

Dr. Thomas Oetting is the Margaret and Rudy Perez Professor of Ophthalmology Education and the Residency Program Director at the University of Iowa. He also serves as Chief of Ophthalmology at the Iowa City VAMC.

Dr Oetting studied engineering as an undergraduate and graduate student at Duke University. He was in ROTC at Duke and went on to serve in the USAF on active duty and in the reserves developing avionics for tactical forces. He changed course, inspired by his pediatrician wife, and attended medical school at Duke. He did his ophthalmology residency at the University of Iowa. After a brief time in private practice, he joined the ophthalmology faculty at Iowa 25 years ago.

Dr. Oetting loves teaching cataract surgery. He has staffed over 20,000 resident cases, ranging from simple first cases to complex cases with experienced chief residents. He developed a structured program using simulation, videos, and partial cases to safely bring residents through the risky, early part of their surgical learning curve. His educational approach was influenced by his engineering and Air Force background. Dr Oetting has won several teaching awards including the recent ASCRS 2021 Educator Award, the Iowa Resident Teaching Award (5 times), the inaugural ASCRS education award, the Iowa Provost and President Teaching Award, the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)/Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology (AUPO) Straatsma Award, the AAO Achievement Award, AAO Senior Achievement Award, and four times won the AAO Secretariat award.

Dr Oetting has been active in the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) where he has served as chair of the ASCRS Cataract Skills Transfer Subcommittee, Cataract Committee, and on the Education Committee. He has been active at the AAO leading several committees including co-chair of the cataract Preferred Practice Pattern (PPP), co-chair AAO/AUPO residency committee, co-chair AAO/FDA Premium IOL endpoint, and chair AAO Continuing Medical Education task Force. He served as trustee at large on the AAO Board of Trustees. He served as president of the AUPO Program Directors Council. He has been active with Orbis international.

He helped found and now serves on the editorial board for <http://eyerounds.org> and <http://facebook.com/cataract.surgery>. He writes and gives lectures in the area of cataract surgery and medical education.

#### **MICHAEL E. SNYDER, MD**

Dr. Snyder specializes in diseases and surgery of the front of the eye, including small-incision, topical anesthesia cataract surgery. His special interests include traumatic cataract surgery, iris repair, corneal transplantation, and refractive surgery. Dr. Snyder has, with Dr. Robert Osher, pioneered artificial iris prosthesis use in the United States, aiding in the rehabilitation of acquired traumatic iris defects or congenital iris defects such as aniridia and ocular albinism. Dr. Snyder has developed extensive expertise with presbyopia-correcting intraocular implant lenses.

He completed both his undergraduate degree in Psychology and his Medical Degree from University of Michigan, followed by his Internship in Internal Medicine and General Surgery at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center of Denver, Colorado. Dr. Snyder served as Resident and Chief Resident in Ophthalmology at Krieger Eye Institute of Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. He then pursued subspecialty training in cataract, anterior segment & refractive surgery, corneal & external diseases, and ocular immunology at New England Eye Center and Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston. Following his Fellowship, Dr. Snyder cultivated a referral practice in cataract and corneal surgery in Albany, New York where he also taught Residents as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Albany Medical College. He joined the growing and internationally recognized Cincinnati Eye Institute in 1997.

At Cincinnati Eye Institute (CEI), Dr. Snyder continues to couple his clinical activities with an active interest in both teaching and research. Dr. Snyder is a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology, a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons. He is actively involved in teaching other ophthalmologist through these organizations and as a frequent "Guest Professor" nationally and internationally.

He continues to contribute to Ophthalmology textbooks and scientific journals as author, editor and reviewer. He serves on the Editorial Boards of *EyeWorld* and *Cataract & Refractive Surgery Today* magazines. Additionally, Dr. Snyder has produced several award-winning surgical videos.

Dr. Snyder is actively involved in developing new devices for intraocular implantation and new ophthalmic applications for pharmaceuticals including FDA studies. Dr. Snyder was the first in the US to implant an artificial iris custom-matched to the uninjured eye.

He serves on the medical staff of Bethesda North Hospital in Ohio and St. Luke's and St. Elizabeth's Hospitals in Northern Kentucky. Dr. Snyder teaches residents locally as a Volunteer Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at University of Cincinnati. His peers have repeatedly elected him to Best Doctors in America.

#### **CHRISTINA Y. WENG, MD, MBA**

Dr. Weng, is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and the Vitreoretinal Diseases & Surgery Fellowship Program Director at the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She has a faculty appointment at the Level 1 trauma center, Ben Taub General Hospital.

Dr. Weng graduated cum laude from Northwestern University and then went on to medical school at the University of Michigan where she was elected to

the Alpha Omega Alpha (AOA) Medical Society. While in Ann Arbor, she pursued an MBA degree from the University of Michigan-Ross School of Business and graduated with high distinction. Dr. Weng completed her ophthalmology residency at the Wilmer Eye Institute-Johns Hopkins University and surgical retina fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute-University of Miami.

Dr. Weng is involved with multiple clinical trials; these include the DRCR Retina Network diabetic retinopathy trials and the AGTC Phase 1/2 subretinal gene therapy study for achromatopsia. She also leads numerous research studies in her areas of interest: clinical/surgical outcomes, medical economics, healthcare quality metrics, and telemedicine. Dr. Weng serves on the Board of Directors of the American Society of Retina Specialists, American Society of Cataract & Refractive Surgery, and Women in Ophthalmology.

#### **BASIL K. WILLIAMS, JR., MD**

Dr. Williams is the Mary Knight Asbury Chair of Ocular Oncology and Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine in Cincinnati, OH. He practices pediatric ocular oncology at the Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center and both pediatric and adult vitreoretinal diseases and surgery at the Cincinnati Eye Institute. He completed his residency, vitreoretinal fellowship and chief resident position at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. He completed an Ocular Oncology fellowship at Wills Eye Hospital. His research interests pertain to health care disparities, adult and pediatric surface and intraocular tumors, and vitreoretinal surgical topics.

### **David Parke, Sr. MD Lifetime Achievement Lecture Recipient**



Dr. Robert Ritch holds the Shelley and Steven Einhorn Distinguished Chair in Ophthalmology and is Surgeon Director Emeritus and Chief of Glaucoma Services Emeritus at the New York Eye & Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai, New York City and Professor of Ophthalmology. He has devoted his career to broadening our understanding of the underlying etiologies and mechanisms of glaucoma and innovation in its medical, laser, and surgical treatment. When still a fellow in 1978, he performed the first laser iridotomy in New York and initiated the first course on laser treatment of glaucoma at the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He developed argon laser peripheral iridoplasty for the treatment of angle closure more complicated than pupillary block, which was instrumental in dealing with angle closure in East Asia and taught on the diagnosis and treatment of angle closure around the world. His other major interests throughout his career have been pigment dispersion syndrome, exfoliation syndrome, and normal-tension glaucoma, to which he has made seminal contributions. He is a world leader in exfoliation syndrome, which affects 80 million people, and has started a global consortium to work on preventing, reversing, and even curing this disease.

Dr. Ritch has co-authored or edited nine textbooks and over 2000 medical and scientific papers, book chapters, articles and abstracts. He has presented over 750 lectures worldwide, including 50 named lectures and has received over 60 national and international awards and medals.

Dr. Ritch has been President of the Ophthalmic Laser Surgical Society, the New York Glaucoma Society, the Section on Ophthalmology of the New York Academy

of Medicine, and the New York Society for Clinical Ophthalmology. He has served on numerous medical and scientific advisory, editorial, and organizational boards including the Helen Keller Foundation, the World Glaucoma Association, and the Board of Directors of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology. He was elected to the American Ophthalmological Society, Glaucoma Research Society and Academia Ophthalmologica Internationalis. His appointments include Adjunct Senior Principal Research Scientist at the Singapore Eye Research Institute.

Dr. Ritch received the Heed Ophthalmic Foundation Ophthalmologist of the Year award (1996), the Gold Medal of Merit and Honor (Greece), the Ophthalmology Times Achievement in Ophthalmology Award (1998), the Louis Rudin Award for research in ophthalmology (1999), and the Jesse H. Neal Award for Editorial Achievement (2000). In 2002, he was appointed to the Advisory Committee to the Board of Directors of the International Council of Ophthalmology and was elected Chairman of the Committee in 2009 and appointed to the Board of Directors of the International Council. He was elected to the Board of Trustees of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology and served as Vice-President in 2006-2007. His awards since 2006 include the Albion O. Bernstein, MD Award of the Medical Society of the State of New York for outstanding contributions to medicine, the American Academy of Ophthalmology Lifetime Achievement Honor Award, the Leadership in Education in Ophthalmology (LEO) Award, the Dean's Distinguished Research Award from the New York Medical College, The Glaucoma Foundation Award for Innovation and Excellence in Glaucoma, the TKC Liu Memorial Award for Leadership in Ophthalmology, the Ronald F. Lowe Gold Medal of the Australia-New Zealand Ophthalmology Society, the Dominick Purpura Distinguished Alumnus Annual Award from Albert Einstein College of Medicine, the ARVO Distinguished Service Award, ARVO Gold Fellowship, the HRH Prince Abdulaziz Al-Saud Prevention of Blindness Award, the Ahti Tarkkanen Medal (Finland), the Jose Rizal International Medal, the El-Maghraby International Achievement Award, the inaugural Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Society International Achievement Award, the World Glaucoma Association Recognition Award, the Moacyr Alvaro Gold Medal (Brazil) and the Joanne Angle ARVO Service Award (2017). He was Guest of Honor of the American Glaucoma Society (2013) the Asia-Pacific Glaucoma Congress (2014), the Italian Ophthalmological Society (2017), the Lifetime Achievement Award, Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology (2019), and the Bietti Medal of the international Council of Ophthalmology (2020)

In 1985, he founded the Glaucoma Foundation and has served as Secretary, Medical Director, and Chairman of the Scientific Advisory Board. In 1994, he initiated the annual Optic Nerve Rescue and Regeneration Think Tank, which has attracted numerous successful researchers from other fields into glaucoma research. He also co-founded the New York Glaucoma Research Institute, a not-for-profit foundation to sponsor clinical research in glaucoma, the alt.support.glaucoma Internet newsgroup, the New York Glaucoma Support and Education Group, and the World Glaucoma Patient Association. He was one of the three organizers of the first annual World Glaucoma Day in 2008. He was co-founder of the Ophthalmic Laser Surgical Society, the New York Glaucoma Society, and the Lindberg Society, an international organization dedicated to the eradication of exfoliation syndrome; the ARVO Host-a-Research Program, the ARVO U.S.-Russia Ophthalmology Task Force, the Von Graefe Society, an international organization dedicated to the study of risk factors for glaucoma other than intraocular pressure.

Dr. Ritch has trained over 160 clinical and research fellows, many of whom occupy academic positions worldwide. The international training program that he established at the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary has hosted over 120 International Council of Ophthalmology fellows and more than 150 observers from over 50 countries. He has worked and lectured extensively at the international level throughout his career and has organized many symposia and conferences both in the United States and abroad. He has been organizing chairman, coordinator, or convener for nearly 100 meetings and has served as Convener for the Asia-

Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology and the World Ophthalmology Congress several times. He has trained over 150 fellows, ICO fellows, and observers from Asia, helped to establish residency and teaching programs and has made fundamental contributions to the modernization of ophthalmology in Thailand, Malaysia, the Philippines, Laos, Myanmar and other countries in Asia, and in Latin America. There are Asian, Brazilian, Thai, and International Ritch Fellows Societies.

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Speaker – Anna Fakadej, MD



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Dr. Anna Fakadej received her bachelor of science/arts degree in chemistry and psychology from Duke University and her medical degree from West Virginia University School of Medicine, where she graduated with awards. She served her internship at the University of Rochester and completed her residency in ophthalmology at the University of Rochester.

Dr. Fakadej is actively involved in research for intraocular lens technology. She lectures both nationally and internationally regarding implant technology and refractive cataract surgery. She is an assistant professor at Campbell University's Jerry M. Wallace School of Osteopathic Medicine. She is involved in the community, contributing to local schools as a mentor and volunteers for the Pinecrest Forensics Team. In 2013 was recognized as a leadership donor by the Washington Duke Club Fellows.

Dr. Fakadej is a partner with Carolina Eye Associates, the President of the Eye Surgery Center of the Carolinas and the Medical Director for the Ophthalmic Medical Assistance Program for Sandhills Community College. Dr. Fakadej has assisted

the U.S. Army's Special Operations Command by volunteering as a visual expert. She has been a foster dog volunteer for K-2 Solutions, a program that trains service dogs for veterans with PTSD. She has served on the Board of MIRA USA and volunteers to foster puppies for this program which provides guide dogs for visually impaired youths. She serves as a Board Member for Friend to Friend, a nonprofit that advocates and provides services for sexually traumatized, domestic violence and human trafficking. She is the President for Compass Rising, a local non-profit providing crisis assistance to our community. Dr. Fakadej regularly participates with volunteer missions to Ethiopia and India, where she performs sight restoration cataract surgery on patients in under-developed areas. She recently completed the Physician CEO program at Northwestern Kellogg School of Business and received her MBA from Duke University Fuqua School of Business in 2018. She became a Registered Yoga Instructor in 2020. In her spare time, Dr. Fakadej enjoys yoga and hiking.



Speaker – Scott Walter, MD



### The First and Only Dual-Pathway-Inhibiting Therapy in AMD and DME

Scott D. Walter, M.D., M.Sc. joined Retina Consultants, P.C. in 2018 after completing a 2-year combined fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery and Medical Retina at the Duke University Eye Center, which is among the most highly regarded retina fellowship programs in the U.S. He is also the first Ocular Oncology specialist in central Connecticut, having completed a fellowship in Ocular Oncology in addition to his Ophthalmology residency at the world-renowned Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. Bascom Palmer has consistently been ranked the #1 Eye Hospital by U.S. News & World Report.

Dr. Walter earned his M.D. from the prestigious University of Pennsylvania Perelman School of Medicine, and graduated in the top 1% of his undergraduate class at Stanford University.

Dr. Walter has authored over 30 peer-reviewed publications and received more than 20 awards for his contributions to ophthalmology.

He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Retina Specialists, and a frequent presenter at national meetings. He is the Vice Chief of the Ophthalmology Service at Hartford Hospital and a Clinical Assistant Professor of Surgery at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine. He currently serves on Executive Committees for the American Society of Retina Specialists, Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians, and the Rocky Hill Surgery Center.



Speaker – Robert H. Osher, MD



Robert Osher, M.D. has limited his practice to referral cataract surgery for over 40 years since completing his residency and multiple fellowships at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and Wills Eye Hospital. He joined his father in private practice in 1980 and built the Cincinnati Eye Institute into one of the largest practices in the United States. As Medical Director, he recruited more than 50 fellowship trained ophthalmologists and merged CEI with the residency at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine where he continues to serve as Professor of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Osher introduced the Video Symposium as a new educational format in the early 1980's and about the same time founded the first Video Journal in Medicine for which he has served as the Editor for about 4 decades. The VJCRGS is donated quarterly as a free member benefit of nearly every cataract society in the world. The videos that he has produced have won more than 40 international awards at the ASCRS Film Festival and ESCRS Video Competition. Dr. Osher also founded Cataract Surgery Telling

It Like It Is!, one of the largest subspecialty meetings in ophthalmology. He has designed numerous instruments and devices for cataract surgery as well as developed many techniques for challenging cases and complication management. In addition to delivering more than 50 named lectures, he is the recipient of the Binkhorst Award and the Innovator's Award from ASCRS as well as the Kelman Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology.



Speaker – Caroline Baumal, MD



### Individualized Treatment in Wet AMD: A Patient Based Approach

Dr. Baumal is a Vitreoretinal Surgeon at New England Eye Center, Tufts University in Boston, MA. Her education and professional training was received at the Medical School at University of Toronto Medical School in Toronto, Canada, residency at University of Toronto in Toronto, Canada, fellowship in Vitreoretinal Diseases and Surgery and Intraocular Tumors, Wills Eye Hospital and Medical Retina & Laser Research, New England Eye Center.

Dr. Baumal's surgical interests include the management of complicated retinal detachment, proliferative vitreoretinopathy, diabetic retinopathy, retinopathy of prematurity, and ocular trauma. She has a special interest in macular degeneration, diabetes, uveitis, ocular manifestations of systemic disorders, ocular imaging, retinovascular diseases, and pediatric retinal disorders. She is an investigator in several multi-center studies evaluating new therapies for macular degeneration and edema. Dr. Baumal is a professor of ophthalmology and director of the Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) Service at New England Eye Center at Tufts

Medical Center in Boston. Dr. Baumal serves on the editorial boards of Retinal Cases & Brief Reports and Ophthalmic Surgery, Lasers and Imaging (OSLI) Retina. She has authored over 100 publications and 28 book chapters on retinal diseases, and recently edited the book, Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy. Dr. Baumal has received multiple awards from societies including the ASRS and the American Academy of Ophthalmology. She has been inducted into the Retina Hall of Fame and recently was awarded the Donald J. Gass Beacon of Sight Award from the Florida Ophthalmologic Society.



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