

A photograph of the International Space Station (ISS) in orbit above Earth. The station's complex structure, including multiple modules and large solar panel arrays, is clearly visible against the blackness of space. Below the station, the Earth's surface is shown, featuring a blue ocean, white clouds, and a thin layer of atmosphere. The perspective is from a high angle, looking down at the planet.

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LETTER FROM THE CHAIR



This academic year, the Stein Eye Institute and the Doheny Eye Institute marked the five-year anniversary of our historic affiliation. In addition to broadening patient care and aligning the strengths of two world-renowned institutions, the partnership is also taking the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology to new heights—literally.

As you'll read in our feature article, Alex Huang, MD, PhD, and Department colleagues are working with NASA to counteract spaceflight-associated neuro-ocular syndrome, a visual issue that is hindering efforts to send astronauts on long-duration space missions.

Closer to home, we welcomed six new faculty members to the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology. Three are researchers who will be advancing our knowledge of vision science and technology at the Doheny Eye Institute, and three are clinicians who will be providing patient care at the Stein Eye Institute, as well as training the next generation of ophthalmologists at Stein Eye and at UCLA-affiliated teaching hospitals.

Private funding is critical to our ability to advance science and medicine in order to preserve and restore vision. Our generous donors and friends recognize this need and provide support for our sight-saving endeavors.

I hope you enjoy reading this Annual Report and learning more about our activities from this year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bartly J. Mondino". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.

Bartly J. Mondino, MD

Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology
Director, Stein Eye Institute
Chairman, UCLA Department of Ophthalmology
Affiliation Chairman, Doheny Eye Institute



EXPLORING NEW FRONTIERS IN VISION CARE

NASA Collaboration Aims to Counteract
Potential Vision Complication in Long Spaceflights



BECAUSE OF THEIR PROLONGED EXPOSURE TO A WEIGHTLESS ENVIRONMENT, A SIGNIFICANT PROPORTION OF ASTRONAUTS WITH THE INTERNATIONAL SPACE STATION HAVE EXPERIENCED VISUAL COMPLICATIONS.

Photos courtesy of NASA

NASA astronaut Nick Hague floats inside Europe's Columbus laboratory module.

A UCLA Department of Ophthalmology faculty member is collaborating with NASA—the National Aeronautics and Space Administration—to develop a countermeasure to a vision-related problem that is currently hindering the effort to send astronauts on a mission to Mars, or on other extended journeys into space.

Because of their prolonged exposure to a weightless environment, a significant proportion of astronauts with the International Space Station have experienced visual complications. Many of these effects—including bleeding, folds in the back of the eye, and changes in the glasses prescription—are short-term and can be resolved when the astronauts return to Earth. But the most concerning change involves disc edema, or swelling in the nerves of the eye, a cornerstone of a condition referred to as spaceflight-associated neuro-ocular syndrome (SANS).

“A change in eyeglass prescription or a tiny bleed in the retina can be recovered, but a swollen disc can potentially lead to permanent damage,” explains **Alex Huang, MD, PhD**, Doheny Eye Center UCLA clinician and scientist. “This is one of the main reasons we don’t have long-haul spaceflight right now. We need to learn how to address this problem, either through a treatment or a countermeasure that prevents it.”

Dr. Huang is a glaucoma specialist whose research has focused on fluid flow in the eye. In collaboration with an industry partner, Heidelberg Engineering, he developed a device modification, called a FLEX, which situates necessary imaging equipment for real-time ocular fluid flow assessment in patients with and without glaucoma, in a variety of positions. That attracted the interest of NASA, which asked Dr. Huang to take the lead in developing and studying a countermeasure for SANS, which is believed to be caused by the redistribution of fluid to the head.

“If fluid is redistributing to the astronaut’s head in space, the best way to model that on Earth is to lay people with their feet up and head down—the so-called head-down tilt—but standard imaging equipment is designed for people sitting upright,” Dr. Huang says. “When the scientists at NASA realized that we not only have this equipment but are vision scientists at the Doheny Image Reading Center—a center

known for its strong imaging—they were very interested in collaborating.”

Although several SANS causes have been hypothesized, the headward fluid shift that occurs in the weightlessness environment is currently seen as the most likely culprit for the ocular-related changes during long-duration spaceflight. “On Earth, where there is gravity, fluid is always pulled to our feet,” Dr. Huang explains. “In the weightless environment of space, it’s been estimated that there is a two-liter shift of fluid to the head. Given that this headward shift is the leading hypothesis for the cause of the problems we see in the eyes of astronauts after long-duration flights, our focus in developing a countermeasure is to manipulate this fluid shift.”

The potentially mitigating countermeasure Dr. Huang’s team has studied involves the use of venoconstrictive thigh cuffs (VTCs). The Russian space agency developed a type of VTC called a braslet to keep fluid in the limbs, with some demonstrated success. But the braslet is limiting physically in that it requires tying the legs together tightly to compress the fluid and prevent it from shifting; moreover, it was not known how VTCs, including braslets, would affect headward fluid shift as it relates to ocular physiology.

Dr. Huang and his colleagues have investigated the ocular implications of using single-leg mobility-enabling thigh cuffs as a SANS countermeasure. “The idea is to pump up the cuff on the leg at a level that maintains the flow of blood but slows the movement of the fluid from the feet to the head to prevent the redistribution,” Dr. Huang says.

At the Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena, Dr. Huang’s team tested 40 healthy research subjects without known ocular disease for 10 minutes each under four conditions: sitting posture, supine posture (lying on one’s back), head-down tilt posture—meant to simulate the headward fluid shift that occurs in microgravity conditions—and head-down tilt posture with the thigh cuffs. In the study, intraocular pressure (IOP) increased significantly when subjects went from the sitting to the supine position, and further increased when they went from supine to head-down tilt position. Wearing the thigh cuffs during the head-down tilt posture resulted in a significantly lower

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ALEX HUANG, MD, PHD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
UCLA Department of Ophthalmology



Flight Engineer Christina Koch of NASA playfully demonstrates how fluids behave in the weightless environment of microgravity aboard the International Space Station.

IOP compared to not wearing the cuffs in that position, though it was higher than when in the seated position. Using the FLEX, the researchers found that subfoveal choroidal thickness—also known to elevate during the head-down tilt position—was significantly reduced when the research subjects were wearing the thigh cuffs.

“It’s important to note that we weren’t recreating SANS on Earth—no one was going to get a swollen nerve from lying on their back with their feet upright for 10–20 minutes,” Dr. Huang says. “But it is encouraging that in this acute model, where eye pressure and choroid thickness were indicators of fluid shift, the countermeasure seemed to reverse those changes.” The next step, Dr. Huang says, is to test the thigh cuffs over a much longer period of time, and ultimately to study them in space.

As part of a seven-year grant from NASA, Dr. Huang and his colleagues are investigating SANS countermeasures at the same time they are conducting studies to ensure that the hypothesis for the SANS cause is correct. Although

headward fluid shift is the leading hypothesis, other causes have been proposed, such as radiation from the sun and elevated carbon dioxide levels. “Typically, research first aims to understand what’s happening, and then to develop a treatment or countermeasure,” Dr. Huang says. “But in this case, there is such an urgency to address this issue that we are doing both at the same time. Whether our goal is going to Mars, which would be about an 18-month commitment, or pursuing a lunar station, we have to solve this problem. For any future manned missions beyond low Earth orbit, we need countermeasures to reverse or prevent SANS.”

The Doheny Eye Institute signed a historic partnership with UCLA in 2013—joining forces with the Stein Eye Institute and creating the nation’s largest academic affiliation. Forming the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology, the combined strengths of the two Institutes are expanding the care of patients and broadening efforts in vision science and technology.



Dr. Alex Huang (center, pink tie) and Dr. Srinivas Sadda, president and chief scientific officer of the Doheny Eye Institute (center, dark blue suit), are shown with Dr. Brandon Macias (immediate left of Dr. Huang)—one of the lead NASA scientists on the collaborative project—and his team.

A Year in Review

JULY 1, 2018–JUNE 30, 2019





Dr. Bradley Straatsma Honored as a Living Legend

Founding Chair of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology and Founding Director of the Stein Eye Institute, **Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD**, was celebrated as a “Living Legend in Ophthalmology” in the October 2018 issue of the *Indian Journal of Ophthalmology*.

The cover article highlights Dr. Straatsma’s academic achievements and contributions to the field. The issue also includes Dr. Straatsma’s guest editorial “Precision Medicine and Clinical Ophthalmology” and republication of the article “Mortality After Deferral of Treatment or No Treatment for Choroidal Melanoma” by Dr. Straatsma and co-authors for the Collaborative Ocular Melanoma Study Group, published in the July 2003 issue of the *American Journal of Ophthalmology*.

Drs. Anne Coleman and Lynn Gordon Setting the Agenda for Ophthalmology

Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, and **Lynn K. Gordon, MD, PhD**, have been announced as leading officers for the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)—Dr. Coleman as president-elect of the AAO and Dr. Gordon as chair of the AAO Council.

“It is a wonderful opportunity to serve our patients, society, and profession by promoting our mission of preserving sight, especially in the auspicious year 2020,” says Dr. Coleman, The Fran and Ray Stark Foundation Chair in Ophthalmology, of being nominated president-elect of the AAO in 2019 and president in 2020.

“The Academy and the Council are in the best position to protect our patients and ensure that their care represents the greatest in skill, utmost compassion, and visionary innovations,” says Dr. Gordon, Vernon O. Underwood Family Chair in Ophthalmology.

“Having these influential positions held by faculty from one department is a distinction of the highest order,” says Chair **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**. “I am proud the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology is represented by the leadership advanced by Drs. Coleman and Gordon.”



Dr. Anne Coleman, AAO President-Elect



Dr. Lynn Gordon, Chair of the AAO Council

Creating Policies to Benefit Ophthalmology’s Future

JoAnn A. Giaconi, MD, and **Stacy L. Pineles, MD**, have been appointed to leadership positions with the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology (AUPO), an organization dedicated to ensuring the best possible vision for the public. Dr. Giaconi, health sciences associate clinical professor of ophthalmology, is president of the AUPO Medical Student Educators Council, and Dr. Pineles, Jerome and Joan Snyder Chair in Ophthalmology, is member-at-large of the AUPO Program Directors Council.

Drs. Giaconi and Pineles follow in the footsteps of Stein Eye Director **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**, who served as executive vice president of the AUPO for 10 years and was honored for taking the organization to a new level of performance and relevance.

Awards and Honors

American Academy of Ophthalmology Awards

UCLA Department of Ophthalmology faculty and alumni were honored for their contributions to the profession at the October 27–30, 2018, American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) annual meeting in Chicago, Illinois.

LIFE ACHIEVEMENT HONOR AWARD

Tamara R. Fountain, MD

Gary N. Holland, MD

SENIOR ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Craig H. Kliger, MD

Lawrence S. Morse, MD, PhD

Peter A. Quiros, MD

Kenneth David Steinsapir, MD

ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

Olivia L. Lee, MD

Eric H. Souied, MD, PhD

Federico G. Valez, MD

SECRETARIAT AWARD

Anthony J. Aldave, MD

Joseph Caprioli, MD

Roy S. Chuck, MD, PhD

Gary N. Holland, MD

Don O. Kikkawa, MD

Ralph D. Levinson, MD

Stephen D. McLeod, MD

Steven Nusinowitz, PhD

Faculty Honors

Anthony C. Arnold, MD, Mary Oakley Foundation Chair in Neurodegenerative Diseases, was chair of the 2018 Sally Letson Symposium in Neuro-Ophthalmology in Ottawa, Canada, and presented the symposium's keynote address, the A. Gardner Watson Lecture, on September 14, 2018.

Ava K. Bittner, OD, PhD, associate professor of ophthalmology, was appointed as the Smotrich Family Optometric Clinician-Scientist Chair on February 4, 2019. Dr. Bittner also received the 2019 Clinical Research Award for \$100,000 from the American Academy of Optometry to conduct a multicenter, randomized controlled trial of tele-rehabilitation for low vision.

Nicholas C. Brecha, PhD, Distinguished Professor of Neurobiology, Ophthalmology, and Medicine, received the Boycott Prize in recognition of career achievement in retinal neurobiology at the Federation of American Societies of Experimental Biology (FASEB) meeting on Retinal Neurobiology and Visual Processing on June 28, 2018, in Olean, New York.

Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, The Fran and Ray Stark Foundation Chair in Ophthalmology, was named an Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Gold Fellow. The distinction honors Dr. Coleman's exemplary contributions to the organization and was received on April 28, 2019, in Vancouver, Canada.

Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD, professor of ophthalmology, received an Achievement Award from Asian-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology at their March 8, 2019, annual meeting in Bangkok, Thailand.

Brian A. Francis, MD, MS, health sciences clinical professor, gave The Moses Carl Wilensky Lecture at the 54th Annual C.S. O'Brien Professor and 41st Annual Tulane Eye Alumni Day meeting on June 8, 2019, at Tulane University in New Orleans, Louisiana.

Gary N. Holland, MD, Jack H. Skirball Chair in Ocular Inflammatory Diseases, presented the 35th G. Richard O'Connor Lecture "Ocular Toxoplasmosis: 35 Years of Discovery (1984–2019)" at the annual meeting of the H. Bruce Ostler Association of Proctor Fellows on June 15, 2019, in San Francisco, California.

Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD, associate professor of ophthalmology, was awarded a \$2.5 million R01 grant from the National Eye Institute of the United States National Institutes of Health effective February 1, 2019, for his project "Vitreoretinal Surgery via Robotic Microsurgical System with Image Guidance, Force Feedback, Virtual Fixture, and Augmented Reality."

Michael S. Ip, MD, professor of ophthalmology, was appointed as the Gavin S. Herbert Endowed Chair, on March 22, 2019.

Ralph D. Levinson, MD, health sciences clinical professor of ophthalmology, was honored with the S. Rodman Irvine Prize at the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Clinical and Research Seminar on June 7, 2019, in Los Angeles, California. The award recognizes demonstrated excellence in professional actions and exemplary dedication to teaching future generations of ophthalmologists.

Tara A. McCannel, MD, PhD, director of the Ophthalmic Oncology Center and health sciences associate clinical professor of ophthalmology, was the keynote speaker for the Canadian Ophthalmological Society Annual Meeting and Exhibition on June 16, 2019, in Quebec, Canada.

Bartly J. Mondino, MD, Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology, and chair of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology, presented the keynote Steven M. Podos, MD, Lecture “Ocular Cicatricial Pemphigoid” at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai on May 30, 2019, in New York, New York.

Kouros Nouri-Mahdavi, MD, MS, associate professor of ophthalmology, and his co-principal investigators, received a 2019 UCLA Innovation Fund Award of \$200,000 for their development of chip-scale MHz optical coherence tomography.

Stacy L. Pineles, MD, Jerome and Joan Snyder Chair in Ophthalmology, received the University of California OptumLabs Research Credit Award from the UC Regents in June 2018.

Dr. Pineles was further honored with the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus (AAPOS) Young Investigator Award at the AAPOS meeting on March 29, 2019, in San Diego, California.

Srinivas R. Sadda, MD, president and chief scientific officer of the Doheny Eye Institute, presented the keynote address “How Will Ocular Imaging Evolve in the Next 20 Years” at the inaugural Asia-Pacific Ocular Imaging Society symposium on March 7, 2019, in Bangkok, Thailand.

David Sarraf, MD, health sciences clinical professor of ophthalmology, presented the keynote lecture “RAP: Advanced Retinal Imaging of Type 3 NV” at the 6th International OCT Angiography and Advances in OCT Congress on December 14, 2018, in Rome, Italy.

Dr. Sarraf also presented both the keynote lecture “PAMM, OHMM and the Ischemic Cascade: Understanding the Organization of the Retinal Capillary Plexus” and the EVRS award lecture “OCT Angiography: Navigating the Traps and Pitfalls of Image Interpretation” at the European VitreoRetinal Society annual meeting on June 28, 2019, in Lisbon, Portugal.

Steven D. Schwartz, MD, The Ahmanson Chair in Ophthalmology, presented the APEC 100 Year Anniversary Lecture “The Truth About Stem Cells” at the APEC Hospital Centennial on August 9, 2018, in Mexico City, Mexico.

Dr. Schwartz also presented the FloRetina Lecture “Stem Cell Therapy for Maculopathies” on June 7, 2019, in Florence, Italy.

Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD, founding chair of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology and founding director of the Stein Eye Institute, was the recipient of the 2018 Albert Nelson Marquis Lifetime Achievement Award from Marquis Who’s Who, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.

Dr. Straatsma was also elected as an honorary member of the International Society of Ocular Oncology during the society’s meeting March 22–26, 2019, in Los Angeles, California.

David S. Williams, PhD, professor of ophthalmology and neurobiology, received the Foundation Fighting Blindness Visionary Award on November 17, 2018, in Los Angeles, California.

Dr. Williams was also identified as the top-rated expert in deaf-blind disorders in the world by Expertscape, a website dedicated to objective rankings of medical expertise. The June 2019 ranking is based on 606 articles published since 2009.

New Faculty Appointments

The UCLA Department of Ophthalmology is pleased to welcome three researchers who will be advancing our knowledge of vision science and technology at the Doheny Eye Institute:

- ▶ **Steven A. Barnes, PhD**, Professor of Ophthalmology
- ▶ **Ram Kannan, PhD**, Adjunct Professor of Ophthalmology
- ▶ **Yuhua Zhang, PhD**, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

The Department also welcomes three clinician-researchers who will be providing patient care at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute and/or related teaching hospitals:

- ▶ **Ava K. Bittner, OD, PhD**, Smotrich Optometric Clinician-Scientist Chair, Associate Professor of Ophthalmology
- ▶ **Soh Youn Suh, MD**, Health Sciences Clinical Instructor
- ▶ **Soheab Ugradar, MD**, Health Sciences Clinical Instructor



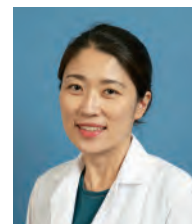
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Soheab Ugradar, MD

Milestones

Stein and Doheny Celebrate Five-Year Anniversary

It was a first of its kind—and this year, the historic affiliation between the Stein Eye Institute and the Doheny Eye Institute marked its five-year anniversary.

The affiliation aligned each Institute's strengths under the banner of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology and achieved immediate benefits for patients, with the opening of Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations across the Southland.

Unstoppable in their combined abilities, the work of Doheny and Stein Eye vision scientists and basic researchers is already leading to impactful discoveries and development of innovative eye care therapies.



Dr. Bartly Mondino (left) and Dr. Bradley Straatsma (right) honor the achievements of their colleagues, Drs. Ralph Levinson (center left) and Sherwin Isenberg (center right).

Reception Honors Drs. Sherwin Isenberg and Ralph Levinson

Celebrating more than 60 combined years as UCLA Department of Ophthalmology faculty, **Sherwin J. Isenberg, MD**, and **Ralph D. Levinson, MD**, were honored at a retirement reception at the Stein Eye Institute on May 8, 2019.

Preventing neonatal and childhood blindness has been a mission of Dr. Isenberg's for decades. The Laraine and David Gerber Chair in Ophthalmology and Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology has developed methods to prevent pediatric vision loss from debilitating eye infections that impact more than 10,000 children a year in low-resource countries.

Dr. Levinson, health sciences clinical professor of ophthalmology, has investigated the clinical aspects of uveitis and the immunogenetics of ocular inflammation. His research has resulted in identification of new genetic markers and deeper understanding of the interrelationship of disease factors, as well as the course of disease and its response to treatment.

Devoted clinicians, researchers, teachers, and mentors, Drs. Isenberg and Levinson have left an indelible mark on the Institute's history and its future.

IN MEMORIAM

Patricia E. Bath, MD

Dr. Patricia Bath, the first female faculty member in the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology, died May 30, 2019, following complications from cancer. She was 76.

Dr. Bath held a faculty appointment from 1974 to 1987, and she was chief of the Ophthalmology Division of what is now the Charles R. Drew University of Medicine and Science. She was director of the school's ophthalmology residency training program.

Dr. Bath is credited with inventing the Laserphaco probe, a device she patented in 1988 to improve cataract surgery. She also co-founded the non-profit American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness. The National Institute of Medicine recognized Dr. Bath's contributions in their biography, *Changing the Face of Medicine*.



Education

Resident and Fellow Graduation and Award Ceremony

Residents, fellows, and faculty were honored for excellence at the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology graduation on June 7, 2019:

Senior Honor Awards

Betsy E. Blechman, MD
Bryant J. Lum, MD
Laurence N. Roer, MD

Resident Research Award

Victoria L. Tseng, MD, PhD

Clinical Fellow Research Award

Wei "Wayne" Gui, MD

Research Fellow Research Award

Wenlin Zhang, MD, PhD

Predoctoral Fellow Research Award

Joseph Park, MS

Postdoctoral Fellow Research Award

Michel Sun, MD, PhD

ARVO Young Investigator Travel Award

Qing Wang, MD, PhD

Resident Weekly Quiz Award

Cameron Pole, MD

Faculty Teaching Award

Peter A. Quiros, MD

Fellowship Faculty Teaching Award

Saba Al-Hashimi, MD

Fellow Teaching Award

Justin Karlin, MD

Resident Teaching Award

Kirk K. Hou, MD, PhD

Resident Award for Medical Student Teaching

Judd Cahoon, MD
Elisha C. Garg, MD



Members of the 2019 Graduating Class

24th Vision-Science Conference

The Vision-Science Conference, jointly sponsored by the UCLA Stein Eye Institute and the National Eye Institute Vision Science Training Grant, celebrated its twenty-fourth year October 12–14, 2018, at the UCLA Lake Arrowhead Conference Center.

Eighty attendees participated in discussions and educational activities. **Marie Burns, PhD**, professor of ophthalmology and vision science, professor of cell biology and human anatomy at the Center for Neuroscience, University of California, Davis, presented the keynote address.

Awards were also presented for best oral presentations and best posters:

Best Oral Presentations

Ala Morshedian, PhD
Adrian Au, PhD
Anna Matynia, PhD

Best Posters

Alejandra Young, PhD
Rikard Frederiksen, PhD
Nermin Kady, PhD



Attendees at the 2018 Vision-Science Conference in Lake Arrowhead

Aesthetic Eyelid and Facial Rejuvenation Course

Practicing ophthalmologists and surgical specialists from across the world attended the two-day Aesthetic Eyelid and Facial Rejuvenation Course at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute July 20–21, 2018.

A dissection workshop on the first day provided participants with hands-on experience performing eyelid and facial procedures that utilized the most advanced techniques. A symposium on the second day covered a wide range of aesthetic surgery topics and included live demonstrations. Also presented was the Robert Axelrod, MD, Memorial Lecture by **George C. Charonis, MD, PhD**, director, Department of Orbital Surgery, Athens Vision Eye Institute, Athens, Greece.

Robert Alan Goldberg, MD, chief of the Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Division, was the program chair. Course directors were **Drs. Daniel Rootman, Norman Shorr, and Jonathan Hoenig**.



From left to right: Drs. Raymond Douglas, Daniel Rootman, Robert Goldberg, George Charonis, Norman Shorr, and Steven Leibowitz at the Aesthetic Eyelid and Facial Rejuvenation Course.



Training in Basic and Advanced Cataract Surgery

Kevin M. Miller, MD, chief of the Cataract and Refractive Surgery Division, organized two cataract surgery courses for Southern California ophthalmology trainees, which included instruction by many members of the UCLA faculty.

The Alcon Laboratories Basic Cataract Surgery Course on November 17, 2018, included all steps of cataract surgery from incision construction through postoperative instructions. Skills-transfer laboratories provided attendees with hands-on experience in phacoemulsification, phacodynamics, ocular biometry, corneal topography, intraocular lens power calculation, capsulorrhexis, ophthalmic viscosurgical devices, lens loading, toric lens implantation, and laser capsulotomy.

The Johnson & Johnson Vision Advanced Cataract Surgery course on June 1, 2019, provided instruction in anterior and pars plana vitrectomy, femtosecond laser-assisted astigmatism management, toric lens implantation, phaco machine settings, B scan ultrasonography, secondary lens implantation, glaucoma micro-stent implantation, small pupil management, Meibomian gland imaging, and extracapsular cataract extraction. Also included was a challenging cases video workshop.

Students learn each step of cataract surgery through hands-on courses.

UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Clinical and Research Seminar

The Institute's most prestigious educational event, the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Clinical and Research Seminar, was held June 7–8, 2019, at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute.

The seminar covered current clinical and research aspects of each of the ophthalmic subspecialties, and included the full-time faculties of the Stein Eye and Doheny Eye Institutes, along with nationally prominent speakers who presented the following keynote lectures:

50th JULES STEIN LECTURE

David J. Wilson, MD
Paul H. Casey Chair
Department of Ophthalmology
Director, Casey Eye Institute
Oregon Health & Science University

50th DOHENY MEMORIAL LECTURE

Paul P. Lee, MD, JD
F. Bruce Fralick Professor & Chair
Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences
University of Michigan
Director, W.K. Kellogg Eye Center

17th BRADLEY R. STRAATSMA LECTURE

Jeffrey L. Goldberg, MD, PhD
Professor & Chair of Ophthalmology
Byers Eye Institute at Stanford University

17th THOMAS H. PETTIT LECTURE

Yvonne Ou, MD
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology
Vice Chair for Postgraduate Education
Co-Director, Glaucoma Service
Department of Ophthalmology
University of California, San Francisco

Glaucoma Division Joint Retreat

Stein and Doheny glaucoma faculty shared their clinical and basic-science research projects with their colleagues and identified opportunities for collaboration at a Glaucoma Division retreat on February 15, 2019, at the UCLA Faculty Center.

Joint platforms, like this retreat, combine the strengths of each organization—leading to novel research, discovery, and vision-protecting therapies.

Annual Comprehensive Ophthalmology Review Course

The Comprehensive Ophthalmology Review Course on February 21–14, 2019, at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute, reviewed the clinical essentials of each subspecialty in ophthalmology. The course was clinically oriented, with review concentrating on the epidemiology, clinical presentation, diagnosis, and management of ophthalmologic disease to prepare attendees for upcoming ophthalmology examinations and required continuing medical education recertification.

Directed by **Drs. John A. Irvine** and **Sherwin J. Isenberg**, the four-day intensive review course is held annually by the UCLA Stein Eye and Doheny Eye Institutes. UCLA course faculty contributing to the 2019 program were **Drs. Saba Al-Hashimi, Bruce B. Becker, Benjamin B. Bert, Hugo Y. Hsu, Michael S. Ip, Monica R. Khitri, Olivia L. Lee, Colin A. McCannel, Tara A. McCannel, Kevin M. Miller, Daniel B. Rootman, Srinivas R. Sadda, David Sarraf, James C. H. Tan, and Federico G. Velez.**

Charting a Path Toward Better Measures for New Uveitis Treatments

At the March 22–23, 2019, UCLA/American Uveitis Society workshop, approximately 100 participants from 14 countries created a foundation for optimizing the emergence of optical coherence tomography, other imaging techniques, and artificial intelligence to obtain more precise measurements of the inflammation that characterizes uveitis.

Participants agreed that use of more objective measures of inflammation is a goal to pursue, and that working groups should move forward with the ideas that came out of the meeting. Organizers were **Gary N. Holland, MD**, Jack H. Skirball Chair in Ocular Inflammatory Diseases, and director of the Institute's Ocular Inflammatory Disease Center, **SriniVas R. Sadda, MD**, president and chief scientific officer of the Doheny Eye Institute and a leading authority on imaging research, and **Russell N. Van Gelder, MD, PhD**, trustee of the American Uveitis Society. The event was co-sponsored by the UCLA Stein Eye Institute, the Doheny Eye Institute, and the American Uveitis Society.

Inherited Retinal Dystrophies: A Comprehensive Summit

The UCLA Department of Ophthalmology collaborated with the Scientific Office of the Embassy of France in the USA and the Institut de la Vision in Paris, France, and organized a Comprehensive Summit on Inherited Retinal Dystrophies (IRDs) at the Stein Eye Institute on May 6, 2019.

Vision scientists from the Stein Eye and Doheny Eye Institutes participated in sessions with researchers from France and the USA, and start-up companies from both countries.

The one-of-a-kind meeting presented a comprehensive approach to IRDs, from their epidemiology to innovative treatments, with the goal of increasing collaboration and facilitating the translation of basic research into application.

Pacific Retina Club

The Pacific Retina Club presented its 7th annual meeting on March 15, 2019, at the California NanoSystems Institute at UCLA. Participants presented their most interesting case of the year, which was then followed by lively and insightful group discussion. Course directors were **Drs. H. Richard McDonald, SriniVas R. Sadda, and David Sarraf**.

International Retinal Imaging Symposium

The International Retinal Imaging Symposium (IntRIS) was held on March 16, 2019, at the California NanoSystems Institute at UCLA. More than 55 world-renowned experts discussed new technologies and applications of retinal imaging, providing insight and understanding in retinal imaging and showcasing the integral importance of innovative retinal imaging in the evaluation and management of retinal disease. Course directors were **Drs. K. Bailey Freund, SriniVas R. Sadda, and David Sarraf**.

Gaining Subspecialty Knowledge

Study group meetings were held throughout the academic year and are an integral part of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology residency and clinical fellowship training programs. The study groups also serve as an informal resource for practicing ophthalmologists in the community.

Conference topics include: cornea, glaucoma, neuro-ophthalmology, ophthalmic pathology, pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus, pediatric rheumatology and uveitis, and retinal imaging.



Community Outreach

Access to a Cure is Access to Care

The Stein Eye Institute's UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic (UMEC) program, directed by Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, served 9,675 children and adults this year, diagnosed 1,403 ocular abnormalities, and made 410 trips throughout Los Angeles County to bring access to eye care for those who need it the most. In addition, the new partnership with UCLA Health and the LA Dodgers resulted in UMEC providing free eye health screenings for patrons at seven LA Dodgers RBI community events and home games this season. Other Stein Eye Institute's community outreach activities included the following:

Adult Vision Program

Through the Adult Vision Program, 705 free eye exams were given to individuals lacking access to adequate vision care due to reasons such as cost, transportation, and insurance.

The program provided 104 adult community-outreach events at homeless shelters, libraries, federally qualified health centers, and other nonprofits in the Los Angeles County area.



This year UMEC added a second bus to its fleet. The 40-foot-long bus runs on environmentally friendly natural gas and contains one pre-examination room, two examination rooms, a computer-networking infrastructure, and a security camera system.

Care Harbor 2018

Continuing its annual tradition, UMEC participated in Care Harbor Los Angeles, October 13–15, 2018, where thousands of the community's most vulnerable patients received free medical, dental, vision, and preventive care conservatively valued at \$2,110,000.

At the three-day event, 14 ophthalmologists and over 20 nurses, technicians, and support staff volunteered their time and evaluated 196 patients. Comprehensive dilated exams were given to patients at risk for eye disease, which would include a history of diabetes or hypertension, a family history of glaucoma, or decreased vision not corrected with eyeglasses, and 99 patients were referred to community eye specialists for further evaluation and treatment, which is often given free of charge.



UCLA MOBILE EYE CLINIC
Attended 19 HEALTH FAIRS
served 907 PATIENTS
and gave 223 REFERRALS TO INDIVIDUALS WHO NEEDED FOLLOW-UP CARE

UCLA Undergraduate Student Clubs

Dr. Coleman is also the faculty advisor for the UCLA undergraduate club, Bruin Vision Project (BVP). Since 2008, BVP has been dedicated to providing access to eye care for uninsured communities and vulnerable populations in Los Angeles. As one of the only organizations at UCLA that focuses on providing vision care services for the underserved, BVP works in partnership with the UCLA Stein Eye Institute and UMEC to provide vision-screening services and additional resources at health fairs across Los Angeles County.

We are also proud to announce the new UMEC Student Leadership Club (UMEC SLC) founded by UMEC undergraduate volunteers in fall 2018 to assist UMEC with providing free vision care to underserved Angelinos. The club aims to shape members into future leaders through clinical exposure and professional development. In less than a year of existence, the club won the prestigious UCLA Mongelli Award for Excellence in Civic Engagement and over \$2,700 in UCLA grants to fund clinical supplies and much needed transportation of volunteers to UMEC clinics. Volunteers are now able to participate in more clinics across Los Angeles County—from Pomona to Palmdale—so they can assist with set-up, check-ins, and patient flow. Through their work with UMEC, the UMEC SLC has had a significant impact on the community. To learn more about UMEC SLC, go to <https://uclahs.fyi/SLC>

Learn More at the UMEC Website

Privately funded, UMEC has been providing free eye care services and glasses for underserved communities in Los Angeles County for over 40 years and has been honored for exemplary leadership in shaping the future of health care.

Find more information and/or how to get involved by volunteering or donating at: www.uclahealth.org/umec.



UCLA HEALTH GOES DODGER BLUE!

As part of the new partnership between UCLA Health and the Los Angeles Dodgers, the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic provides vision care at home games. (L to R): UCLA leadership Dr. John Mazziotta, Dr. Robert Cherry, and Johnese Spisso (far right) with Dodgers' Manager, Dave Roberts.

PRESCHOOL VISION PROGRAM

The UCLA Preschool Vision Program offers no-cost services for underserved preschoolers in the Los Angeles area.

This year the program provided:

7,305
VISION SCREENINGS

774
FULLY DILATED EYE EXAMS

782
PAIRS OF GLASSES

and provided

129
REFERRALS TO PARTNER SPECIALISTS
FOR PRESCHOOL STUDENTS NEEDING
SPECIALIZED MEDICAL OR SURGICAL TREATMENTS

Alumni News



Dr. David Aizuss President of the California Medical Association

David H. Aizuss, MD, UCLA Department of Ophthalmology resident and fellow alumnus (1981–1985) and assistant clinical professor of ophthalmology, was installed as the 151st president of the California Medical Association (CMA) during the organization’s annual House of Delegates (HOD) meeting on October 13, 2018, in Sacramento, California.

Dr. Aizuss is the first ophthalmologist-only president of the CMA in more than 50 years. He has been a CMA and Los Angeles County Medical Association (LACMA) member for 37 years. He has been a member of the CMA Board of Trustees since 2010—serving as vice-chair and chair of the board before being named president-elect at the 2017 HOD. Dr. Aizuss has also represented the physicians of California as a delegate to the American Medical Association (AMA), and he is currently serving on the AMA Council on Legislation. Dr. Aizuss is a former president of LACMA and the California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. He is a partner at Ophthalmology Associates of the Valley.

Drs. Bateman and Straatsma Honored for Global Leadership

J. Bronwyn Bateman, MD, UCLA Department of Ophthalmology clinical professor and alumna, and Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD, founding chair of the Department and founding director of the Stein Eye Institute, were jointly honored with the A. Edward Maumenee Medal for Distinguished Service at the 34th Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO) Congress on May 25, 2019, in Cancún, Mexico.

Both Drs. Bateman and Straatsma have served as president of the PAAO, and the award honors their exemplary service for continuing education for ophthalmologists, the prevention of blindness, and the promotion of scientific and cultural exchange among ophthalmologists in the Western Hemisphere.

Valentina Franco-Cardenas, MD, has been named to the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology (PAAO) 2019–2021 Executive Committee, where she will serve as Associate Secretary, Spanish Language Region. Dr. Cardenas was an international research and clinical fellow in retina at the Stein Eye Institute in 2010–2011. She is currently in private practice and associated with top medical institutions in Mexico City, Mexico.



Stein and Doheny Host Joint Alumni Reception

Alumni from the Stein and Doheny Eye Institutes gathered at the Westin Chicago River North in Chicago, Illinois, on October 28, 2018, for a fun evening reconnecting with friends, colleagues, and mentors.

The joint reception—held annually during the American Academy of Ophthalmology meeting—was hosted by the UCLA Stein Eye Institute Alumni Association and the Doheny Eye Institute Professional Alumni Association. Find photos and information at: www.facebook.com/JSEIAlumni.



Dr. J. Fernando Arevalo (left), president of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology, presents the A. Edward Maumenee Medal for Distinguished Service to co-recipients Dr. J. Bronwyn Bateman and Dr. Bradley Straatsma at the PAAO Congress in Cancún, Mexico.



Dr. Bartly Mondino (center), chair of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology and director of the Stein Eye Institute, with Ms. Marissa Goldberg, executive director and chief financial officer of the Doheny Eye Institute, and Dr. Srinivas Sadda, president and chief scientific officer of the Doheny Eye Institute.



Dr. Bartly Mondino (center) visits with Department faculty members Dr. Sophie Deng (left) and Dr. Anne Coleman (right).



Drs. Federico Badalà, JoAnn Giaconi, Alessandro Rabiolo, and Joseph Caprioli reconnect at the alumni event.



(L to R): Drs. Julian Perry, Tina Rutar, and Catherine Hwang join Dr. Bradley Straatsma, founding chair of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology and founding director of the Stein Eye Institute.



Enjoying the reception are (L to R) Drs. Simon Law, Frank La Rosa, Mark Kramar, Annette Giangiacomo, Joseph Caprioli, and Lucy Shen.



(L to R): Drs. Robert Goldberg, Bartly Mondino, Sophie Deng, and Tara McCannel welcome alumnus resident Dr. Shawn Lin (center).

Jules and Doris Stein UCLA Support Group

Volunteer Committee Shares the Gift of Sight

The Jules and Doris Stein UCLA Support Group Volunteer Committee, the volunteer arm of the Stein Eye Institute established in 1990, accomplished impressive community outreach results this fiscal year—results that would not have been possible without the commitment of generous members and donors and the dedication of over 126 volunteers.

The Vision IN-School (VIS) education program is offered free of charge to fourth- through seventh-grade public school students in Los Angeles. Students are taught about the anatomy of the eye, eye safety, and injury prevention. The highlight of each in-class presentation is a hands-on dissection of a bovine eye. Thirty-three VIS volunteers visited 34 classrooms this past year, presenting the curriculum to 1,082 elementary students.

A successful year-end sponsorship drive was held for the *Make Surgery Bearable* program, an initiative that provides Dr. Teddy bears to each pediatric patient undergoing eye surgery at Stein Eye. Pediatric patients also receive an informational children's book, *Making Eye Surgery Bearable*, that helps young patients and their caregivers prepare for surgery. Offered in both Spanish and English, the book was written at the suggestion of the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Division.

Both the book and the cuddly teddy bear, dressed in green scrubs and tagged with the name of the donor, help children feel comforted and secure during what could otherwise be a frightening time. UCLA Bruin Belle volunteers joined forces with the Volunteer Committee to help tag the bears and books.

The MagniVision program provides financial support for the UCLA Vision Rehabilitation Center (VRC), which enables the purchase of low-vision tools for the VRC lending library. This year, under the direction of Volunteer Committee Advisory Board Member Robin Carnesale, the Committee purchased additional Kindle Fire devices to add to the lending library. Low-vision patients

may borrow the voice-activated assistive devices for an indefinite period of time.

The Preschool Vision Screening program began 20 years ago under the supervision of the late Dr. Leonard Apt, founding chief of the Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus. During the 2018 school year, 24 Volunteer Committee volunteers visited 17 classrooms to screen 374 children between three and five years of age.

The Shared Vision program collected and recycled approximately 3,500 donated eyeglasses for those in need. Recycled eyeglasses were cleaned, tagged with the vision correction, and distributed to Los Angeles homeless shelters, as well as clinic missions conducted by nonprofit groups in Southeast Asia, Central America, and other low-resource regions.

Team Stein Eye participated in the twelfth annual Los Angeles Foundation Fighting Blindness Vision Walk, which was held at Crescent Bay Park on October 27, 2018. The event, supported by both Stein Eye employees and volunteers from the Jules and Doris Stein UCLA Support Group's Volunteer Committee, raised funds for retinal eye disease research.



VISION IN SCHOOLS

33

VOLUNTEERS

visited

34

CLASSROOMS

and taught

1,082

STUDENTS ABOUT THE EYE

SHARED VISION

Collected and recycled

3,500

PAIRS OF GLASSES FOR THOSE IN NEED

PRESCHOOL SCREENING

24

VOLUNTEERS

visited

17

CLASSROOMS

and screened

374

CHILDREN FOR VISION ISSUES



Philanthropy

Endowed Chairs Pay Tribute to Both Donor and Holder

This academic year, the Stein Eye Institute celebrated the inaugural appointments of three faculty members to endowed chairs that were established by donors to further support Stein Eye's research, patient care, education, and outreach activities. Each chair pays tribute to both the distinguished faculty member who holds the chair and the generous donor who has embraced the vision of a clear and brighter tomorrow for countless patients. "We are indebted and gratified by our supporters' tremendous commitment to and belief in Stein Eye and the work we do," says **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**, director of the Stein Eye Institute, chairman of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology, and affiliation chairman of the Doheny Eye Institute.



Dr. William Stivelman, chief executive officer and medical director of the Mary Oakley Foundation (left) and Dr. Bartly Mondino (center) join Dr. Anthony Arnold, the recipient of the Mary Oakley Chair, at a reception at the Stein Eye Institute on October 17, 2018.

Mary Oakley Foundation Chair in Neurodegenerative Diseases

Anthony C. Arnold, MD, chief of the Neuro-Ophthalmology Division at Stein Eye, was celebrated as the inaugural recipient of the Mary Oakley Foundation Chair in Neurodegenerative Diseases at a reception at the Stein Eye Institute on October 17, 2018. **William C. Stivelman, MD**, chief executive officer and medical director of the Mary Oakley Foundation, facilitated the chair's endowment, which will support academic research activities in the area of neurodegeneration. Neurodegenerative diseases represent a large group of neurological disorders, with Alzheimer's Disease being one of the most common. The most consistent risk factor for developing a neurodegenerative disease is increasing age, and with an expanding population of people over the age of 65, research in this field is critical.

Smotrich Family Optometric Clinician-Scientist Chair

Ava K. Bittner, OD, PhD, was appointed the inaugural chair holder of the Smotrich Family Optometric Clinician-Scientist Chair at a reception on May 15, 2019. Dedicated optometrists and ophthalmologists helped raise funds for the chair, named in honor of **Marvin Smotrich, OD**, a UCLA alumnus and an accomplished optometrist who served on the original chair campaign committee and played an integral role in bringing the chair to fruition. Dedicated exclusively to an optometrist, the chair will help bridge the gap between optometrists and ophthalmologists, and therefore be unique in academic ophthalmology. Funding will help further the development of broad-based research among the two professions and encourage the continuation of many of the advances in bilateral professional cooperation in research, education, and public service.



Attendees of the May 15 reception included (left to right) Drs. Bradley Straatsma, Bartly Mondino, Marvin Smotrich, Jule Lamm, and Ava Bittner.

Bert O. Levy Endowed Chair in Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery

Robert Alan Goldberg, MD, chief of the Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Division, was appointed as the inaugural chair holder of the Bert O. Levy Endowed Chair in Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery. The reception on June 18, 2019, also celebrated philanthropist and long-time friend of Stein Eye **Mr. Bert O. Levy**, whose gift will fund Dr. Goldberg's efforts to advance research, patient care, and education. Within his subspecialty, Dr. Goldberg is the primary faculty mentor for medical students, residents, physicians, and clinical and international fellows, and is unstinting in his efforts to provide superior instruction and guidance. Dr. Goldberg has authored more than 250 peer-reviewed papers, 64 books and book chapters, and is on the editorial board for prestigious journals.



Dr. Bartly Mondino (left) presented Mr. Bert Levy (center) and Dr. Robert Goldberg with commemorative chair trophies.

With Gratitude

For more than half a century, countless loyal friends and donors have generously contributed to uphold the mission of the UCLA Stein Eye Institute in the noble effort to preserve sight and restore vision. This dedication has had an invaluable impact on ophthalmology and related disciplines locally, nationally, and abroad. We embrace the future strides we—and the next generation of eye specialists and vital supporters—will make to advance this meaningful and influential medical and scientific field.

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Theo and Wendy Kolokotronis
Wilbur May Foundation

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Stein Eye Institute Endowed Chairs Supporting Department of Ophthalmology Faculty

Arthur L. Rosenbaum, MD, Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology

Established in 2007 by Mr. and Mrs. Gottlieb as an administrative chair for the Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus in honor of the late Dr. Arthur L. Rosenbaum. The chair was originally named the Brindell and Milton Gottlieb Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology.

Arthur L. Rosenbaum, MD
2008–June 2010

Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD
2015–Present

Bert O. Levy Endowed Chair in Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery

Established in 2019 as a permanent-appointment chair by Mr. Bert Levy to support the teaching and research activities of an outstanding, academic orbital and ophthalmic plastic surgeon.

Robert A. Goldberg, MD
2019–Present

Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology

Established in 1994 to honor founding director of the Stein Eye Institute, Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD.

Bartly J. Mondino, MD
2000–Present

Charles Kenneth Feldman Chair in Ophthalmology

Established in 1982 by various donors in memory of Charles Kenneth Feldman, an entertainment industry executive.

Robert D. Yee, MD
Professor 1984–1987

Hillel Lewis, MD
Scholar 1989–1993

Gabriel H. Travis, MD
2001–Present

David May II Chair in Ophthalmology

Established in 1998 as a term-appointment chair by the family of Mr. David May II, a founding member of the Institute's Board of Trustees, to perpetuate, in memoriam, Mr. May's association with the Stein Eye Institute; after an additional pledge from the Wilbur May Foundation, it was converted to a permanent-appointment chair in 2009.

Gary N. Holland, MD
1999–2004

Joseph Caprioli, MD
2004–Present

Dolly Green Chair of Ophthalmology

Established in 1980 by Ms. Dorothy (Dolly) Green.

Dean Bok, PhD
1984–2013

Ernest G. Herman Chair in Ophthalmology

Established in 2008 by Mr. Ernest G. Herman to support a vision scientist or a clinician-investigator.

Xian-Jie Yang, PhD
2012–Present

Grace and Walter Lantz Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology

Established in 1991 as a term-appointment chair by Mr. and Mrs. Lantz and, with an additional pledge, it was converted to a permanent-appointment chair in 2010.

J. Bronwyn Bateman, MD
Grace and Walter Lantz Scholar
1993–1995

Sherwin J. Isenberg, MD
Grace and Walter Lantz Scholar
1993–1995
Professor 1996–2004

Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD
Professor 2004–2005

Harold and Pauline Price Chair in Ophthalmology

Established in 2000 by the Louis and Harold Price Foundation and, with an additional pledge, it was converted to a permanent-appointment chair in 2006.

Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD
2006–Present

Jack H. Skirball Chair in Ocular Inflammatory Diseases

Initiated in 2008 by The Skirball Foundation in honor of Mr. Jack H. Skirball's long-standing friendship with Dr. Jules Stein and Mr. Lew Wasserman.

Gary N. Holland, MD
2009–Present

Jerome and Joan Snyder Chair in Ophthalmology

Established in 2008 by Mr. and Mrs. Snyder to support the activities of a distinguished faculty member who directs the ophthalmology residency program, ensuring that UCLA's accredited program continues to offer rigorous and comprehensive instruction for individuals of the highest caliber.

Anthony C. Arnold, MD
2008–2017

Stacy L. Pineles, MD
2017–Present

Joan and Jerome Snyder Chair in Cornea Diseases

Established in 2013 by Mr. and Mrs. Snyder to support the activities of a distinguished faculty member in the area of corneal diseases and research.

Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD*
2019–Present

Joan and Jerome Snyder Chair in Vision Science

Established In 2018, this term chair will support the teaching and research activities of an excellent scientist and faculty member in the Vision-Science Division.

Jules Stein Chair in Ophthalmology

Established in 1982 as a memorial tribute to Dr. Jules Stein by his many friends, with the leadership of Mr. Samuel Goldwyn, Jr.

Wayne L. Hubbell, PhD
1983–Present

[Karen and Frank Dabby Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology](#)

Established in 2007 by Dr. and Mrs. Dabby as a term chair to support the activities of a distinguished faculty member in the area of orbital disease.

Robert Alan Goldberg, MD
2008–2018

Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS*
2019–Present

[Karl Kirchgessner Foundation Chair in Vision Science](#)

Established in 2001 as a term-appointment chair by a colleague of Dr. Jules Stein to promote basic-science research initiatives.

Debora B. Farber, PhD, DPhhc
2001–2018

David S. Williams, PhD*
2019–Present

[Kolokotronis Chair in Ophthalmology](#)

Established in 2004 by Wendy and Theo Kolokotronis to support the teaching and research of a cataract surgeon and scientist.

Kevin M. Miller, MD
2005–Present

[Laraine and David Gerber Chair in Ophthalmology](#)

Established in 1998 as a term-appointment chair by Mr. and Mrs. Gerber and, with an additional pledge, converted to a permanent-appointment chair in 2009.

Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD
2000–2004

Sherwin J. Isenberg, MD
2004–Present

[Leonard Apt Endowed Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology](#)

Established in 2004 by Professor Emeritus of Ophthalmology and Founding Director of the Division of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, Dr. Leonard Apt, with a gift from the trust of Frederic G. Rappaport, Dr. Apt's nephew.

Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD
2005–2015

[Mary Oakley Foundation Chair in Neurodegenerative Diseases](#)

Established in 2013 by The Mary Oakley Foundation to support neurodegenerative diseases.

Anthony C. Arnold, MD
2017–Present

[Oppenheimer Brothers Chair](#)

Established in 2002 as a term chair by the Oppenheimer Brothers Foundation.

Joseph Horwitz, PhD
2003–2017

Suraj P. Bhat, PhD*
2019–Present

[Rory Smith, M.D. and Family Endowed Chair](#)

Established in 2019 by faculty alumna Dr. J. Bronwyn Bateman in honor of her late husband, Dr. Roderick "Rory" Smith.

[Smotrich Family Optometric Clinician-Scientist Chair](#)

Established in 2016 to support an optometric clinician-scientist at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute and will fund the appointee's education and research programs.

Ava K. Bittner, OD, PhD
2019–Present

[The Ahmanson Chair in Ophthalmology](#)

Established in 2006 by The Ahmanson Foundation as an administrative chair for the Retina Division Chief to further research, education, and clinical care programs.

Steven D. Schwartz, MD
2007–Present

[The Fran and Ray Stark Foundation Chair in Ophthalmology](#)

Established in 1992 as a term-appointment chair by the Fran and Ray Stark Foundation, and with an additional commitment, it was converted to a permanent-appointment chair in 2009.

Joseph Caprioli, MD
1997–2004

Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD
2004–Present

[The Wasserman Professor of Ophthalmology](#)

Established in 1977 by Edie and Lew Wasserman to honor Dr. Jules Stein.

Manfred Spitznas, MD
1979–1981

Bartly J. Mondino, MD
Scholar 1984–1988
Professor 1988–2000

Ben J. Glasgow, MD
2003–Present

[Vernon O. Underwood Family Chair in Ophthalmology](#)

Established in 1995 as a term-appointment chair by Mrs. Adrienne Underwood Pingree in memory of her late husband, Mr. Vernon O. Underwood.

John R. Heckenlively, MD
1997–2004

Gary N. Holland, MD
2004–2009

Lynn K. Gordon, MD, PhD
2012–Present

[Walton Li Chair in Cornea and Uveitis](#)

Established in 2013 by Walton W. Li, MD, as an administrative chair for the Cornea and Uveitis Division to further research and teaching activities.

Anthony J. Aldave, MD
2014–Present

Doheny Eye Institute Endowed Chairs Supporting Department of Ophthalmology Faculty

A. Ray Irvine, Jr. MD, Chair in Clinical Ophthalmology

John A. Irvine, MD
2014–Present

Charles Stewart Warren and Hildegard Warren Endowed Research Chair

Vikas Chopra, MD
2017–present

Flora L. Thornton Endowed Chair in Vision Research

Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD
2014–Present

Gavin S. Herbert Endowed Chair for Macular Degeneration

Michael Ip, MD
2019–Present

Mary D. Allen Chair in Vision Research

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2015–Present

Rupert and Gertrude I. Steiger Vision Research Chair

Brian A. Francis, MD, MS
2015–Present

Stephen J. Ryan-Arnold and Mabel Beckman Foundation Endowed Presidential Chair

SriniVas R. Sadda, MD
2015–Present

Stein Eye Institute Fellowship Funds and Endowments

Abe Meyer Memorial Fellowship Fund

Established in 1969 by various donors to support clinical fellows at the Institute.

Jonathan Young, MD, PhD
2018–2019

Adelaide Stein Miller Research Fellowship

Established in 1977 by Mr. Charles Miller as a tribute to his wife, Adelaide Stein Miller, Dr. Jules Stein's sister.

Giovanni H. Greaves, MD
2018–2019

Audrey and Jack Skirball Ocular Inflammatory Disease Fellowship

Established in 2011 by The Skirball Foundation to support the training of fellows specializing in ocular inflammatory disease.

Bert Levy Research Fellowship Fund

Established in 1995 by Mr. Bert Levy to enhance the educational opportunities of vision-science scholars and advance research in neuro-ophthalmology.

Cooperman Fellowship Fund

Established in 1988 by the Coopermans to support eye research and education, with emphasis on clinical ophthalmology.

David and Randi Fett Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Fellowship Endowment

Established in 2013 by Dr. David R. Fett and Ms. Randi Levine to support fellows in the Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery Division.

Justin Karlin, MD, MS
2018–2019

David May II Fellowship Fund

Established in 1992 by the family of Mr. David May II to support advanced study and research in ophthalmology and vision science.

Christine Petersen, MD
2018–2019

Dr. Jack Rubin Memorial Fellowship

Established in 1987 by the family of Dr. Jack Rubin to support postdoctoral fellows.

Elsa and Louis Kelton Fellowship

Endowed by the Keltons in 1982 to support postdoctoral research and training.

Nathan Abraham, MD
2018–2019

Frances Howard Goldwyn Fellowship

Established in 1977 by Mr. Samuel Goldwyn, Jr., with gifts from Mrs. Goldwyn's estate and Dr. and Mrs. Jules Stein.

Christopher Lo, MD
2018–2019

Frederic G. Rappaport Endowed Fellowship in Retina/Oncology

Established in 2004 by Mrs. Jeanne A. Rappaport as a memorial to her son Frederic.

Jerome Comet Klein, MD, Fellowship Fund

Established in 2007 by the Irving & Estelle Levy Foundation to provide fellowship and lecture support in the areas of orbital and ophthalmic plastic surgery.

John and Theiline McCone Fellowship

Established in 1989 by the McCones to support and enhance education programs and fellowship training in macular disease.

Wei "Wayne" Gui, MD
2018–2019

Niranjan Manoharan, MD
2018–2019

[Jules Stein Research Fellowship](#)

Established in 1982 by various donors to honor the memory of Charles Kenneth Feldman.

Lindsay M. De Andrade, MD
2018–2019

Jennifer Pan, MD
2018–2019

[Klara Spinks Fleming Fellowship Fund](#)

Established in 1985 by Klara Spinks Fleming to support cataract research.

Nathan Abraham, MD
2018–2019

[Leonard Apt Endowed Fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology](#)

Established in 2002 by founding chief of the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Division, Leonard Apt, MD, to support outstanding clinical fellows in the field of pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus.

[Leonard Apt, MD, Pediatric Fellowship Fund](#)

Established in 2015 by the trust of Leonard Apt, MD, founding chief of the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Division, to support pediatric ophthalmology fellowships.

Lindsay M. De Andrade, MD
2018–2019

Jennifer Pan, MD
2018–2019

[Rosalind W. Alcott Fellowship](#)

Established in 1978 by the Rosalind W. Alcott Charitable Remainder Trust for the training of outstanding postdoctoral fellows.

Nikisha A. Kothari, MD
2018–2019

[Sanford and Erna Schulhofer Fellowship Fund](#)

Established in 1986 by Mr. Sanford Schulhofer to support postdoctoral research and training in vision science.

[The Harold and Pauline Price Fellowship](#)

Established in 1987 by the Louis and Harold Price Foundation to support research and education in ophthalmology and vision care.

Terry Wood, MD
2018–2019

[Thelma and William Brand Director's Fund](#)

Established in 2004 with a trust from Mr. William F. Brand to benefit worthy students at the Stein Eye Institute.

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Established in 1981 by the Sherman family to support postdoctoral fellows.

Amir Marvasti, MD
2018–2019

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Established in 2013 by the May family as a tribute to Mr. Wilbur D. May, the beloved uncle of Mr. David May II.

Jason Mingyi Huang, MD
2018–2019



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Eye Health Programs

Patient Care Services

Committed to advancing eye health, UCLA Department of Ophthalmology board-certified faculty provide services ranging from routine eye examinations to the most complex sight-saving procedures.

The UCLA Stein Eye Institute and its affiliation partner, the Doheny Eye Institute, are ranked among the top in the nation for ophthalmology. Patients and referring physicians alike trust UCLA Department of Ophthalmology faculty to provide the highest level of care across every subspecialty, with premier services available at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute vision-science campus in Westwood and at convenient neighborhood locales across the Southland.



UCLA Department of Ophthalmology

Los Angeles and Beyond

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Stein Eye Institute

The **UCLA Stein Eye Institute** is a vision-science campus in Westwood that is home to state-of-the-art clinics, laboratories, and an outpatient surgical center equipped with the most advanced tools for precision surgery.

Direct consultation and treatment, including emerging therapies, is available through the **Ophthalmology Faculty Consultation Service**. Our faculty members have extensive, advanced training in ophthalmic subspecialties and afford referring physicians and patients with a valuable resource for special eye problems. Additionally, wide-ranging and subspecialty eye care in all medical and surgical areas of ophthalmology is offered through the **Comprehensive Ophthalmology Division**, which is staffed by members of the UCLA Medical Group.

The Institute's **outpatient surgical center**, housed in the award-winning Edie & Lew Wasserman Building, sets the standard for excellence in patient care and medical progress. Ophthalmic surgery of every kind—from cataract extraction and laser vision-correction surgeries to removal of ocular tumors—is performed. Faculty members and skilled medical specialists, including subspecialty fellows, medical residents, anesthesiologists, nurses, and technicians, ensure that each patient receives the highest quality preoperative and postoperative care possible.

The **Ophthalmology Inpatient Consultation Service**, operating 24 hours a day through the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and UCLA Medical Center Santa Monica, provides ophthalmic consultation and treatment to pediatric and adult patients who are admitted to the medical centers for inpatient care. The consultation team consists of physician-residents at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute, with subspecialty coverage provided by UCLA Department of Ophthalmology faculty.

Stein Eye Institute, Westwood

100 Stein Plaza, UCLA
Los Angeles, CA 90095
Referral Service: (310) 825-5000
Emergency Service: (310) 825-3090
After-Hours Emergency Service:
(310) 825-2111

Stein Eye Center

The **Stein Eye Center–Santa Monica** offers the world-renowned comprehensive and subspecialty eye care of the UCLA Stein Eye Institute at a convenient neighborhood location. The Center features well-equipped examination rooms, an optical shop, on-site parking for easy access, and testing facilities offering a wide range of examinations, including visual field, corneal mapping (corneal topography), intraocular lens measurement, fluorescein angiography, spectral domain optical coherence tomography, and other diagnostic retinal imaging techniques.

Expert ophthalmologists at the Stein Eye Center–Santa Monica offer nearly all the subspecialty services, diagnostic testing, and treatment services available at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.

Stein Eye Center Santa Monica

1807 Wilshire Blvd., Suite 203
Santa Monica, CA 90403
Telephone: (310) 829-0160
Fax: (310) 829-0170

Doheny Eye Center UCLA

Convenient Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations across the Southland set the standard for excellence, with UCLA Department of Ophthalmology faculty providing the finest clinical care, surgical services, diagnostic testing, and treatment available.

The **Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Arcadia** serves patients in the broader Arcadia region and San Gabriel area, expanding the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology's reach in Los Angeles County. The renovated office includes 12 exam rooms, dedicated diagnostic equipment, and attractive patient areas. The Center provides comprehensive ophthalmology, and nearly all subspecialty services, including cornea, glaucoma, and retina.

The Center is easily accessible from two freeways and provides free, on-site parking.

Doheny Eye Center UCLA Arcadia

622 W. Duarte Rd., Suite 101
Arcadia, CA 91007
Telephone: (626) 254-9010
Fax: (626) 254-9019

The **Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Orange County** is located in the Orange Coast Memorial Medical Center and broadens the reach of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology south to Orange County.

The location offers comprehensive ophthalmology, as well as cornea, glaucoma, neuro-ophthalmology, pediatric and uveitis subspecialty services, and retina. The Center includes 12 exam rooms, dedicated diagnostic equipment, and comfortable patient areas.

Doheny Eye Center UCLA– Orange County

Orange Coast Memorial
Medical Center
18111 Brookhurst St., Suite 6400
Fountain Valley, CA 92708
Telephone: (714) 963-1444
Fax: (714) 963-1234

The **Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena** serves as the primary hub of the Doheny Eye Center UCLA. Located on the second floor of the Huntington Pavilion, the Center provides expanded vision care services and clinics devoted to retina and cornea; comprehensive ophthalmology and oculoplastics; neuro-ophthalmology; and glaucoma. Each subspecialty clinic has dedicated, state-of-the-art diagnostic laser suites, as well as in-office procedure rooms. Complex procedures are performed at the Huntington Pavilion Surgical Suites, which are located on the building's third floor.

The Huntington Pavilion is home to a wide variety of medical practitioners, which provides physicians with ease of referral for patients requiring specialized eye care and provides patients with the added convenience of seeing their doctors and having any necessary services all in one location.

Doheny Eye Center UCLA Pasadena

Huntington Pavilion
625 S. Fair Oaks Blvd., 2nd Floor
Pasadena, CA 91105
Telephone: (626) 817-4747
Fax: (626) 817-4748

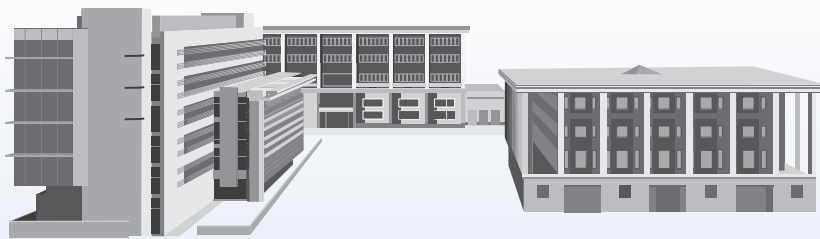


A year after its opening, the Stein Eye Center–Santa Monica doubled in space to meet patient demand.

Research and Treatment Centers

The Research and Treatment Centers provide subspecialty care from faculty physicians who are actively involved in related research, enabling emerging and experimental treatment options to be developed for a gamut of eye disorders. In addition to comprehensive treatment, the centers provide both patients and physicians with expert diagnostic and consultation services for diseases that are difficult to identify and treat. Ophthalmology faculty work closely with other specialists, both within the Stein Eye Institute and in other UCLA clinical departments, to create a multidisciplinary team customized for each patient's unique medical needs.

- ▶ Aesthetic Center
- ▶ Center for Community Outreach and Policy
 - UCLA Center for Eye Epidemiology
 - UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic
- ▶ Center to Prevent Childhood Blindness
- ▶ Center for Regenerative Medicine in Ophthalmology
- ▶ Clinical Research Center
- ▶ Contact Lens Center
- ▶ Diabetic Eye Disease and Retinal Vascular Center
- ▶ Eye Trauma and Emergency Center
- ▶ Gerald Oppenheimer Family Foundation Center for the Prevention of Eye Disease
- ▶ Glaucoma Center for Excellence in Care and Research
- ▶ Macular Disease Center
- ▶ Ocular Inflammatory Disease Center
- ▶ Ophthalmic Oncology Center
- ▶ Optic Neuropathy Center
- ▶ Orbital Disease Center
- ▶ UCLA Laser Refractive Center
- ▶ Vision Genetics Center
- ▶ Vision Proteomics Center
- ▶ Vision Rehabilitation Center



UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Summary of Patient Care Statistics

	2017–2018	2018–2019
FACULTY CONSULTATION SERVICE		
Patient visits	149,771	153,771
INPATIENT CONSULTATION SERVICE		
Patient evaluations	985	781
CLINICAL LABORATORIES		
Procedures	83,122	92,235
SURGERY SERVICES		
*Number of procedures ¹	21,970	16,651
Intravitreal Injections	12,476	12,748
MOBILE EYE CLINIC		
Number of patients seen	17,646	9,675
Ocular abnormalities	31%	33%
Number of trips	789	410

¹Includes lasers

*Revised

Diagnostic Services

Ophthalmology diagnostic services provide testing that offers precise measurements, photographs, and quantitative studies of the eye and the visual system. Diagnostic testing increases the accuracy of diagnosis and further augments the effectiveness of disease management. Our diagnostic services are available to eye care physicians in the community.

- ▶ Anterior Segment Diagnostic Laboratory
- ▶ Corneal Diagnostics
- ▶ Glaucoma Imaging Laboratory
- ▶ Medical Photography/Ultrasound
- ▶ Ocular Motility Clinical and Basic Science Laboratory
- ▶ Visual Field Laboratory
- ▶ Visual Physiology Diagnostic Laboratory

- ▶ Retina Biochemistry and Clinical Disease Modeling Laboratory
- ▶ Retinal Biochemistry Laboratory
- ▶ Retinal Cell Biology Laboratory
- ▶ Retinal Neurophysiology Laboratory
- ▶ Vision Molecular Biology Laboratory
- ▶ Visual Physiology Laboratory

Find out more about our
RESEARCH LABORATORIES at:
[www.uclahealth.org/eye/
research-laboratories](http://www.uclahealth.org/eye/research-laboratories).

Research Laboratories

Laboratory-based research, also called basic vision-science research, forms the foundation for the clinical research, education, and patient care that are the visible hallmarks of the UCLA Stein Eye Institute. The Institute has over 20 specially equipped laboratories to support vision-science investigations. Organized around the interests of the research faculty, these distinct laboratories offer unique opportunities for students, physicians, and fellows to become involved in internationally and nationally renowned scientific study.

- ▶ Advanced Robotic Eye Surgery
- ▶ Biology and Genetics of Retinal Disease
- ▶ Cornea Biology Laboratory
- ▶ Cornea Genetics
- ▶ Developmental Neurobiology Laboratory
- ▶ Glaucoma Advanced Imaging Laboratory
- ▶ Lens Biophysics Laboratory
- ▶ Molecular Biology of Retinal Ganglion Cells Laboratory
- ▶ Ocular Motility Laboratory
- ▶ Ophthalmic Biophysical Chemistry
- ▶ Ophthalmic Pathology Laboratory
- ▶ Photoreceptor Biochemistry Laboratory
- ▶ Photoreceptor/RPE Cell Biology



The Stein Eye Institute has substantially increased its laboratory space, opening the door to recruitment of more vision scientists and further development of revolutionary programs to treat eye disease.

Training Programs

The UCLA Department of Ophthalmology provides comprehensive training in ophthalmology and vision science to medical students, residents, and clinical and research fellows. Training programs encompass the gamut of ophthalmic and vision-science education, incorporating a full range of subjects in the study of the eye. Serving a large patient population with diverse vision problems offers innumerable training opportunities for both residents and clinical fellows, while the availability of a multitude of research laboratories ensures a wide choice of vision-science projects for all trainees. Predoctoral and postdoctoral research fellows benefit from the wealth of new and unfolding research generated by UCLA Department of Ophthalmology vision scientists.

Medical Students

Through the **UCLA Medical Student Program**, each academic year the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology extends instruction to UCLA medical students in their second, third, and fourth years of instruction. Through lectures, small group discussions, and clinical experience, all students have numerous training sessions from which to gain knowledge about eye diseases and develop eye examination skills that should be known by all physicians, regardless of their specialties. Students who are interested in ophthalmology as a career have additional learning opportunities in elective courses.

Medical Student Research Ophthalmology Program

The UCLA Medical Student Research Program provides select medical students with a year-long opportunity to participate in laboratory or clinical research in the field of ophthalmology. The goal of the program is to encourage medical students to pursue careers in academic ophthalmology.



A continuing theme of residency training is collaboration—creating partnerships in diagnosis, review of challenging patient problems, and learning new techniques.

Residents

The **UCLA Department of Ophthalmology Residency Program** is ranked one of the top in the country and covers the full breadth of ophthalmology training from general ophthalmology to ophthalmic subspecialties. The accredited three-year residency program trains 24 residents with eight new residents beginning the program each July.

Training incorporates the resources of the UCLA Stein Eye Institute, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Olive View-UCLA Medical Center, and the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System at West Los Angeles and Sepulveda. Through their clinical rotations, every resident has exposure to each medical center and gains clinical experience with a broad range of ophthalmic problems and patient populations. Certification by the American Board of Ophthalmology is a natural objective of the program.

EyeMBA: Innovation in Medical Education

Recognizing that future leaders in ophthalmology will need the financial, management, and measurement skills that are at the core of an MBA curriculum, the Stein Eye Institute created a national first for medical education with EyeMBA—a master's of business administration degree that is earned in tandem with an ophthalmology residency.

The only joint program of its kind, the Stein Eye Institute developed EyeMBA with the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA and the UCLA Anderson School of Management. Residents in the EyeMBA program gain skills that are broadly applicable to ophthalmologic leadership in academia, translational research, health system management, health care delivery, and the biomedical industry.

EyeSTAR: Combining Basic Science Research with Clinical Practice

For physicians interested in academic careers and professional leadership as clinician-scientists, the Stein Eye Institute offers the Ophthalmology Specialty Training and Advanced Research Program, referred to as EyeSTAR, which offers vision-science training combined with an ophthalmology residency. Appointees complete a residency program leading to certification in ophthalmology, as well as laboratory research experience leading to a doctorate, or postdoctoral training in the event that the trainee already has a doctorate. EyeSTAR trainees work under the guidance of a faculty advisory panel representing the clinical and research interests of each trainee.

EyeSTAR is recognized by the National Eye Institute and the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology as a model training program for clinician-scientists in ophthalmology.



The UCLA Department of Ophthalmology is recognized the world over for its commitment to excellence in patient care, research, and education both locally and globally.

Fellows

The UCLA Department of Ophthalmology offers particularly well-qualified persons the opportunity to receive fellowship training in vision-science research or specific areas of clinical ophthalmology.

Vision Science Fellowship Training

Vision science fellowship training is laboratory based and offers both predoctoral and postdoctoral opportunities to trainees in specific areas of vision science that encompass a wide range of topics. Trainees work under the supervision of UCLA Department of Ophthalmology faculty members who are engaged in basic-science research and have active laboratories. The predoctoral or postdoctoral trainee and his/her faculty mentor develop the scope and nature of the training program.

An integrated program is also offered under the auspices of a **National Eye Institute Vision Science Training Grant** for predoctoral and postdoctoral fellows. The grant provides trainees with coordinated and organized exposure to a wide range of techniques, giving each fellow the broadest possible background in ophthalmology and the basic sciences.

Clinical Fellowship Training

Following successful completion of the residency program, clinical fellowship training combines outpatient, inpatient, and surgical experience in an ophthalmic subspecialty. The fellow assumes increasing responsibility for patient care under the supervision of faculty members responsible for the program. In addition to receiving training from faculty, the fellow instructs medical students and residents. Research is considered an important aspect of specialty training and a major prerequisite for assimilating future developments in ophthalmology. Fellows are expected to undertake independent investigation or to participate in one of the ongoing research projects in a field related to their specialty.

The Department of Ophthalmology offers clinical fellowships at the Stein Eye Institute and/or the Doheny Eye Center UCLA in the following subspecialty areas:

- ▶ Cornea and External Ocular Diseases and Refractive Surgery
- ▶ Glaucoma
- ▶ Medical Retina
- ▶ Neuro-Ophthalmology
- ▶ Ophthalmic Pathology
- ▶ Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery
- ▶ Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
- ▶ Uveitis and Inflammatory Eye Disease
- ▶ Vitreoretinal Diseases and Surgery

International Fellowship Training

To promote and encourage research and education interaction with ophthalmology institutions throughout the world, the Stein Eye Institute offers an International Ophthalmology Fellowship and Exchange Program consisting of one-year to two-year fellowships under the supervision of specific Institute faculty. Candidates for these fellowships are nominated by prestigious institutions outside the United States and often hold academic positions within their own countries. Fellows participate in the clinical and research activities of ophthalmic subspecialties according to their training needs.

Find detailed information about our TRAINING PROGRAMS at:
<https://www.uclahealth.org/eye/training-programs>.



Faculty and Colleagues

UCLA Department of Ophthalmology

Academic Divisions at Stein Eye Institute (SEI) and Doheny Eye Centers UCLA (DEC)

CATARACT AND REFRACTIVE SURGERY

John Bartlett, MD
Shawn Lin, MD
Kenneth Lu, MD
Kevin Miller, MD, Chief SEI
Mitra Nejad, MD

Optometrists

Tony Chan, OD
Carolyn Duong, OD
Linda Hwang, OD
Mark Landig, OD
Amanda Powers, OD

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Tania Onclinx, MD
Susan Ransome, MD
Meryl Shapiro-Tuchin, MD
Ronald Smith, MD

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Vivian Shibayama, OD

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ORBITAL AND OPHTHALMIC PLASTIC SURGERY

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Colin McCannel, MD
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Bartly J. Mondino, MD

Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology

Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology

Chairman, UCLA Department of Ophthalmology

Director, Stein Eye Institute

Affiliation Chairman, Doheny Eye Institute

Board of Directors, Stein Eye Institute

Board of Directors (Observer), Doheny Eye Institute

Board of Directors, National Alliance for Eye and Vision Research/
Alliance for Eye and Vision Research

Member, UCLA Brain Research Institute

Member, Medical Advisory Board, Braille Institute

Dr. Mondino was named director of the Stein Eye Institute and chairman of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology in 1994, the culmination of a career in research and clinical care in cornea and infectious eye diseases.

As director and chairman, Dr. Mondino has expanded the Stein Eye Institute's pillar programs; increased faculty support through the creation of endowed chairs; forged a historic affiliation with the Doheny Eye Institute; and broadened access to eye care with the opening of Stein and Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations across the Southland.

Through development and completion of the Edie & Lew Wasserman Building in 2014, redesign of Stein Plaza in 2015, and renovation of the Jules Stein Building in 2017, Dr. Mondino transformed the Stein Eye Institute into a vision-science campus at UCLA, creating a focal point for patient care, vision research, education, and community outreach at home and abroad.



Anthony J. Aldave, MD

Walton Li Chair in Cornea and Uveitis
 Professor of Ophthalmology
 Chief of the Cornea and Uveitis Division

Discovering the Genetic Basis of the Corneal Dystrophies

Dr. Aldave's clinical specialties are cornea and external disease. His laboratory research focuses on the molecular genetics of the corneal dystrophies, a group of inherited disorders that affect corneal clarity and constitute one of the primary indications for corneal transplantation.

Dr. Aldave provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Saba Al-Hashimi, MD

Health Sciences Assistant Clinical
 Professor of Ophthalmology

Cornea, External Disease, and Refractive Surgery Specialist

Dr. Al-Hashimi is a clinician with a research interest in keratoconus and corneal crosslinking. His research focus involves halting the progression of corneal disease by using light and chemicals to strengthen the cornea.

Specializing in infections of the cornea, Dr. Al-Hashimi performs surgical procedures that include corneal transplantation, Descemet membrane stripping endothelial keratoplasty, Descemet membrane endothelial keratoplasty, deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty, corneal patch grafts, pterygium surgery, corneal repair, cataract surgery, and premium cataract surgery with femtosecond laser.

Patients can see "Dr. Saba" at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute.



Anthony C. Arnold, MD

Mary Oakley Foundation Chair in
 Neurodegenerative Diseases
 Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology

Chief of the Neuro-Ophthalmology
 Division

Director of the UCLA Optic Neuropathy
 Center

Vice Chair, Education

Ischemic and Inflammatory Diseases of the Optic Nerve

Dr. Arnold's clinical expertise is in neuro-ophthalmology, with a special emphasis on ischemic and inflammatory optic neuropathies and manifestations of tumors, stroke, and inflammation of the central nervous system. His research has focused on advanced imaging techniques to identify optic nerve circulatory diseases and to investigate their causes.

Dr. Arnold provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Gavin G. Bahadur, MD

Health Sciences Assistant Clinical
Professor of Ophthalmology

Cataract Surgery Outcomes and Glaucoma Detection

Dr. Bahadur’s clinical specialties are comprehensive ophthalmology including cataract, pterygium, and glaucoma. His research activities include machine-learning algorithms for cataract surgery outcomes and glaucoma detection.

Dr. Bahadur provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Center–Santa Monica.



John D. Bartlett, MD

Health Sciences Assistant Clinical
Professor of Ophthalmology

Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Clinical Informatics

Dr. Bartlett’s clinical interest is cataract and refractive cataract surgery, with the goal to improve the focus of the eyes, reduce dependence on glasses, and restore vision potential. He teaches Stein Eye residents, training the next generation of eye surgeons to deal with challenging cases.

Dr. Bartlett is a UCLA physician informaticist and is involved in the implementation and optimization of electronic health records (EHRs) to promote effective organization, analysis, management, and use of clinical information. He is interested in using EHRs to enhance patient care, improve population health, and decrease health care costs.

Dr. Bartlett provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Suraj P. Bhat, PhD

Oppenheimer Brothers Chair*
Professor of Ophthalmology
Member of the Molecular Biology Institute

Molecular Biology of Vision

Dr. Suraj Bhat’s research impacts two important areas of vision: the ocular lens in the anterior eye and the retinal pigment epithelium (RPE) in the posterior eye. His laboratory, the Vision Molecular Biology Laboratory (VMBL) investigates gene activity that sustains transparency within the ocular lens and gene activity that sustains the physiological health of the RPE, which in turn sustains the neural activity in the retina that makes vision possible. VMBL is involved in delineating very early events (at the genomic and molecular level) that culminate in cataractogenesis in the ocular lens and age-related macular degeneration in the RPE.

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Ava K. Bittner, OD, PhD

Smotrich Family Optometric
Clinician-Scientist Chair

Chief of Optometric Services

Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

Low Vision Rehabilitation

Dr. Bittner's specialty is low vision rehabilitation. Her research activities include clinical trials to assess the use of novel approaches and technologies to improve access to low vision rehabilitation care and reading ability with visual assistive aids. Specifically, she is evaluating tele-rehabilitation, Bluetooth low energy beacon sensors, socially assistive robots, and wearable electronic visual enhancement devices for low vision.

Dr. Bittner provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute's Vision Rehabilitation Center located in the Doris Stein Building.



Nicholas C. Brecha, PhD

Distinguished Professor of Neurobiology,
Ophthalmology, and Medicine

Member of the Brain Research Institute

Member of CURE: Center for
Digestive Diseases

Member of the California NanoSystems
Institute

Functional and Structural Organization of the Mammalian Retina

Dr. Brecha is a visual system neuroscientist whose expertise includes retinal neurochemistry, transmitters, synaptic and cellular structure, and neuronal circuitry regulating visual function.

His current research studies are furthering the understanding of 1) fundamental synaptic inhibitory processes mediating early vision in the outer retina and 2) neuronal cell structure and function mediating visual processing in the inner retina.

His studies are a prerequisite for understanding normal retinal function, and the impact on the development of therapeutic approaches and diagnostic tools essential for the treatment, prevention, and restoration of vision loss due to retinal injury and disease.



Joseph Caprioli, MD

David May II Chair in Ophthalmology

Distinguished Professor
of Ophthalmology

Chief of the Glaucoma Division

Causes and New Treatments for Glaucoma

Dr. Caprioli's clinical specialties are glaucoma, cataract, and anterior segment surgery. His long-term objectives in clinical and basic research are to identify those individuals at greatest risk for visual loss and to implement new treatment through effective neuroprotective strategies. Laboratory work focuses on mechanisms of retinal ganglion cell damage in glaucoma. He focuses on early detection through accurate assessment of the optic nerve and nerve fiber layer to measure the rate of progressive damage.

Dr. Caprioli provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD

The Fran and Ray Stark Foundation
Chair in Ophthalmology

Professor of Ophthalmology

Professor of Epidemiology, Jonathan and
Karin Fielding School of Public Health

Director of the Stein Eye Institute
Centers for Community Outreach and
Policy, Eye Epidemiology, and the
UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic

Vice Chair of Academic Affairs,
UCLA Department of Ophthalmology

Glaucoma, Cataract, and Public Health

Dr. Coleman's clinical specialties are glaucoma and cataract. Her research activities include the etiology, diagnosis, treatment, and societal impact of glaucoma, cataracts, and pediatric eye diseases including quality-of-life research for patients impacted by these eye diseases. Her research encompasses the interface of eye care and public health focusing on underserved areas.

Dr. Coleman provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD

Arthur L. Rosenbaum, MD, Chair in
Pediatric Ophthalmology

Professor of Ophthalmology

Professor of Neurology

Chief, Pediatric Ophthalmology and
Strabismus Division

Director, Fellowship in Pediatric
Ophthalmology and Strabismus

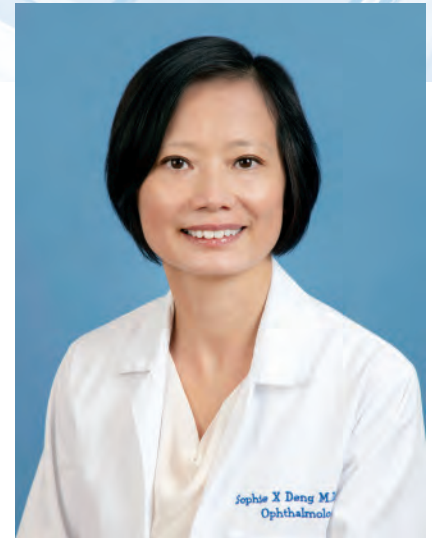
Director, Ocular Motility Laboratories

Chair, EyeSTAR Residency-PhD/PostDoc
Program in Ophthalmology and
Visual Science

Motility and Vision

Dr. Demer's clinical specialties include pediatric ophthalmology, adult strabismus, and other disorders of ocular motility such as nystagmus. He is a biomedical engineer whose federally funded research includes anatomy and imaging of the eye muscles, and the biomechanics of eye movements and optic nerve disorders.

Dr. Demer provides clinical care and ophthalmic surgery at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD

Joan and Jerome Snyder Chair in
Cornea Diseases*

Professor of Ophthalmology

Member of the UCLA Jonsson
Comprehensive Cancer Center

Member of the UCLA Broad Stem Cell
Research Center

Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency

Dr. Deng specializes in corneal and external ocular diseases, and cataracts. Her surgical areas include endothelial keratoplasty (DSEK and DMEK), deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty (DALK), penetrating keratoplasty, limbal stem cell transplantation, artificial cornea, and cataract.

Dr. Deng is the director of the Cornea Biology Laboratory at Stein Eye. Her research focuses on corneal epithelial stem cell regulation, deficiency, and regeneration. She aims to improve the current treatment for patients with limbal stem cell deficiency by using stem cell therapy to restore vision. Dr. Deng also conducts clinical studies to develop new imaging and molecular tests to accurately diagnose and stage limbal stem cell deficiency.

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Debora B. Farber, PhD, DPhhc

Distinguished Professor
of Ophthalmology

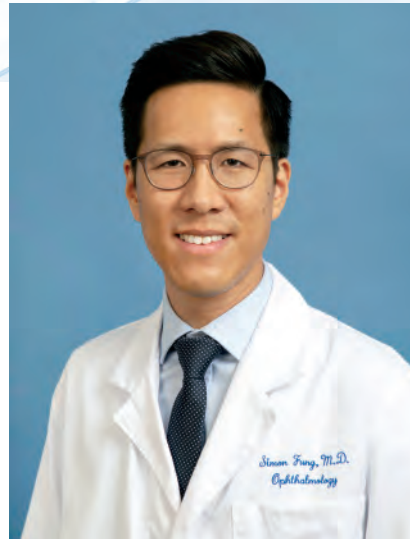
Doctor *honoris causa*

Member of the Brain Research Institute

Member of the Molecular Biology
Institute

Retinal Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Genetics of Retinal Degenerations, and Studies on Embryonic Stem Cell-Derived Extracellular Vesicles

Dr. Farber's research focuses on the characterization of genes encoding key proteins in vision that when mutated cause blinding diseases. Examples: *b-PDE* gene (diseases in mice, dogs, and human RP), *RP1* gene (dominant RP), *rd7* gene (Enhanced S-Cone syndrome), and *ZBED4* and *RHBDD2* genes (arCRD and arRP, respectively). In addition, Dr. Farber studies ocular albinism resulting from lack of the *OA1* gene, and the components of the *OA1* cascade controlling RPE melanosomes' biogenesis and guidance of ganglion cell axons through the brain's optic chiasm. Lastly, Dr. Farber investigates the use of microvesicles released from embryonic stem cells for the rescue of damaged retinas.



Simon Fung, MD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Pediatric Ophthalmology and Cornea Specialist

Dr. Fung's clinical interests are childhood cornea and anterior segment diseases. His research focuses on evaluation of pediatric cornea conditions using novel imaging technologies.

After finishing his residency in 2015, Dr Fung undertook a fellowship in adult cornea and external disease at Moorfields Eye Hospital in London, England, followed by a second fellowship in pediatric cornea and anterior segment at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto, Canada. Dr. Fung became a UCLA Department of Ophthalmology faculty member in 2018.

Dr. Fung provides clinical care at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



JoAnn A. Giaconi, MD

Health Sciences Associate Clinical
Professor of Ophthalmology

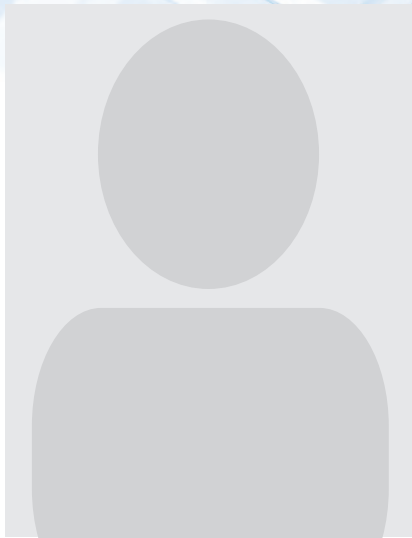
Chief of the Ophthalmology Section
at the Greater Los Angeles
VA Healthcare System

Co-Director of Medical Student
Education at the David Geffen
School of Medicine, UCLA

Adult and Pediatric Glaucoma

Dr. Giaconi's areas of clinical specialty are adult and pediatric glaucoma and cataract surgery. Her research interests are in the outcomes of glaucoma surgery. She also has a strong interest in medical education.

Dr. Giaconi provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood and at the Veterans Administration Eye Clinic West Los Angeles campus.



Ben J. Glasgow, MD

The Wasserman Professor
of Ophthalmology

Professor of Pathology and
Laboratory Medicine

Chief of the Ophthalmic Pathology
Division

Ophthalmic Pathology

Dr. Glasgow specializes in ophthalmic pathology, and his research focus is the role of human lacrimal gland proteins in the protection and maintenance of the eye. His laboratory is investigating the structure-function relationship of tear lipocalin. By studying the molecular mechanisms of tear proteins, Dr. Glasgow is seeking to learn the normal functions of tear lipocalin and its role in maintaining the health of the ocular surface and in the prevention of dry eye diseases. Ideally this research will lead to new treatments for dry eye and have broad application to numerous other members of this protein family that transport small, insoluble molecules through the body.



Robert Alan Goldberg, MD

Bert O. Levy Endowed Chair in
Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery

Professor of Ophthalmology

Chief of the Orbital and Ophthalmic
Plastic Surgery Division

Director of the UCLA Orbital Disease
Center

Co-Director of the UCLA Aesthetic Center

Diseases and Therapy of the Eyelid and Orbit

Dr. Goldberg is an internationally recognized surgeon, researcher, and teacher. He has developed surgical procedures that are now globally taught and practiced, including less invasive treatments for eye and orbit cancers, new surgeries for thyroid eye disease, and innovative surgical techniques for tearing problems. His research into orbital and eyelid anatomy is resulting in improved techniques and approaches to deep orbital disease. He has had leadership and executive positions in the American Society Ophthalmic Plastic Reconstructive Surgery, California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, and the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery.



Lynn K. Gordon, MD, PhD

Vernon O. Underwood Family Chair
in Ophthalmology

Professor of Ophthalmology

Senior Associate Dean for
Academic Diversity, David Geffen
School of Medicine at UCLA

Chair of the College of Applied Anatomy,
David Geffen School of Medicine
at UCLA

Neuro-Ophthalmology and Inflammatory Disease

Dr. Gordon's clinical specialty is neuro-ophthalmology. Her research centers on inflammatory diseases of the eye and adnexa and the role of the four transmembrane protein epithelial membrane protein 2 in ocular and cancer angiogenesis. Dr. Gordon is also the Senior Associate Dean for Equity and Diversity Inclusion at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA.

Dr. Gordon provides clinical care in neuro-ophthalmology at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD

Harold and Pauline Price Chair
in Ophthalmology

Professor of Ophthalmology

Professor of Human Genetics

Chief of the Division of Retinal Disorders
and Ophthalmic Genetics

Hereditary Eye Disorders and Molecular Genetics of Age-Related Maculopathy

Dr. Gorin's clinical expertise is in medical retina and ophthalmic genetic disorders. He has both a basic and translation research program that address the genetics of inherited retinal dystrophies and age-related macular degeneration, the biological basis of pain caused by light exposure, the study of von Hippel Lindau disease, etiology of central serous chorioretinopathy, drug and autoimmune-related retinopathies, genetics-based therapies for disease, and late-life morbidities associated with retinopathy of prematurity.

Dr. Gorin was among the first UCLA physicians to be boarded in Clinical Informatics, and he is exploring the use and analysis of clinical datasets to better understand disease and clinical outcomes.



Gary N. Holland, MD

Jack H. Skirball Chair in
Ocular Inflammatory Diseases

Professor of Ophthalmology

Director of the Ocular Inflammatory
Disease Center

Director of the UCLA Department of
Ophthalmology Clinical Research Center

Co-Director of Medical Student Education

Uveitis and Cornea-External Ocular Diseases

Dr. Holland specializes in uveitis and other inflammatory diseases of the eye.

His research activities focus on risk factors for, and clinical characteristics of, various infectious and inflammatory diseases, including ocular toxoplasmosis, cytomegalovirus retinitis, and chronic anterior uveitis in children.

Dr. Holland provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Hamid Hosseini, MD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Retinal and Macular Conditions

Dr. Hosseini specializes in retinal and macular conditions, such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal detachment.

Dr. Hosseini completed two fellowships at the UCLA Stein Eye Institute, the first in glaucoma and the second in retina. He participates in all activities of the Retina Division, including research, education, and clinical care.

He sees patients at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood and Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.



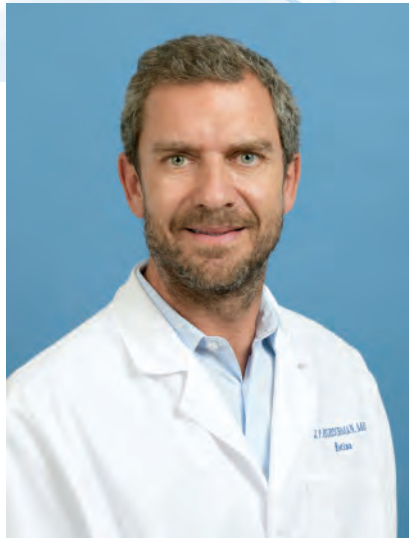
Wayne L. Hubbell, PhD

Jules Stein Chair in Ophthalmology
Distinguished Professor
of Ophthalmology
Distinguished Professor of
Chemistry and Biochemistry

Molecular Basis of Phototransduction in the Vertebrate Retina

Dr. Hubbell's research is focused on understanding the relationship between molecular structure, plasticity, and conformational changes that control protein function in the visual system. Of particular interest are proteins that behave as "molecular switches." The overall goal is to determine the structure of these proteins in their native environment, monitor the changes in structure that accompany the transition to an active state, and to understand the role of protein flexibility in function.

To investigate these and other proteins, Dr. Hubbell's laboratory has developed the technique of site-directed spin labeling, a novel and powerful approach to the exploration of protein structure and dynamics.



Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD

Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

Advanced Vitreoretinal Surgical Interventions and Robotics

Dr. Hubschman's clinical research focuses on the development and evaluation of new vitreoretinal surgical techniques and robotics for ophthalmic surgery. Automated surgery utilizing robotics promises to increase surgical precision and accuracy, as well as improve access to medical care. Dr. Hubschman's publications include research papers on the development of a new retinal patch for the treatment of retinal detachment, on the feasibility of robotic surgery in ophthalmology, and results of various clinical trials. Currently, he is also investigating the use of the terahertz laser for the evaluation of ocular tissue hydration.

Dr. Hubschman provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Sherwin J. Isenberg, MD

Laraine and David Gerber Chair
in Ophthalmology

Distinguished Professor
of Ophthalmology
Professor of Pediatrics

Pediatric Ophthalmology, Amblyopia, and Ophthalmic Pharmacology

Dr. Isenberg is a pediatric surgical and medical disease specialist. His research has concentrated on decreasing the frequency of blindness in children worldwide and preventing pediatric vision loss from debilitating eye infections that impact more than 10,000 children a year in low-resource countries.

Dr. Isenberg has authored nearly 200 research papers, book chapters, and two editions of "The Eye in Infancy." Among his leadership positions, Dr. Isenberg has served as vice chair of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology, chief of the Division of Ophthalmology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, and president of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus.



Simon K. Law, MD, PharmD

Health Sciences Clinical Professor
of Ophthalmology

Optic Disc Evaluation

Dr. Law’s clinical specialties are glaucoma and cataract. His research activities include evaluation of the optic nerve in different racial groups and ocular pathologies, different patterns of glaucomatous visual function decline, outcomes of different glaucoma surgical procedures and medications in eye pressure control and vision restoration, and alternative therapy in glaucoma care.

Dr. Law provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.

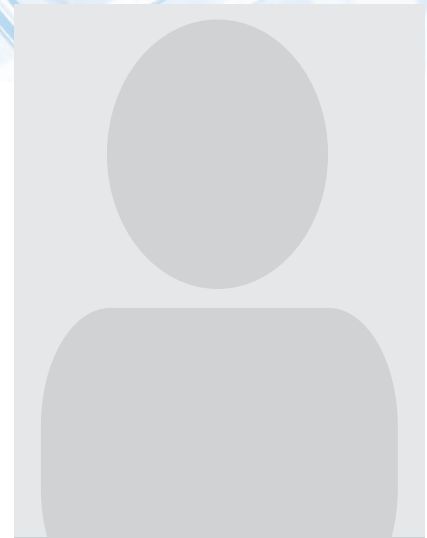


Ralph D. Levinson, MD

Health Sciences Clinical Professor
of Ophthalmology

Ocular Inflammatory Diseases

Dr. Levinson’s research interest is in both the clinical aspects of uveitis and the basic mechanisms and immunogenetics of ocular inflammation. Current projects include a collaborative longitudinal study of a chronic inflammatory disease, birdshot chorioretinopathy, with investigators in France. The study focuses on the interrelationship of disease factors, as well as the course of disease and response to treatment. Dr. Levinson is also conducting laboratory research on cell-based therapies for uveitis and is a co-investigator for National Eye Institute-funded laboratory research on the effects of cancer immunotherapy on uveitis.



Colin A. McCannel, MD

Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology

Vitreoretinal Surgery

Dr. McCannel has a longstanding interest in the management of vitreoretinal conditions, particularly complex retinal detachments, complications of diabetic retinopathy, macular holes and epimacular membranes, and age-related macular degeneration. His clinical research efforts are directed at the improvement of vitreoretinal surgical techniques and outcomes, including the prevention of endophthalmitis following intravitreal injections.

Dr. McCannel devotes time to educational research as well. Currently, he is investigating the utility of virtual reality surgery simulation in teaching ophthalmic surgery. He has several ongoing protocols that assess ophthalmic surgical simulation in surgical teaching.

Dr. McCannel provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Tara A. McCannel, MD, PhD

Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology
Director of the Ophthalmic Oncology Center

Metastatic Ocular Melanoma and Diseases of the Retina and Vitreous

Dr. McCannel is an ophthalmic oncologist, as well as a vitreoretinal surgeon. Dr. McCannel's Ophthalmic Oncology Laboratory is studying molecular markers in ocular melanoma to provide prognostic information to patients and advance understanding of metastatic disease. Discovery of candidate genes from tissue of patients undergoing surgical treatment for ocular melanoma is being explored. This information will be important to establish a better understanding of the biology of metastatic ocular melanoma and help develop better treatments for this cancer. New modalities are being investigated to predict, detect, and ultimately treat choroidal melanoma metastasis.

Dr. McCannel provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Kevin M. Miller, MD

Kolokotronis Chair in Ophthalmology
Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology
Chief of the Cataract and Refractive Surgery Division
Director of the Anterior Segment Diagnostic Laboratory

Cataract and Refractive Surgery

Dr. Miller is chief of the Cataract and Refractive Surgery Division and director of the Anterior Segment Diagnostic Laboratory. His research interests include devices and implants used in cataract and refractive surgery, outcomes of surgical procedures, astigmatism management, and artificial iris implantation.

Dr. Miller provides patient care in the Cataract and Refractive Surgery Suite on the second floor of the Edie and Lew Wasserman Building at the Stein Eye Institute.



Kouros Nouri-Mahdavi, MD, MSc

Associate Professor of Ophthalmology
Director of the Glaucoma Advanced Imaging Laboratory

Role of Structural and Functional Measurements for Detection of Glaucoma and Its Progression

Dr. Nouri-Mahdavi's areas of clinical interest are glaucoma and complex cataract surgery. His research activities include optimizing the role of structural and functional measurements for detection of glaucoma and its progression with an emphasis on advanced disease and macular optical coherence tomography imaging. He is also interested in the study of glaucoma treatment outcomes and their predictors, such as ethnicity. A recent publication compared long-term outcomes of trabeculectomy with adjunctive mitomycin C in patients of African descent to those of European descent.

Dr. Nouri-Mahdavi provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood and the Stein Eye Center—Santa Monica.



Steven Nusinowitz, PhD

Professor of Ophthalmology
Co-Director of the Visual Physiology
Laboratory
Director of the Live Imaging and
Functional Evaluation (LIFE) Core

Mechanisms of Retinal Degeneration

Dr. Nusinowitz is a visual physiologist whose primary research interest is the study of the sites and mechanisms of disease action in inherited eye diseases. He is focused on understanding the cellular contributions to noninvasive measures of visual function and defining the sites and mechanisms of disease action in inherited retinal and visual pathway disorders. By testing hypotheses about the underlying pathophysiology in human disease, Dr. Nusinowitz hopes to provide a mechanism for the development of specific diagnostic tools that are sufficiently sensitive for early detection and better diagnosis of clinical disease.



Stacy L. Pineles, MD

Jerome and Joan Snyder Chair
in Ophthalmology
Associate Professor of Ophthalmology
Residency Director, Department
of Ophthalmology

Pediatric Neuro-Ophthalmology, Amblyopia, and Neurologic Causes of Strabismus

Dr. Pineles' research interests include evaluating the surgical outcomes of strabismus surgery and studying pediatric optic nerve diseases. With her dual training in pediatric ophthalmology and neuro-ophthalmology, she has a special interest in pediatric neuro-ophthalmic diseases, as well as adult patients with amblyopia and neurologic causes of strabismus.

Dr. Pineles provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Natic Piri, PhD

Professor of Ophthalmology

Retinal Ganglion Cell Biology, Glaucomatous Neurodegeneration, and Neuroprotection

Dr. Piri's primary research is defining the mechanisms leading to retinal ganglion cell (RGC) degeneration in glaucomatous neuropathy; developing strategies for preserving RGCs against neurodegeneration; and identifying and characterizing the genes critical for RGC function and integrity. Characterization of RGC-expressed genes is fundamental to a better understanding of normal RGC physiology and pathophysiology.

Dr. Piri also focuses on understanding the degeneration of RGCs and their axons, which is a hallmark of glaucoma. He is also studying the involvement of oxidative stress and proteins of the thioredoxin system, particularly in RGC degeneration in the glaucoma model, and the neuroprotective effects of these proteins against glaucomatous RGC death.



Pradeep S. Prasad, MD, MBA

Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor

Chief, Division of Ophthalmology, Harbor-UCLA Medical Center

Vitreoretinal Surgery and Disease Management

Dr. Prasad specializes in the medical and surgical management of diseases of the retina and vitreous. His research is focused on teleretinal screening for diabetic retinopathy, applications of wide-field fundus photography for retinal vascular disease, and health care delivery for low-income populations.

Dr. Prasad serves as the chief of the Division of Ophthalmology at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center where he provides clinical supervision and instruction to UCLA medical students as well as to Stein Eye residents and vitreo-retinal fellows.



Roxana A. Radu, MD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Retina Biochemistry and Clinical Disease Modeling Laboratory

Dr. Radu's scientific interest is to understand the mechanism of photoreceptor cell degeneration by integrating genetic, biochemical, cellular, and molecular approaches. Dr. Radu's research focuses on the formation and pathogenic role of bisretinoids in retinopathies such as recessive Stargardt disease and age-dependent macular degeneration. Her group aims to develop disease experimental models to investigate the bisretinoid-mediated complement dysregulation in the retinal pigment epithelium as a key player in visual loss. Her studies are supported by the NIH, private foundations, and philanthropic funds. Dr. Radu is also actively involved in training and teaching undergraduates, postgraduate fellows, and medical students.



Alapakkam P. Sampath, PhD

Professor of Ophthalmology and Neurobiology

Associate Director of the Stein Eye Institute

Chief, Vision Science Division

Molecular Mechanisms Underlying Early Visual Processing

The Sampath laboratory is interested in understanding the molecular mechanisms underlying early visual processing. In particular, the focus of laboratory researchers has been on elucidating mechanisms that set the sensitivity of night vision. Night blindness, or nyctalopia, is a condition that results from abnormal signaling by the rod photoreceptors, or the retinal circuits that process rod-driven signals. Using physiological and genetic methods, the laboratory studies signal transmission in these retinal rod pathways to identify how these processes are optimized to allow our exquisite visual sensitivity.



David Sarraf, MD

Health Sciences Clinical Professor
of Ophthalmology

Age-Related Macular Degeneration and Retinal Imaging

Dr. David Sarraf is clinical professor of ophthalmology at the Stein Eye Institute at UCLA and member of the Retinal Disorders and Ophthalmic Genetics Division. He has published over 200 research papers, reviews, and chapters and has delivered over 200 invited lectures at various meetings worldwide including several endowed and keynote lectures.

Dr. Sarraf's research interest centers on retinal disease, especially age-related macular degeneration. He is a world leader and pioneer in the field of advanced retinal imaging systems such as optical coherence tomography (OCT) imaging of the macula and OCT angiography for the evaluation and management of macular disease.



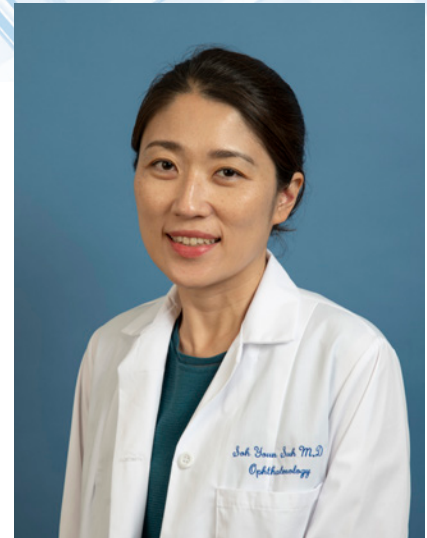
Steven D. Schwartz, MD

The Ahmanson Chair in Ophthalmology
Professor of Ophthalmology
Chief of the Retina Division
Director of the UCLA Diabetic
Eye Disease and Retinal Vascular Center
Director of the Macula Center

Retinal Diseases and Stem Cell Research

Dr. Schwartz's primary areas of research include early diagnosis and treatment of diseases such as retinopathy of prematurity, diabetic eye disease, and macular degeneration. Dr. Schwartz's research includes evaluation of methods to measure optic nerve damage, and the role of structural and functional measurements for detection of glaucoma and its progression. Dr. Schwartz also leads clinical trials testing the use of stem cells to address vision loss from Stargardt macular dystrophy and dry age-related macular degeneration.

Dr. Schwartz provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



Soh Youn Suh, MD

Health Sciences Clinical Instructor

Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus

Dr. Suh's clinical specialties are pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus.

Her research interests include evaluating strain on the optic nerve head and globe displacement during horizontal ductions in patients and normal controls using magnetic resonance imaging and optical coherence tomography.

Dr. Suh provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood and Olive View-UCLA Medical Center.



Hui Sun, PhD

Professor of Physiology and Ophthalmology

Member of Jonsson Comprehensive Cancer Center

Molecular Mechanism of Vitamin A Transport for Vision; Identification of New Therapeutic Targets for Blinding Diseases

Dr. Sun's laboratory aims to identify new therapeutic targets to treat still incurable human diseases, to study their molecular mechanisms, and to develop novel therapies based on the mechanisms. Through many years of research efforts, his laboratory has identified the cell-surface receptors for the most potent endogenous inhibitor of angiogenesis, developed novel techniques to screen for drugs that target these receptors, and developed the first small molecule drug candidates that specifically suppress pathogenic angiogenesis in diverse vision diseases and in cancer. These molecules have achieved therapeutic effects that no existing drugs can achieve and are being prepared for clinical trials.



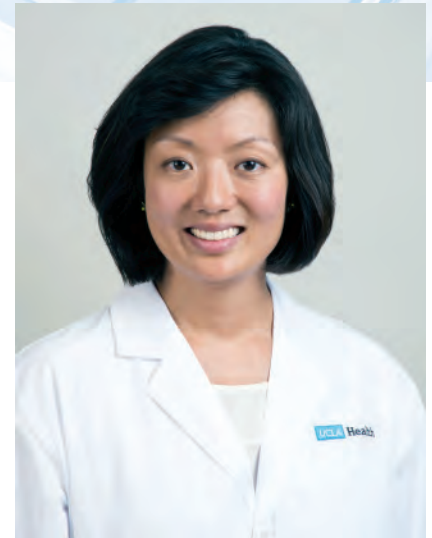
Gabriel H. Travis, MD

Charles Kenneth Feldman Chair in Ophthalmology

Professor of Ophthalmology

Biochemistry of Vertebrate Photoreceptors and Mechanisms of Retinal Degeneration

Dr. Travis' laboratory uses biochemical and genetic approaches to study the visual cycle and its role in retinal and macular degenerations. Vision in vertebrates is mediated by two types of light-sensitive cells: rods and cones. These cells contain light-detecting molecules called opsin pigments. Detection of a single light particle bleaches the opsin pigment. Restoring light sensitivity to a bleached opsin involves an enzymatic pathway called the visual cycle. Mutations in the genes for many proteins of the visual cycle cause inherited blinding diseases.



Irena Tsui, MD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Clinical Vitreoretinal Research

Dr. Tsui's clinical activities include adult and pediatric vitreoretinal diseases. Her research interests focus on retinopathy of prematurity and Zika virus eye abnormalities. Dr. Tsui teaches ophthalmology trainees and serves veterans at the Greater Los Angeles VA Healthcare System.

Dr. Tsui provides clinical care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood and the Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Arcadia.



Soheab Ugradar, MD

Health Sciences Clinical Instructor

Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery

Dr. Ugradar came to Stein Eye from London, England, as an international fellow specializing in orbital and ophthalmic plastic surgery. He conducted his ophthalmology residency at Moorfields Eye Hospital, where he is an honorary research fellow. Dr. Ugradar was ranked number one in the UK National Recruitment for Ophthalmology and is the recipient of numerous academic scholarship awards and honors for his research, including the Ophthalmology Research Gold Medal UK, the Bernice Brown Fellowship Award, the Young European researcher's award, and the Drapers' Company Prize for outstanding achievement at an undergraduate level.

Dr. Ugradar sees patients at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood.



David S. Williams, PhD

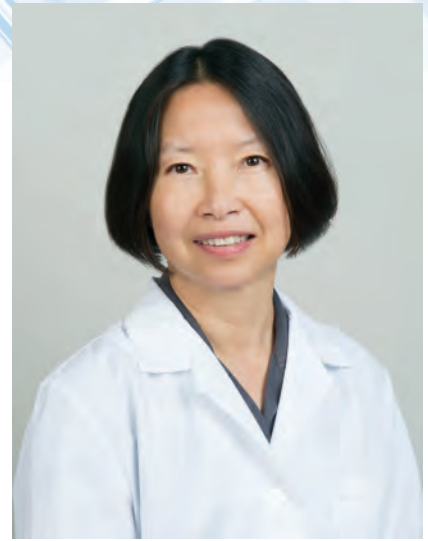
Karl Kirchgessner Foundation Chair in Vision Science*

Professor of Ophthalmology and Neurobiology

Cell Biology of the Retina and Inherited Retinal Disease

Dr. Williams' laboratory focuses on the cell biology of photoreceptor and retinal pigment epithelium cells. His group is especially interested in proteins that function in transport and compartmentalization within these cells. These proteins include those that underlie Usher syndrome and macular degeneration. Translational areas of his research involve gene therapy experiments aimed at preventing the blindness that ensues from Usher syndrome type 1B and studies on stem cell-derived RPE cells, which may be transplanted into retinas afflicted by macular degeneration.

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Xian-Jie Yang, PhD

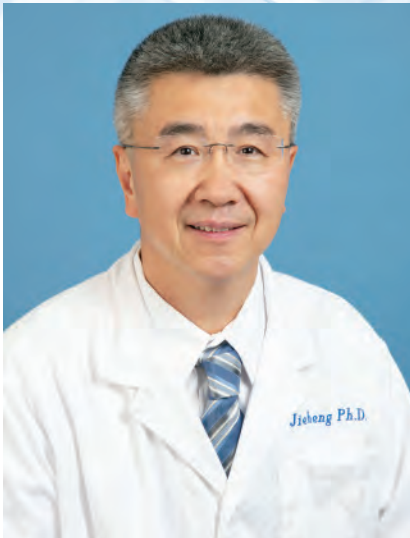
Ernest G. Herman Chair in Ophthalmology

Professor of Ophthalmology

Development and Disease Therapy of the Retina

Dr. Yang's research is focused on molecular mechanisms of retina development and repair. Her research approaches include using genetically engineered retinal degeneration models, recombinant virus mediated gene delivery, and human pluripotent stem cell-derived retinal neurons to simulate human diseases.

Dr. Yang's research laboratory is located at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood. Her research activities are supported by NIH grants and institutional support.



Jie J. Zheng, PhD

Professor of Ophthalmology

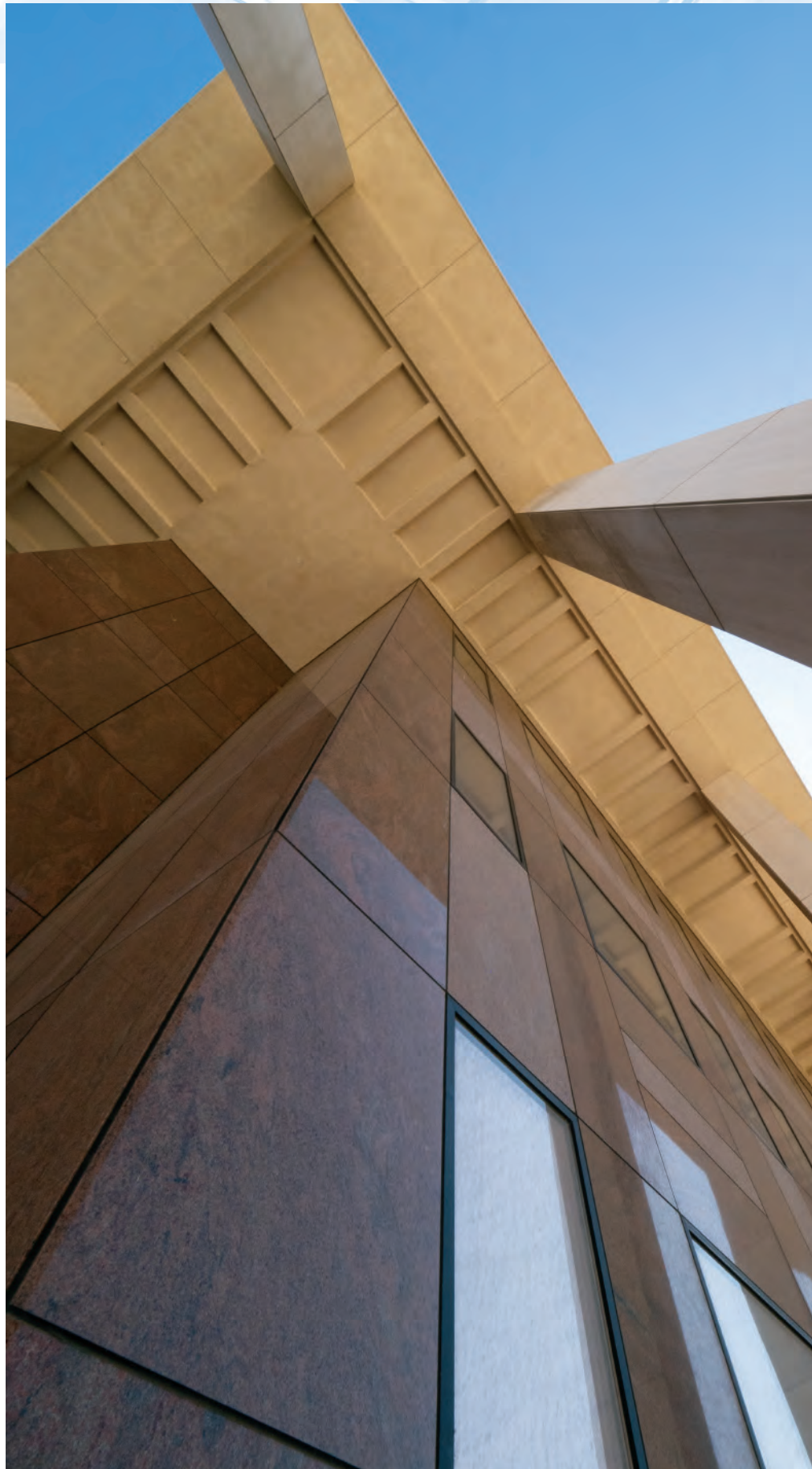
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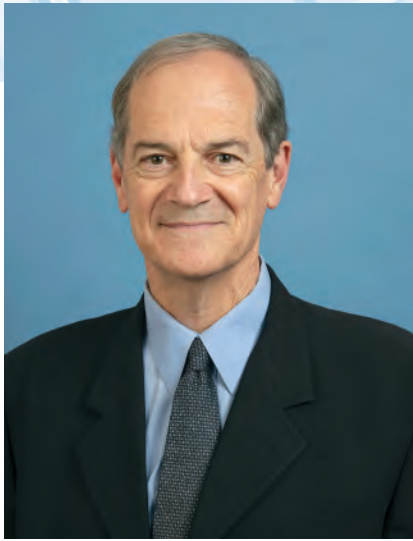
Member of the Jonsson Comprehensive
Cancer Center

Therapeutic Development in Ophthalmology

Dr. Zheng's research is at the interface of biochemistry, computational biology, systems pharmacology, and drug discovery with an emphasis on therapeutic development in ophthalmology.

His laboratory is currently developing proteins and small molecules that can modulate signal transduction pathways, such as Wnt, Hedgehog, BMP, and Hippo pathways, in an effort to better understand the biological functions of these signaling pathways and to explore the therapeutic potential of these compounds and proteins. Aiming to establish new translational research within the scientific community at UCLA, Dr. Zheng's goal is to develop novel therapies for retinal degenerative diseases, glaucoma, and corneal disorders.





Steven A. Barnes, PhD

Professor of Ophthalmology

Ion Channel Function in Retinal Neurons

Dr. Barnes is a neurobiologist interested in how the retinal milieu in healthy and stressed states affects ion channels that mediate signaling within and between retinal neurons. The activity of ion channel proteins in retinal neurons governs how the retinal network optimizes image processing. Dr. Barnes seeks to define targets that could aid precision interventions in slowing or preventing vision loss in diseases such as glaucoma and macular degeneration. Important questions concern the limits that the bioenergetic environment puts on photoreceptor and ganglion cell sensitivity and signaling capabilities, as well as how early stages of this dysfunction are manifested.



Benjamin B. Bert, MD

Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Cornea-External Ocular Disease and Refractive Surgery

Dr. Bert provides comprehensive ophthalmic care and is a subspecialist in cornea/external disease. His areas of expertise include: dry eye/blepharitis, conjunctivitis, uveitis, acute corneal injury, and genetic corneal disorders, as well as cataract surgery with advanced intraocular lenses and refractive surgery.

Dr. Bert sees patients at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA offices in Orange County and Pasadena.



Vikas Chopra, MD

Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Charles Stewart Warren and Hildegard Warren Endowed Research Chair

Medical Director, Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena

Glaucoma

Specializing in glaucoma, Dr. Chopra's research activities include advanced optic nerve and retinal nerve fiber layer imaging for early glaucoma detection, as well as development and validation of novel parameters for use in anterior segment optical coherence tomography devices as principal investigator at the Doheny Image Reading Center. Dr. Chopra also evaluates laser and surgical techniques for the management of glaucoma.

Dr. Chopra provides patient care at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Arcadia and Pasadena.



Brian A. Francis, MD, MS

Health Sciences Clinical Professor
of Ophthalmology

Rupert and Gertrude I. Stieger
Vision Research Chair

Director of Glaucoma Services,
Doheny Eye Center UCLA

Medical Director, Doheny Eye Center
UCLA–Orange County

Glaucoma

Dr. Francis' clinical specialties are glaucoma and complex cataract. His research activities include: innovative glaucoma surgeries, minimally invasive glaucoma surgery, novel visual field techniques, glaucoma diagnostic and functional imaging, anterior segment imaging (ultrasound biomicroscopy and Fourier domain optical coherence tomography), and glaucoma laser surgery.

Dr. Francis sees patients at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Arcadia, Orange County, and Pasadena.



Gad Heilweil, MD

Health Sciences Assistant Clinical
Professor

Degenerative Retinal Disease

Dr. Heilweil's research activities include stem-cell therapy for degenerative retinal disease; retinal and uveal drug toxicity; and pharmacokinetics of intravitreal drugs.

In addition to providing patient care at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood, Dr. Heilweil also sees patients at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Arcadia, Orange County, and Pasadena.



Hugo Y. Hsu, MD

Health Sciences Clinical Professor
of Ophthalmology

Cornea and External Diseases

Dr. Hsu specializes in corneal infection and inflammation, corneal transplantation, anterior segment reconstruction, and cataract surgery. His research interests include corneal and ocular infections and ophthalmic antibiotics.

Dr. Hsu sees patients at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Arcadia, Orange County, and Pasadena.



Alex A. Huang, MD, PhD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Glaucoma

Dr. Huang's clinical specialties are in complex cataract and glaucoma surgery. His research is dedicated to understanding fluid flow in the eye to improve and customize glaucoma surgery. He also studies ocular changes that American astronauts experience in Space.

Dr. Huang provides clinical care at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena.



Michael S. Ip, MD

Gavin S. Herbert Endowed Chair
Professor of Ophthalmology

Vitreoretinal Disease

Dr. Ip is the chief of the Vitreoretinal Surgery Service at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA. His practice concentrates on the surgical management of complex retinal detachment, complications of diabetic retinopathy, macular holes, epiretinal membranes, and other vitreoretinal diseases amenable to surgical intervention.

Dr. Ip's research focuses on the design and conduct of clinical trials investigating treatments for diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration, and retinal venous occlusive disease. In addition, Dr. Ip has served as the national director for numerous NIH-funded ophthalmic clinical trials.



John A. Irvine, MD

Health Sciences Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

A. Ray Irvine, Jr., MD,
Chair in Clinical Ophthalmology

Medical Director,
Doheny Eye Center UCLA

Cornea and External Diseases

Dr. Irvine's clinical specialties are cornea and external diseases (eg, tumors, infections), anterior segment surgical consultation, and prosthetic replacement of the ocular surface ecosystem (PROSE). His research activities focus on ocular infections.

Dr. Irvine provides patient care at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Arcadia, Orange County, and Pasadena.



Ram Kannan, PhD

Adjunct Professor of Ophthalmology

Eye Physiology and Pathology

Dr. Kannan's research focuses on eye physiology and pathology. He currently investigates age-related macular degeneration, a leading cause of blindness in high-resource countries.



M. Ali Khan, MD

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Vitreoretinal Disease

Dr. Khan's clinical interests include the medical and surgical treatment of retinal disease. He has a special interest in complex retinal surgery and the evaluation of novel surgical techniques and technology, including research aiming to improve outcomes of retinal detachment repair.

Dr. Khan provides clinical care at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena, the Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Arcadia, and the Stein Eye Center–Santa Monica.



Olivia L. Lee, MD

Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Cornea/External Diseases and Uveitis; Corneal Imaging

Focusing on cornea/external diseases and uveitis, Dr. Lee's particular interest is in inflammatory ocular surface disease, corneal melts, pterygia, and anterior segment complications of uveitis. Dr. Lee performs all types of corneal transplants, as well as complex cataract surgery in uveitic eyes.

Dr. Lee's research interests are anterior segment imaging applied to the tear film, cornea, and conjunctiva. With her expertise in corneal imaging, a specular microscopy reading center was developed at the Doheny Image Reading Center, where she serves as an investigator.

Dr. Lee provides patient care at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Arcadia, Orange County, and Pasadena.



Kenneth L. Lu, MD

Health Sciences Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Medical Director,
Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Arcadia

Cataract and Refractive Surgery

Dr. Lu specializes in cataract and refractive surgery, and his research activities are focused in the same areas.

Dr. Lu sees patients at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Arcadia.



Peter A. Quiros, MD

Health Sciences Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Neuro-Ophthalmology

A neuro-ophthalmologist, Dr. Quiros specializes in optic nerve disease, including optic neuritis and multiple sclerosis; double vision and adult strabismus; eye pain, headache, and idiopathic intracranial hypertension; Graves disease; orbital inflammatory syndromes; and stroke. Research includes idiopathic intracranial hypertension, headache, ocular myasthenia gravis, Graves disease, optic neuritis and multiple sclerosis, and visual rehabilitation after stroke. He was the principal investigator for the idiopathic intracranial hypertension treatment trial and is the principal investigator for the longitudinal idiopathic intracranial hypertension treatment trial. He is a member of the Neuro-Ophthalmology Researcher and Disease Investigators Consortium.

Dr. Quiros sees patients at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Orange County and Pasadena.



Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS

Karen and Frank Dabby Endowed Chair in Ophthalmology*

Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Orbit and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery

Dr. Rootman is an orbit and ophthalmic plastic surgery specialist with expertise in Graves disease, orbital surgery, orbital tumors, ptosis, lacrimal disorders, blepharoplasty, blepharospasm, Botox®, cosmetic dermal fillers, endoscopic eyebrow lift, eyelid surgery, eyelid tumors, and trauma. His research is developing and refining patient-centered outcome measures for surgical care; randomized clinical trials in surgery, including ptosis, Graves orbitopathy and lacrimal disease; health economics of eyelid and facial surgery; sociodemographics of facial trauma; physiology and pathobiology of ptosis; new approaches to surgery; and measurement and assessment in medical education.

Dr. Rootman sees patients at the Stein Eye Institute in Westwood and the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Orange County and Pasadena.

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SriniVas R. Sadda, MD

Professor of Ophthalmology

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Doheny Eye Institute

Retinal and Macular Diseases

Dr. Sadda received his MD from Johns Hopkins University, where he also completed his ophthalmology residency and neuro-ophthalmology and medical retina fellowships. His clinical interests are macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy and his research includes automated retinal image analysis and advanced retinal imaging technologies. He has more than 430 peer-reviewed publications and 20 book chapters, and has given over 400 presentations worldwide. He also serves as an editorial board member of *Ophthalmic Surgery, Lasers & Imaging, Retina, Graefe's, Ophthalmology Retina*, and *Ophthalmology*. He is also an editor of the 5th edition of the Ryan's Retina textbook.

Dr. Sadda provides clinical care at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA in Pasadena and Arcadia.



Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD

Professor of Ophthalmology

Flora L. Thornton Endowed Chair
in Vision Research

Vice Chair of Ophthalmology,
Doheny Eye Center UCLA

Neuro-Ophthalmology

Clinical specialties of Dr. Sadun include neuro-ophthalmology, optic nerve, optic neuropathies (eg, posterior ischemic optic neuropathy, anterior ischemic optic neuropathy, and traumatic optic neuropathy), Leber hereditary optic neuropathy, toxic and nutritional optic neuropathies, vision in Alzheimer's, AIDS, and other central nervous system disorders. Dr. Sadun's research activities focus on human visual neuroanatomy; retinal ganglion cell degeneration and regeneration; axon populations in the human optic nerve in development, aging, and disease; and mitochondrial impairments as a cause of optic neuropathy and other forms of neurodegeneration.

Dr. Sadun sees patients at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena.



Deming Sun, MD

Professor of Ophthalmology

Mary D. Allen Chair in Vision Research

Research Scientist

Dr. Sun is a researcher whose primary areas of investigation include uveitis, autoimmune diseases, optic neuritis, animal disease models, and T-cell biology.



James C. Tan, MD, PhD

Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

Glaucoma

Dr. Tan is a dual fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist. He treats the full spectrum of cataract and glaucoma conditions, ranging from mild to complex. His treatments and surgeries focus on safe and effective outcomes using advanced techniques. Dr. Tan has authored over 100 scientific papers, abstracts, book chapters, and books. His glaucoma research addresses advanced imaging, molecular pathogenesis, drug development, and surgical techniques. He has received awards from the National Institutes of Health, Research to Prevent Blindness, and the American Glaucoma Society.

Dr. Tan provides patient care at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Arcadia and Pasadena.



Yuhua Zhang, PhD

Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

Retinal Imaging

Dr. Zhang is an optical engineer and retinal imaging specialist, whose research encompasses state-of-the-art tools to study blinding eye disorders, including next-generation 3-D imaging technology for viewing the retina in patients with age-related macular degeneration at the cellular level.

His technology integrates adaptive optics, scanning laser ophthalmoscopy, and optical coherence tomography to study the vision-producing cells and tiniest blood vessels of the eye. Understanding their interplay will help answer questions about causes of vision loss, improve prognoses for patients, and lead to directed treatments to slow or prevent vision loss.

Stein Eye Institute Members Based at Other Sites

James W. Bisley, PhD

Associate Professor of Neurobiology and Psychology

Member of the Brain Research Institute

Cognitive Processing of Visual Information

Dr. Bisley's research revolves around understanding the neural mechanisms underlying the cognitive processing of visual information. These cognitive processes include visual perception, visual memory, and visual attention. Recent work has focused on how the responses of neurons in the posterior parietal cortex are involved in the allocation of visual attention to neurons in visual cortices and how they guide eye movements in goal-directed visual search.

Patrick T. Dowling, MD, MPH

Chair, UCLA Department of Family Medicine

The Kaiser Endowed Professor of Community Medicine

Health Care Policy and Access for Underserved Populations

Dr. Dowling has received grant funding for more than 30 years to link medical education to underserved neighborhoods thereby providing access to care. Further, he has worked with Dr. Anne Coleman and the Care Harbor program to provide free medical, dental, and eye care to 3,500 low-income families, and the medically indigent of Los Angeles.

Antoni Ribas, MD

Professor of Medicine, Surgery, and Molecular and Medical Pharmacology

Malignant Melanoma

Dr. Ribas is a physician-scientist who conducts laboratory and clinical research in malignant melanoma, focusing on gene engineered adoptive cell transfer (ACT) therapies, anti-CTLA4 antibodies, anti-PD-1 antibodies, and BRAF and MEK inhibitors.

Dario L. Ringach, PhD

Professor of Neurobiology and Psychology, Biomedical Engineering Program

Visual Perception and Neurophysiology

Dr. Ringach's research focuses on the relationship between eye movements and visual perception, as well as how motor planning and execution, such as reaching, grasping, navigating, and adjusting body posture, is influenced by visual information and impaired vision. In collaboration with a team of neurosurgeons at UCLA, Dr. Ringach's laboratory is also recording the brain activity of patients with epilepsy who are undergoing clinical evaluation for surgical treatment, shedding new light into the processes involved in object recognition and perception.

Professional Research Series

Christian Altenbach, PhD

Research Ophthalmologist

Structure and Function of Rhodopsin

The membrane protein rhodopsin is a critical first step in visual transduction, converting light energy into a chemical form in the photoreceptor cell of the eye. To understand this process on a detailed molecular level, Dr. Altenbach is using site-directed spin labeling and electron paramagnetic resonance spectroscopy to study the structure of rhodopsin in the absence of light, as well as the changes in structure caused by light.

Michael Bridges, PhD

Assistant Project Scientist

Paramagnetic Resonance Methodologies

Dr. Bridges' research in the laboratory of Dr. Wayne Hubbell is centered on the development and application of new pulsed electron paramagnetic resonance methodologies. Protein conformational dynamics and structural relaxation are his central focus with the goal of characterizing the timescales and motional amplitudes of functional activation.

Barry L. Burgess, BS

Research Specialist

Degenerative Retinal Disease Research

Mr. Burgess provides research support for the Photoreceptor/RPE Cell Biology Laboratory of Dr. David Williams. Research interests include production of differentiated RPE cells from human stem cell precursors and developing in vitro models of oxidative stress involved in degenerative retinal disease progression.

Doug Chung, PhD

Assistant Project Scientist

Corneal Endothelial Dystrophies

Dr. Chung's research focus is elucidating the mechanisms involved in the pathogenesis of inherited corneal endothelial dystrophies in an effort to develop novel gene-based therapeutic approaches.

Matthias Elgeti, PhD

Assistant Project Scientist

Development of Common Structure/Function Relationships of GPCR Activation Based on the Rhodopsin Model System

Dr. Elgeti's work focuses on the activation mechanisms of G protein coupled receptors (GPCRs), which are involved in many cellular signaling processes and represent major drug targets. He addresses his questions by comparing visual rhodopsin with other prototypical GPCRs using site-directed spin labeling (SDSL) and electron paramagnetic resonance (EPR) spectroscopy.

Rikard Frederiksen, PhD

Assistant Research Ophthalmologist

Adaptation

Dr. Frederiksen's main research interest is adaptation, specifically how the rods and cones in the retina adapt to different light intensities.

Rajendra Gangalum, PhD

Assistant Research Specialist

Function and Regulation of Small Heat Shock Protein α B-crystallin in Health and Disease

Dr. Gangalum's research seeks to gain understanding of the physiological function of α B-crystallin in the developing ocular lens and non-ocular tissues. α B-crystallin has been shown to associate with pathologies such as cataracts, cancer, age-related macular degeneration, and various neurodegenerative diseases.

Sheyla Gonzalez, PhD

Assistant Project Scientist

Limbal Stem Cells

Dr. Gonzalez's research aims to improve the ex vivo expansion of limbal epithelial stem cells (LSCs) by modulating Notch signaling in individuals suffering from limbal stem cell deficiency. The identification of niche factors could help to improve the in vitro production of LSCs for transplantation.

Sonia Guha, PhD

Assistant Project Scientist

Unraveling New Therapeutic Targets for Ocular Albinism

Dr. Guha studies genes that may be associated with the misrouting of retinal ganglion cell (RGC) axons at the brain's optic chiasm in individuals affected with X-linked ocular albinism type 1 (*OA1*). This disease is also characterized by hypopigmentation and presence of macromelanosomes in the RPE. How the reduced pigmentation of *OA1* RPE exerts its effects on the RGCs to influence the misrouting of their axons at the optic chiasm remains unsolved, and Dr. Guha's findings have the potential to unravel new therapeutic targets for *OA1*.

Joanna J. Kaylor, PhD

Associate Project Scientist

Visual Chromophore Regeneration in the Retina of the Eye

Dr. Kaylor has discovered that light plays a vital role in regeneration of visual chromophore in the retina. She recently identified a non-enzymatic process that generates visual pigment in photoreceptor membranes in light. Her research now focuses on the function of retinal G-protein coupled receptor (RGR).

Jacky M. K. Kwong, PhD

Research Ophthalmologist

Degeneration of Retinal Ganglion Cells and Neuroprotection

Dr. Kwong identifies novel neuroprotective and regenerative therapies for glaucoma that preserve and restore the nerve cells. He utilizes animal models related to optic nerve injury and glaucoma to understand the progression of retinal ganglion cell degeneration, and pharmacologic techniques and functional assessments to evaluate therapies.

Anna Matynia, PhD

Associate Research Ophthalmologist

Mechanisms Underlying Photoallodynia

Dr. Matynia's research investigates the mechanisms underlying photoallodynia, a condition in which normal levels of light produce or enhance ocular or headache pain. Using behavioral, molecular, genetic, and cellular approaches, the laboratory focuses on corneal, retinal, and central mechanisms from dry eye injury, achromatopsia, and migraine, respectively.

Alberto C. Ruiz-Morales

Research Specialist

Visual Cycle

Mr. Ruiz, a molecular biologist, is directly involved in the cloning and characterization of enzymes critical for the proper functioning of the visual cycle. Currently, Mr. Ruiz is analyzing genes, such as *ARMS2* and *HTRA1*, which are thought to be involved in age-related macular degeneration.

Alejandra Young, PhD

Assistant Project Scientist

Ocular Albinism

Dr. Young's research is focused on the study of the molecular mechanisms that cause ocular albinism type 1 (*OA1*), a disease caused by mutations in the *OA1* gene and characterized by hypopigmentation of the retinal pigment epithelium and abnormal crossing of the optic axons at the optic chiasm. In addition, she investigates the potential therapeutic use of engineered human embryonic stem cell-derived extracellular vesicles for the treatment of ocular albinism.

Professional Clinical Series

Laura Bonelli, MD

Associate Physician Diplomat

Neuro-Ophthalmology

Dr. Bonelli provides clinical supervision to resident physicians at the University Ophthalmology Associates and teaches medical students during their ophthalmology surgical subspecialties clinical rotation. She is collaborating on a study to learn and better understand giant cell arteritis (GCA), an inflammation of the lining of the arteries. GCA frequently causes blurred or double vision, and if left untreated, may result in loss of vision. She is also a co-investigator for the National Eye Institute-sponsored study of idiopathic intracranial hypertension.

Melissa W. Chun, OD

Associate Clinical Professor
of Ophthalmology

Director of the UCLA
Vision Rehabilitation Center

Vision Rehabilitation

Dr. Chun's clinical research interests are in vision rehabilitation outcomes and training techniques that maximize visual function. She is a member of the Low Vision Research Network, a nationwide collaboration of low vision specialists for multicenter clinical studies. She is also involved in visual outcome measures for various clinical studies on macular degeneration.



Uday Devgan, MD, FACS, FRCS

Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Chief of Ophthalmology, Olive View-
UCLA Medical Center

Dr. Devgan is a cataract and refractive surgery specialist who has taught ophthalmic surgery in more than 50 countries. He has been actively involved in resident teaching for nearly two decades, and he has mentored more than 130 residents over the course of thousands of ocular surgeries, including advising former residents after the culmination of their training. Passionate about teaching the next generation of ophthalmologists, Dr. Devgan has been honored with the ophthalmology Faculty Teaching Award an unprecedented four times.

Rachel Feit-Leichman, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Cataract Surgery

Dr. Feit-Leichman divides her time between supervising residents and providing patient care at the Stein Eye Institute's Urgent Care Clinic, and teaching cataract surgery and overseeing residents at the ophthalmology clinic of the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Feit-Leichman is also active in striving to improve patient access to eye care in the greater Los Angeles County Healthcare System.

Batool Jafri, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Cornea/External Disease/ Refractive Surgery

Dr. Jafri provides patient care as well as supervision to resident physicians and cornea fellows. Her focus is medical and surgical treatment of diseases of the cornea, external disease, and refractive conditions like near and far sightedness. She also provides general ophthalmic care and offers cataract surgery with premium intraocular lens implants.

Monica R. Khitri, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Pediatric Ophthalmic Diseases and Strabismus

Dr. Khitri specializes in the evaluation and treatment of pediatric ophthalmic diseases, including pediatric cataracts, nasolacrimal duct obstructions, amblyopia, and retinopathy of prematurity. She also treats and operates on strabismus in both children and adults. Dr. Khitri sees patients at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations in Arcadia and Pasadena. She also teaches residents and fellows at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, where she is chief of the pediatric ophthalmology service.

Phillip Le, MD, PhD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Retinal and Macular Diseases

Dr. Le is a comprehensive ophthalmologist who specializes in retinal and macular diseases. He sees patients at the Doheny Eye Center UCLA–Pasadena.

Mitra Nejad, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Clinical Instructor of Ophthalmology

Comprehensive Ophthalmology

Dr. Nejad practices comprehensive ophthalmology at the Stein Eye Institute and the Stein Eye Center–Santa Monica. Her practice involves general ophthalmic care, as well as cataract and refractive surgery. In addition, Dr. Nejad teaches UCLA medical students and residents at the Stein Eye Institute, as well as supervising resident cataract surgery at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center.

Tania Onclinx, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Clinical Instructor of Ophthalmology

Urgent Care and Clinical Supervision

Dr. Onclinx attends at the Urgent Care Walk-In service at the Stein Eye Institute, and she teaches resident physicians and medical students at the Stein Eye Institute during their subspecialty clinical rotation. She also provides clinical supervision to resident physicians at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica.

Susan S. Ransome, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Clinical Instructor of Ophthalmology

HIV and Diabetic Retinopathy

Dr. Ransome is participating in a clinical research study involving HIV-infected patients who have diabetes to see whether there is increased risk of development or progression of diabetic retinopathy when subjects are treated for abdominal lipodystrophy with Egrifta (tesamorelin).

Meryl L. Shapiro-Tuchin, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Co-Director of the Ophthalmology Inpatient Consultation Service

Comprehensive Ophthalmology

Dr. Shapiro-Tuchin provides clinical supervision to resident physicians. She functions as co-director of the Ophthalmology Inpatient Consultation Service, assisting resident physicians in their evaluation of inpatients admitted to the Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center and the UCLA Medical Center, Santa Monica.

Ronald J. Smith, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Associate Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology

Objective Assessment of Surgical Technique and Training

Dr. Smith's research interest is the objective assessment of surgical technique and development of evidence-based surgical training for residents to improve patient care. In addition to teaching residents at the Veterans Affairs Greater Los Angeles Healthcare System and in the UCLA Microsurgery Laboratory, Dr. Smith provides cornea and comprehensive eye care to patients at the Stein Eye Center–Santa Monica.

Laura A. Syniuta, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

Dr. Syniuta completed her fellowship training in pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus at the Stein Eye Institute in 1999. With children's eye and learning disorders being her passion, she sees patients at the Stein Eye Center—Santa Monica and has staffed the UCLA Mobile Eye Clinic since 2011.

Federico G. Velez, MD

Associate Physician Diplomate

Strabismus and Childhood Eye Disorders

Dr. Velez's primary research interest is studying the mechanisms of congenital and acquired forms of strabismus. He has participated in the development of guidelines for preoperative assessment and surgical approaches to patients with convergent (esotropia), divergent (exotropia), and vertical forms of strabismus, and has developed new techniques to treat pediatric patients with eyelid abnormalities and cataracts.

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Cornea/External Ocular Diseases and Refractive Surgery

Nathan Abraham, MD
Amir Hossein Marvasti, MD
Anjali Tapadia, MD
(Doheny Eye Center UCLA)

Glaucoma

Christine Petersen, MD
Aleksandr Yelenskiy
(Doheny Eye Center UCLA)
Jonathan Young, MD

Medical Retina and Ophthalmic Genetics

Giovanni Greaves, MD
Terry Wood, MD

Neuro-Ophthalmology

None

Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery

Justin Karlin, MD
Christopher Lo, MD

Pathology (Eye)

None

Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus

Lindsay De Andrade, MD
Jennifer Pan, MD

Uveitis and Inflammatory Eye Disease

None

Vitreoretinal Diseases and Surgery

Wei Gui, MD
Jason “Mingyi” Huang, MD
Nikisha Kothari, MD
Niranjan Manoharan, MD

International Fellows

Cornea Research

Turad Alkadi, MD
Saudi Arabia
Clémence Bonnet, MD
France
Seyed Reza Ghaffari Dehkharghani, MD
Iran

Comprehensive Ophthalmology/ Cataract

None

Glaucoma

Qiang Fu, MD
China
Golnoush Mahmoudi Nezhad, MD
Iran
Vahid Mohammadzadeh, MD
Iran
Alessandro Rabiolo, MD
Italy
Diana Salazar Vega, MD
Colombia
Xiaobin Xie, MD
(Doheny Eye Center UCLA)
China

Medical Retina and Ophthalmic Genetics

M. Zubair Yameen Arain, MD
Pakistan
Giulia Corradetti, MD
Italy
Assaf Hilely, MD
Israel
Mee Yon Lee, MD
South Korea

Neuro-Ophthalmology

Stacey Marie Cohitmingao, MD
Philippines
Uchenna Francis Nwako, MD
Nigeria

Orbital and Ophthalmic Plastic Surgery

Bunyada Putthirangsiwong, MD
Thailand

Pediatric Ophthalmology

Toshiaki Goseki, MD, PhD
Japan

Uveitis

None

Visual Physiology

None

Vitreoretinal Diseases and Surgery

Ismael Chehaibou, MD
France

Gilad Rabina, MD
Israel

Aditya Verma, MD
(Doheny Eye Center UCLA)
India

Predocctoral Research Fellows

Kevin Eden
W. Blake Gilmore
Khristopher Griffis
Roni Hazim
Norianne Ingram
Margaux Kreitman
Alan Le
Eunice Ng
Joseph Park
Katie Pohl
Gabriel Pollock
Gabriela Sendek
Tongzhou Xu

Postdoctoral Research Fellows

Edouard Baulier, PhD
Abhishek Chadha, PhD
Aurelie Dos Santos, PhD
Antonio Escudero Paniagua, PhD
Nermin Kady, PhD
Ala Morshedian, PhD
Jonathan Rodriguez, PhD
Charles Avery Sader, PhD
Ankita Umopathy, PhD
Yanjie Wang, PhD
Chi Zhang, PhD
Wenlin Zhang, MD, PhD





Research and Funding

Research Contracts and Grants

Vision-Science Research Active Funding

ADMINISTERED BY THE
STEIN EYE INSTITUTE

Faculty

Anthony J. Aldave, MD

In Vitro Expansion of HCEnc Using Differing Cell Cultural Systems
Eye Bank Association of America
Duration: 7/1/18–6/30/19
\$5,000

Suraj P. Bhat, PhD

Childhood Cataractogenesis: Heterogeneity of Gene Expression
National Eye Institute
Duration: 1/1/15–12/31/19
\$329,180

Ava K. Bittner, OD

Beacon Sensors and Telerehabilitation to Assess and Improve Use of Devices for Visual Functioning (BeST-AID)
National Eye Institute
Duration: 2/1/19–1/31/21
\$185,212

Joseph Caprioli, MD

Clinical Research Program in Glaucoma
Simms-Mann Family Foundation
Duration: 7/1/14–6/30/20
\$50,000

Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD

Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study
20-Year Follow-up: Clinical Center Grant
National Eye Institute
Sub-award with Washington University
Duration: 7/1/15–6/30/19
\$4,883

Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD

Biomechanical Analysis in Strabismus Surgery
National Eye Institute
Duration: 5/1/16–4/30/20
\$385,668

Data-Driven Biomechanical Simulation of Eye Movement and Strabismus
National Eye Institute
Sub-award from George Mason University
Duration: 6/1/19–5/30/20
\$60,238

Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD

Development of Stem Cell-based Therapies for Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency
National Eye Institute
Duration: 2/1/19–1/31/24
\$250,000

Development of Small-Molecule Wnt Mimetics for Corneal Epithelial Cell Regeneration
National Eye Institute (Multi-PI with Jie J. Zheng, PhD)
Duration: 9/30/18–8/31/22
\$292,577

Gordon L. Fain, PhD

Physiology of Photoreceptors
National Eye Institute
Duration: 8/1/17–7/31/21
\$250,000

Visual Integration in the Retina of the Sea Lamprey *Petromyzon Marinus*
Great Lakes Fishery Commission
Duration: 1/1/19–12/31/21
\$73,562

Debora B. Farber, PhD, DPhc

Patient-derived iPSCs, CRISPR/Cas and RPE-derived Exosomes for the Treatment of Ocular Albinism
Vision of Children
Duration: 6/1/16–12/31/20
\$157,484

Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD

IPS Model for Retinal Hemangioma Pathogenesis
VHL Family Alliance
Duration: 10/1/16–9/30/18
\$50,000

Gary N. Holland, MD

Systemic Immunosuppressive Therapy for Eye Diseases
Cohort Study (SITE)
University of Pittsburgh
Duration: 3/2/16–3/2/21
Non-monetary Contract

Systemic Immunosuppressive Therapy for Eye Disease
(Cancer Surveillance and Research Branch/CCR)
University of Pittsburgh
Duration: 3/2/16–3/2/21
Non-monetary Contract

Joseph Horwitz, PhD

Analysis of Lens Crystallins and Cataractous Mutants at High Hydrostatic Pressure
National Eye Institute
Duration: 4/1/14–3/31/20
\$150,000

Alex A. Huang, MD, PhD

Discovery and Characterization of Anterior Sclera Pathology in Glaucoma
National Eye Institute
Duration: 9/30/14–9/29/19
\$203,981

Research to Prevent Blindness Career Development Award
Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc.
Duration: 1/1/16–12/31/19
\$75,000

Wayne L. Hubbell, PhD

Molecular Basis of Membrane Excitation
National Eye Institute
Duration: 5/1/15–4/30/20
\$311,375

Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD

Vitreoretinal Surgery via Robotic Microsurgical System with Image Guidance, Force Feedback, Virtual Fixture, and Augmented Reality
National Eye Institute
Duration: 2/1/19–1/31/24
\$307,120

Michael Ip, MD

The SCORE 2 Long-Term Follow-Up (SCORE2 LTF)
National Eye Institute
Sub-award from Pennsylvania State University
Duration: 4/1/19–3/31/20
\$46,143

Studies of Comparative Treatments in Retinal Vein Occlusion 2 (SCORE 2)
National Eye Institute
Sub-award from Pennsylvania State University
Duration: 6/16/16–3/31/19
\$47,631

Bartly J. Mondino, MD

RPB Unrestricted Grant
Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc.
Duration: 1/1/12–12/31/19
\$115,000

Stacy L. Pineles, MD

Physical Injuries in Patients with
Pediatric Eye Diseases
National Eye Institute
Duration: 1/1/19–12/31/20
\$150,000

RPB Walt and Lilly Disney Award for
Amblyopia Research
Research to Prevent Blindness, Inc.
Duration: 7/1/14–12/31/19
\$100,000

Roxana Radu, MD

The Role of Complement in Recessive
Stargardt Disease
National Eye Institute
Duration: 8/1/15–7/31/20
\$250,000

Identification of Bisretinoid Levels in
ABca4-/-Mouse Retinas
NightstaRx
Duration: 9/26/18–9/25/19
\$25,641

Alapakkam P. Sampath, PhD

Molecular Basis of Photoreceptor Wiring
National Eye Institute
(Multi-PI award with Scripps Clinic and
Research Foundation)
Duration: 5/1/17–4/30/22
\$92,598

Analyses of Retinal Circuits After Rod
Rescue in a Mouse Model of Human
Blindness
National Eye Institute
(Multi-PI award with University of
Southern California)
Duration: 9/1/16–8/31/21
\$95,673

Vision Science Training Program
National Eye Institute
Duration: 9/1/17–8/31/22
\$253,473

Molecular Mechanisms of
Photoreceptor Adaptation
National Eye Institute
Duration 2/1/19–1/31/24
\$267,551

Gabriel H. Travis, MD

Instrumentation Grant for Stein Eye
Investigators
Bruce Ford and Anne Smith Bundy
Foundation
Duration: 8/16/11–8/15/19
\$100,000

Functional Characterization of RGR-
OPSN in Retinal Müller Cells
National Eye Institute
Duration: 9/1/15–8/31/18
\$250,000

David S. Williams, PhD

The Photoreceptor Cilium
National Eye Institute
Duration: 5/1/13–4/30/20
\$250,000

Photoreceptor Disk Membrane
Morphogenesis
National Eye Institute
Sub-award from University of California,
Santa Barbara
Duration: 4/1/15–3/21/20
\$124,797

Stein Eye Institute Core Grant for Vision
Research
National Eye Institute
Duration: 9/1/15–6/30/20
\$500,000

Gene Editing of the Usher 1B Gene
Foundation Fighting Blindness
Duration: 6/1/17–5/31/20
\$100,000

Cellular Mechanisms of Disease in
Patient-Specific RPE Cells
Foundation Fighting Blindness
Sub-award from University of California,
San Francisco
Duration: 6/1/17–5/31/19
\$164,930

RPE Cell Biology, Aging, and Disease
National Eye Institute
Duration: 9/1/17–5/31/22
\$596,846

Delineating the Role of TIMP3 in
Macular Degeneration
University of Rochester
Duration: 7/1/18–6/30/19
\$24,512

Test of Readthrough Drug Treatment for
UGA PTC in the USH1B Gene
Foundation Fighting Blindness
Duration: 1/1/19–12/31/21
\$90,308

Xian-Jie Yang, PhD

Neuroprotection Mechanism for
Photoreceptors
National Eye Institute
Duration: 5/1/16–4/30/21
\$366,660

Jie Zheng, PhD

Development of Small-Molecule Wnt
Mimetics for Corneal Epithelial Cell
Regeneration
National Eye Institute (Multi-PI with
Sophie Deng, MD, PhD)
Duration: 9/30/18–8/31/22
\$292,577

Professional Research Series**Sonia Guha, PhD**

Role of Doublecortin in Axonal
Misrouting in OA1 -/- Mice
Vision of Children
Duration: 7/1/14–3/15/20
\$152,236

Anna Matynia, PhD

Targeted Hsp70 as a Therapeutic for
Central Retinal Artery Occlusion
Rubicon Biotechnology
Duration: 9/30/17–9/30/19
\$40,400

Alejandra Young, PhD

Identification of the OA1 Molecule
Partners Critical for Axonal Guidance of
RGCs Growth Cones
(Proposal Continuation of Grant
#20142326)
Vision of Children
Duration: 11/1/13–7/14/20
\$205,301

Residents and Fellows**Abhishek Chadha, PhD**

(Vision-Science Postdoctoral Fellow)
Functional Characterization of MYO7A in
Retinal Tissue
National Eye Institute
Duration: 7/1/16–6/30/19
\$61,174

Wenlin Zhang, MD, PhD

Transcriptome Analysis of the
Metabolic Reprogramming in SLC4A11
Associated Congenital Hereditary
Endothelial Dystrophy
Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc.
Duration: 7/1/17–12/31/18
\$65,000

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Steven Barnes, PhD

Functional Resilience of Retinal Ganglion Cells During Mitochondrial Dysfunction
Glaucoma Research Foundation
Shaffer Grant
Duration: 2/26/19–2/15/20
\$50,000

Alex A. Huang, MD, PhD

Structure and Function of Aqueous Humor Outflow
American Glaucoma Society and Allergan
Young Clinician Scientist Award
Duration: 3/17/15–7/30/18
\$20,000/initial year

Glaukos Research (Outflowing Imaging)
Glaukos Corporation
Duration: 10/17/15–11/30/19
\$10,000/two years

SriniVas R. Sadda, MD

Advanced Image Analysis Tools for Diabetic Retinopathy Telemedicine Applications
Eyenuk, Inc.
Sub-award on NEI EY026864
Duration: 8/1/16–7/31/18
\$31,847

High Resolution Retinal Imaging by Fourier Ptychography
CalTech
Sub-award on NEI Grant EY026228
Duration: 4/1/16–3/31/19
\$2,500

Advanced Image Analysis Tools for Diabetic Retinopathy Telemedicine Application
Eyenuk, Inc.
Sub-award on NEI Grant SB1EY027241
Duration: 9/30/16–7/31/19
\$18,704

Automated Image-based Biomarker Computation Tools for Diabetic Retinopathy
Eyenuk, Inc.
Sub-award on NEI Grant TR000377
Duration: 7/1/18–6/30/20
\$143,312

Functionally Validated Structural Endpoints for Early AMD
University of Alabama at Birmingham
Sub-award on NEI Grant EY029595
Duration: 5/1/19–2/29/14
\$91,655

Fully-automated Lesion Characterization in Ultrawide Field Retinal Images
Eyenuk, Inc.
Sub-award on EY028081
Duration: 6/1/18–5/31/19
\$28,662

Genetic Epidemiology of Age-Related Macular Degeneration in the Older Order Amish
University of Pennsylvania
Sub-award on NEI Grant EY023164
Duration: 2/1/13–1/31/19
\$60,784

Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD

Post-mortem Analysis of LHON Patient Who Had Received AAV-2 w/ ND4 Intravitreal Injection in One Eye
GenSight
Duration: 7/20/18–10/31/19
\$12,739

Deming Sun, MD

Role of IL-17+ Autoreactive T Cells in Experimental Autoimmune Uveitis (EAU)
National Eye Institute
Duration: 9/1/09–7/31/20
\$274,912

James C. Tan, MD, PhD

Karl Kirchgessner Foundation Vision Research Grant
The Karl Kirchgessner Foundation
Duration: 10/17/09–12/31/18
\$50,000

Fibrillin-1 and TGFB2 Abnormality Models PAOG
Pathogenesis and Treatment
National Eye Institute
Duration: 9/30/17–5/31/20
\$250,000

Contractile Modulation of Distal Aqueous Humor Drainage
National Eye Institute
Duration: 6/1/18–5/31/20
\$125,000

Clinical Research Active Funding

ADMINISTERED BY UCLA

Anthony J. Aldave, MD

Vision Restoration with a Collagen Crosslinked Boston Keratoprosthesis Unit
Department of Defense
Sub-award from Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary
Duration: 9/1/15–8/31/19
\$81,011

Genetic Factors in Keratoconus
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Prime:
National Eye Institute
Duration: 12/1/14–2/28/19
\$10,800

Ava K Bitner, OD

Beacon Sensors and Telerehabilitation to Assess and Improve Use of Devices for Visual Functioning (BeST-AID)
American Academy of Optometry
Duration: 3/1/19–2/28/21
\$100,000

Joseph Caprioli, MD

The Efficacy and Safety of Bimatoprost SR in Patients with Open-Angle Glaucoma or Ocular Hypertension
Allergan Pharmaceutical Corp.
Duration: 4/22/15–5/31/19
\$149,974

Protocol INN-005
InnFocus, Inc
Duration 2/4/16–11/13/19
\$435,556

Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD

Regeneration of a Normal Corneal Surface by Limbal Stem Cell Therapy
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM)
Duration: 8/1/16–12/31/19
\$922,786

Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD

Xolaris
NightstaRx
Duration: 9/28/17–8/31/19
\$135,770

NIGHT
NightstaRx
Duration: 6/18/15–3/26/20
\$120,123

ALK-001
Alkeus Pharmaceuticals
Duration: 5/23/16–8/22/19
\$46,070

ARIS
Greater Baltimore Medical Center
Prime: National Eye Institute
Duration: 5/1/19–6/1/24
\$80,000

STAR
NightstaRx
Duration: 6/13/18–6/13/21
\$96,333

Gary N. Holland, MD
META-MUST
National Eye Institute
Sub-award from Johns Hopkins
University
Duration: 9/30/14–1/31/19
\$39,180

ZEDS
New York University
Duration: 4/3/17–7/31/21
\$345,545

Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD
Extension Study of NT-501 Ciliary
Neurotrophic Factor (CNTF) Implant for
Macular Telangiectasia (MacTel)
Lowy Medical Research Institute
Duration: 8/14/17–6/30/22
\$53,145

A Phase 3 Multicenter Randomized,
Sham Controlled, Study to Determine
the Safety and Efficacy of Renexus® in
Macular Telangiectasia Type 2
Lowy Medical Research Institute
Duration: 2/26/18–12/31/21
\$290,150

Michael Ip, MD
APL2-304
Apellis Pharmaceuticals
Duration: 5/9/19–5/8/23
\$420,429

RHINE
Genentech, Inc.
Duration: 3/5/19–3/5/23
\$470,911

AR-1105-CS201
Aerie Pharmaceuticals Inc.
Duration: 5/16/19–5/15/21
\$70,607

Rustum Karanjia, MD, PhD
Photopic Negative Response (PhNR)
as an Objective Outcome Measure in
Mitochondrial Disease
United Mitochondrial Disease
Foundation
Duration: 12/1/17–11/20/20
\$50,000

Olivia L. Lee, MD
OCU-300
Ocugen Inc.
Duration: 1/4/19–1/4/22
\$342,513

Colin A. McCannel, MD
GR40548
Genentech, Inc.
Duration: 11/15/18–11/15/21
\$455,806

GR40549
Genentech, Inc.
Duration: 11/26/18–1/26/22
\$453,341

GX28228
Genentech, Inc.
Duration: 9/22/15–6/12/19
\$381,650

Tara A. McCannel, MD, PhD
AU-011-101
Aura Biosciences Inc.
Duration: 9/28/17–9/28/19
\$72,979

Stacy L. Pineles, MD
Integrating Perceptual Learning
Approaches into Effective Therapies for
Low Vision
National Eye Institute
Sub-award from University of California
Riverside
Duration: 9/1/13–7/31/19
\$166,874

Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator
Group (PEDIG)
JAEB Center for Health Research
Duration: 2/28/11–12/31/18
\$112,143

Luminopia VR Device Amblyopia Study
Luminopia, Inc.
Duration: 11/28/18–11/28/21
\$52,103

Peter A. Quiros, MD
QRK207
Quark Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Duration: 8/4/16–3/26/20
\$121,227

RGN-ON-002
Regenera Pharma, Ltd.
Duration: 1/2/19–1/2/22
\$232,016

Daniel B. Rootman, MD
RVT-1401-2001
Immunovant, Inc.
Duration: 5/14/19–5/13/23
\$292,758

Srinivas R. Sadda, MD
BIRC-01
Boston Image Reading Center
Duration: 2/1/18–2/28/21
\$42,520

AREDS 2 10-Year Follow-up
Emmes Corporation
Duration: 11/1/17–12/31/18
\$20,790

Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD
EPI-743
Edison Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Duration: 10/17/14–9/11/19
\$55,860

SPLIH-2010
Stealth BioTherapeutics, Inc.
Duration: 2/12/16–7/24/19
\$415,909

Reality LHON Registry
GenSight Biologics
Duration: 1/16/18–9/1/19
\$45,810

GS-LHON-CLIN-06
GenSight Biologics
Duration: 1/3/18–1/3/21
\$474,754

GS-LHON-CLIN-05
GenSight Biologics
Duration: 8/23/18–8/23/21
\$214,091

David Sarraf, MD

Diabetic Retinopathy Clinical Research Network
JAEB Center for Health Research
Duration: 6/13/17–12/31/18
\$215,081

The IAI-OCTA Study
Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.
Duration: 3/28/17–3/28/20
\$211,609

Yosemite
Genentech, Inc.
Duration: 3/1/19–3/1/23
\$470,514

Steve D. Schwartz, MD

MA09-hRPE-001
Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine
Duration: 4/5/11–5/7/20
\$734,750

ACT MA09-hRPE 001(SMD) LTFU
Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine
Duration: 4/5/11–5/7/20
\$661,734

7317-CL-0003
Astellas Institute for Regenerative Medicine
Duration: 8/22/18–8/22/21
\$680,530

OPH2005
Ophthotech Corporation
Duration: 4/10/18–4/10/21
\$305,751

Irena Tsui, MD

Ophthalmic Manifestations of Congenital Zika Virus Infection
National Eye Institute
Duration: 3/1/17–2/28/19
\$33,094



Clinical Research Studies

Clinical Trials RECRUITING

A Double-Masked Clinical Study Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of RPh201 Treatment in Participants with Previous NAION

The primary study objective is to evaluate the efficacy and safety of twice-weekly subcutaneous (SC) administration of RPh201 over 26 weeks on visual function in participants with prior nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy (NAION). Investigators: Peter A. Quiros, MD, and Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD

A Multicenter, Open-Label, Safety, Tolerability, and Efficacy of AR-1105 in Subjects with Macular Edema Due to Retinal Vein Occlusion (RVO)

To evaluate the safety and tolerability of 2 formulations of AR-1105 in subjects with macular edema due to branch retinal vein occlusion (BRVO) or central retinal vein occlusion (CRVO). To evaluate the effect of AR-1105 on BCVA by early treatment of diabetic retinopathy study (ETDRS) methodology. To evaluate the effect of AR-1105 on CRT/CFT and subretinal fluid by spectral domain ocular coherence tomography (SD-OCT). Investigators: Michael Ip, MD, Srinivas Sadda, MD, Gad Heilweil, MD, Mohammed Khan, MD, and Phillip Le, MD, PhD

A Phase 2b, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-blind, Placebo-controlled Study of RVT-1401 for the Treatment of Patients with Active, Moderate to Severe Graves Ophthalmopathy

The purpose of the current study is to assess the efficacy and safety/tolerability of three dose regimens of RVT-1401 in the treatment of active, moderate to severe GO patients. In addition, the study is designed to characterize RVT-1401 exposure to reduction in anti-TSHR IgG. Investigator: Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS, and Robert Alan Goldberg, MD

A Phase 3 Randomized, Safety and Efficacy Study of Brimonidine Tartrate Nanoemulsion Eye Drops in Patients with Ocular Graft-vs-Host Disease (oGVHD)

To evaluate the safety, tolerability, and efficacy of Brimonidine Nanoemulsion eye drops in patients with ocular graft vs host disease (oGVHD). Investigators: Oliva L. Lee, MD, and John A. Irvine, MD

A Phase 3 Study to Compare the Efficacy and Safety of Intravitreal APL-2 Therapy with Sham Injections in Patients with Geographic Atrophy (GA) Secondary to Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

To evaluate the efficacy of APL-2 compared to sham injection in patients with GA secondary to AMD assessed by change in the total area of GA lesions from baseline as measured by FAF. Investigators: Michael Ip, MD, Srinivas Sadda, MD, Gad Heilweil, MD, Mohammed Khan, MD, and Phillip Le, MD, PhD

A Phase 3 Study to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of RO6867461 in Patients with Diabetic Macular Edema (YOSEMITE and RHINE)

To evaluate the efficacy of IVT injections of the 6-mg dose of RO6867461 on BCVA outcomes. Investigators: David Sarraf, MD, Colin A. McCannel, MD, and Michael S. Ip, MD, Gad Heilweil, MD, Mohammed Khan, MD

Arm-Mounted Heidelberg OCT-A for Noninvasive Vascular Zone Imaging in Infants with Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)

This study evaluates OCT-A imaging data on preterm infants who are screened and/or treated for ROP, especially evaluating the potentially beneficial effects of anti-VEGF treatment on foveal development and visual outcomes. Investigators: Alex Huang, MD, PhD, and Irena Tsui, MD

Determining the Safety and Efficacy of Renexus in Macular Telangiectasia Type 2

This study is assessing the safety of the NT-501 implant in patients with macular telangiectasia type 2. The implant, a small capsule of cells that is placed inside the eye, allows a controlled, sustained release of CNTF directly to the retina. Investigators: Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD, Steven D. Schwartz, MD, and Hamid Hosseini, MD

Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of Light-Activated AU-011 for the Treatment of Subjects with Small to Medium Primary Choroidal Melanoma

Primary objectives are to evaluate the safety of intravitreal administration of one of three dose levels and repeat dose regimens of light-activated AU-011 and one or two laser applications in the treatment of subjects with small to medium primary choroidal melanoma. Secondary objectives include evaluating the immunogenicity and effectiveness of AU-011. Investigators: Tara A. McCannel, MD, PhD, Colin A. McCannel, MD, and Melissa W. Chun, OD

Evaluation of a New Drug for Stargardt Disease

The study purpose is to find out whether a new drug for Stargardt disease is safe and effective. There are currently no proven treatments for Stargardt disease, a disease that leads to blindness in almost all cases. Investigators: Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD, and Steven Nusinowitz, PhD

Evaluation of Corneal Cross-Linking Keratoprosthesis Carrier Tissue

This clinical trial evaluates the safety and efficacy of corneal collagen cross-linking the keratoprosthesis carrier tissue in subjects who are candidates for high-risk keratoprosthesis implantation because of a history of corneal melts, sterile corneal ulcers, or autoimmune diseases (eg, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, ocular cicatricial pemphigoid). Investigators: Anthony J. Aldave, MD, and Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD

Macular Edema Ranibizumab v. Intravitreal Anti-inflammatory Therapy (MERIT) Trial

The MERIT Trial was designed to determine which intravitreal therapy offers the best balance of effectiveness and tolerability in treating persistent uveitic macular edema in eyes with controlled uveitis but persistent macular edema, specifically by comparing the relative efficacy and safety of intravitreal ranibizumab (Lucentis®) and intravitreal methotrexate to intravitreal dexamethasone implant (Ozurdex®). Investigators: Gary N. Holland, MD, Colin A. McCannel, MD, and Pradeep S. Prasad, MD

Study of Luminopia One Digital Therapeutic as Amblyopia Treatment

The primary objective of this study is to establish the safety and efficacy of the Luminopia One therapeutic for the treatment of amblyopia. Investigators: Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD, Simon Fung, MD, and Stacy L. Pineles, MD

Zoster Eye Disease Study (ZEDS)

The purpose of this study is to find out whether one year of a low dose of valacyclovir reduces complications of shingles affecting the eye. The study will involve two groups of participants who have eye problems due to shingles. One group will receive daily valacyclovir medication and the other group will receive a placebo. Investigators: Gary N. Holland, MD, Anthony J. Aldave, MD, Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD, and John A. Irvine, MD

Clinical Trials

NOT RECRUITING

A Multicenter, Open-Label Extension Study to Evaluate the Long-Term Safety and Tolerability of the Port Delivery System with Ranibizumab in Patients With Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration (PORTAL)

Continuous delivery of ranibizumab from the implant, with a prolonged fixed period between refills, is a novel approach that may result in less-frequent need for retreatment than monthly dosing and patient monitoring. Investigators: Colin A. McCannel, MD, Pradeep S. Prasad, MD, MBA, and David Sarraf, MD

A Phase 3 Study of the Efficacy, Safety, and Pharmacokinetics of the Port Delivery System with Ranibizumab in Patients with Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration (ARCHWAY)

The primary objective of this study is to evaluate the non-inferiority and equivalence in efficacy of ranibizumab delivered via the PDS Q24W with the 100mg/mL formulation compared with that of 10mg/mL Q4W intravitreal ranibizumab injections. Investigators: Colin A. McCannel, MD, Pradeep S. Prasad, MD, MBA, and David Sarraf, MD

A Protocol to Follow-up with Patients on Emergency Administration of EPI-743 with Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy

EPI-743, a form of vitamin E that has been changed to a new compound in the laboratory, is an experimental drug that may improve mitochondrial function. Mitochondrial disease manifestations appeared to improve when the EPI-743 was given to cells from a patient with Leber hereditary optic neuropathy that were grown in the laboratory. Investigator: Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD

A Trial of QPI-1007 Delivered by Single or Multi-Dose Intravitreal Injection(s) to Subjects with Acute Nonarteritic Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy (NAION)

This research study tests whether the experimental drug QPI-1007 helps prevent loss of visual acuity. QPI-1007 is being developed to treat vision loss that can occur when there is not enough blood flow to the nerve tissue in the eye, such as after a stroke of the optic nerve or from NAION. Investigators: Peter A. Quiros, MD, Gad Heilweil, MD, Michael S. Ip, MD, Mohammad Khan, MD, Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD

Corticosteroids for Uveitic Macular Edema

This research study compares three treatments for macular edema in patients who have uveitis. Macular edema is swelling of the retina at the back of the eye, and it can cause vision loss. The standard treatment is to inject corticosteroid drugs next to the eye or directly into the eye. Investigators: Gary N. Holland, MD, and Colin A. McCannel, MD

Evaluating the Efficacy and Safety of an Investigational Eye Drop in Patients with Open-Angle Glaucoma or Ocular Hypertension

This study evaluates the intraocular pressure-lowering efficacy and safety of two dose strengths of an investigational eye drop in patients with open-angle glaucoma or ocular hypertension after initial and repeated administrations. Investigators: Joseph Caprioli, MD, Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, JoAnn A. Giacony, MD, Simon K. Law, MD, PharmD, and Kouros Nouri-Mahdavi, MD

Evaluating the Efficacy of a Single Intravitreal Injection for Patients with Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy

This clinical trial is to assess the effectiveness of a gene therapy in improving the visual outcome in patients with Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON) due to a mitochondrial mutation. Investigator: Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD

Evaluating the Use of an Implant for Patients with Macular Degeneration

This clinical trial determines the efficacy, safety, and pharmacokinetics of ranibizumab delivered through the implant using three ranibizumab-formulation arms compared with the control arm in patients with subfoveal neovascular (wet) age-related macular degeneration. The study also evaluates the safety of the ranibizumab port delivery system combination product. Screening and randomization visits will be followed by a treatment period. Investigators: Colin A. McCannel, MD, Tara A. McCannel, MD, PhD, Pradeep S. Prasad, MD, MBA, Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD, and David Sarraf, MD

Evaluation of a Drug for the Treatment of Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy

This study evaluates the safety, tolerability, and efficacy of a topical ophthalmic solution in the treatment of subjects with Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON). The study drug has been shown to enhance or benefit mitochondria function in studies done on cells grown in the laboratory. Investigator: Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD

Extension Study of NT-501 Ciliary Neurotrophic Factor Implant for Macular Telangiectasia

The primary objective of this study is to investigate long-term safety and efficacy of the NT-501 implant in participants previously enrolled in NTMT protocols. Investigators: Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD, Steven D. Schwartz, MD, and Hamid Hosseini, MD

IAI-OCTA Study

This study is utilizing a new, FDA approved, non-standard of care technology (optical coherence tomography-angiography by Optovue) to image and evaluate the treatment outcomes of using standard of care intravitreal Aflibercept injections for their approved use in patients diagnosed with neovascular age-related macular degeneration who are naive to previous Anti-VEGF therapies. Investigator: David Sarraf, MD

Repeated Doses of an Investigational Drug in Patients with Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration

This phase 2, year-long study requires the recruitment of patients with wet or neovascular age-related macular degeneration who are naive to anti-VEGF treatment. Investigators: David Sarraf, MD, Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD, and Colin A. McCannel, MD

Research with Retinal Cells Derived from Stem Cells for Stargardt Macular Dystrophy

This study evaluates the long-term safety and tolerability of MA09-hRPE cellular therapy in subjects with advanced Stargardt macular dystrophy from one to five years following the surgical procedure to implant the MA09-hRPE cells. Investigators: Steven D. Schwartz, MD, Hamid Hosseini, MD, Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD, Pradeep Prasad, MD, and Irena Tsui, MD

Safety and Effectiveness of the CustomFlex Artificial Iris Prosthesis for the Treatment of Iris Defects

This study is being conducted to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of an artificial iris prosthesis for the treatment of full or partial aniridia resulting from congenital aniridia, acquired iris defects (including traumatic iris defects and mydriasis), or conditions associated with full or partial aniridia, such as ocular or oculocutaneous albinism and iridocorneal endothelial (ICE) syndrome, and iris coloboma. Investigators: Anthony J. Aldave, MD, and Kevin M. Miller, MD

Safety and Efficacy of Zimura™ (Complement C5 Inhibitor) Compared to Sham in Subjects with Autosomal Recessive Stargardt Disease

The objectives of this study are to evaluate the safety and efficacy of Zimura™ intravitreal injection compared to sham in subjects with autosomal recessive Stargardt disease 1. Investigators: Steven D. Schwartz, MD, Hamid Hosseini, MD, Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD, Pradeep S. Prasad, MD, PhD, and Irena Tsui, MD

Study for Retinopathy of Prematurity

This study is to determine if intravitreal ranibizumab is superior to laser ablation therapy in the treatment of retinopathy of prematurity (ROP). The study will assess the ability of these treatments to lead to regression of active ROP and prevent the development of ocular complications that are associated with poor visual outcome. Investigator: Irena Tsui, MD

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Analysis of the Corneal and Limbal Epithelial Changes in Limbal Stem Cell Deficiency Using In Vivo Confocal Microscopy

Investigators are working to establish a system for diagnosing limbal stem cell deficiency at a cellular level by correlating the information from impression cytology tests, confocal microscopy pictures, and medical records. Investigators: Anthony J. Aldave, MD, and Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD

Biomechanical Analysis in Strabismus Surgery

This study aims to develop new diagnostic tests and computer models that will lead to improvements in strabismus surgery. Tests of binocular alignment and eye movements, as well as magnetic resonance imaging of the extraocular muscles, are being performed in the Institute's Clinical and Basic Science Ocular Motility Laboratory before and after strabismus surgery. To date, this research has fundamentally contributed to the knowledge of the functional anatomy of the extraocular muscles and connective tissues, and allowed discovery of causes of common strabismus and development of new types of surgeries. Investigator: Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD

Effect of External Eyelid Weighting on Lid Position in Normal and Ptosis Patients

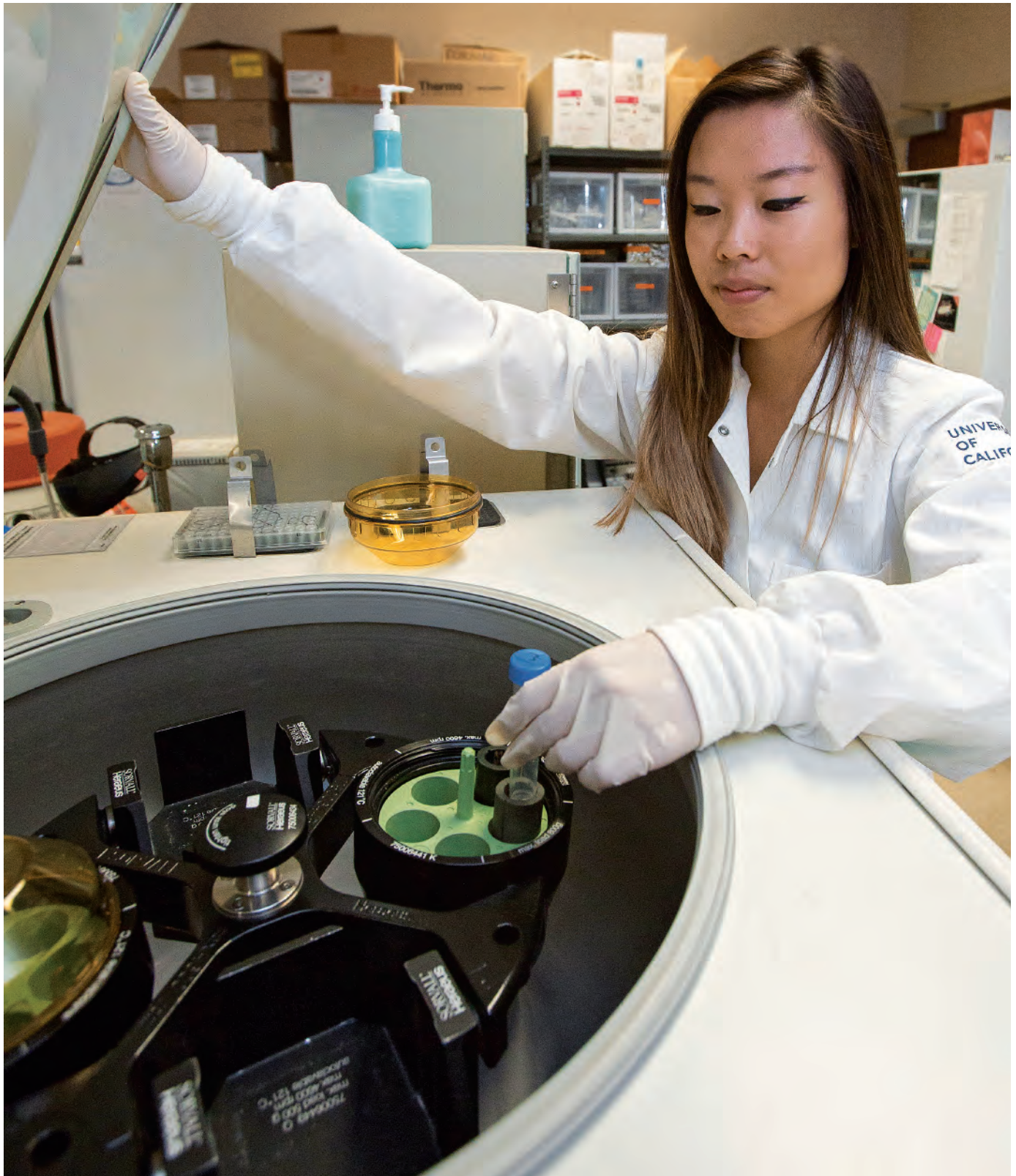
This investigation compares the ability of normal and ptotic patients to maintain eyelid position by adapting to acute and dramatic changes in protracting forces by using eyelid weights. This project will help elucidate the physiology of the eyelid position maintenance system, and provide insight into its ability to respond to changes in disease. Investigator: Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS

Eye Health Imaging Study

The purpose of this study is to expand the normative database for the Heidelberg Spectralis OCT by collecting ophthalmic data from healthy eyes of people of Hispanic/Latino, Asian, and African American descent. Investigators: Kouros Nouri-Mahdavi, MD, and Joseph Caprioli, MD

Genetic and Anatomic Studies of Eye Movement Disorders

This study is conducting magnetic resonance imaging of the extraocular muscles. This procedure clarifies the phenotypes and mechanisms of congenital cranial dysinnervation syndromes whose hereditary properties have been characterized using modern molecular genetics. Patients with these syndromes have severe forms of strabismus. Investigator: Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD



The bench-to-bedside harmony of clinical studies being investigated in collaboration with basic science has created a spectrum of discovery in specialties across ophthalmology.

Hyaluronic Acid Gels for Upper Lid Retraction in Active State Thyroid Eye Disease

This study is to determine if hyaluronic acid gel (HAG) can be used to correct upper eyelid retraction, improve dry eye related symptoms, aesthetic appearance, and quality of life in active-stage thyroid eye disease (TED). The study also aims to determine the long-term outcome of TED and how long the effects of HAG can last. Investigator: Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS

Modified Retinal Fundus Camera

This study evaluates a modified retinal fundus camera to see if significant differences can be found in patients with choroidal melanoma, age-related macular degeneration, or diabetic retinopathy. Investigator: Irena Tsui, MD

Molecular and Cytogenetic Studies of Ocular Melanoma

This research is to study ocular melanoma tumor tissue and to identify key molecular and genetic features that could help predict those patients who may be at high risk for metastasis. Investigators: Lynn K. Gordon, MD, PhD, Tara A. McCannel, MD, PhD, and Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD

Natural History Study of Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy

Leber hereditary optic neuropathy (LHON) is one of the diseases where the mitochondria of the retina cells are not functioning correctly, which can lead to loss of vision. This study is to obtain electroretinography (ERG) data and optical coherence tomography (OCT) data from patients who carry the Leber hereditary optic neuropathy gene. Investigator: Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, PhD

Natural History Study of Macular Telangiectasia

The primary study objective is to develop a registry of participants with MacTel Type 2 (as confirmed by the Reading Center) who may agree to be contacted for inclusion in future clinical trials. Investigators: Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD, Hamid Hosseini, MD, Allan E. Kreiger, MD, Tara A. McCannel, MD, PhD, Pradeep S. Prasad, MD, MBA, Irena Tsui, MD, and Steven D. Schwartz, MD

Noninvasive Methods for Early Detection of Alzheimer Disease

The purpose of this study is to obtain electroretinography data and optical coherence tomography data from patients with Alzheimer disease, with the aim of permitting earlier intervention and improved disease monitoring. Investigator: Alfredo A. Sadun MD, PhD

Observational Study of Patients Diagnosed with Idiopathic Bilateral Cataracts

The purpose of this study is to understand better how many people who have been diagnosed with early-onset idiopathic bilateral cataracts may have a rare but treatable disease called cerebrotendinous xanthomatosis (CTX). Often one of the first signs of CTX is cataract from an unknown cause at an early age. Investigators: Federico G. Velez, MD, Stacy L. Pineles, MD, and Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD

Ocular Biometric Measurements in Angle-Closure Glaucoma

The purpose of this study is to determine the potential contributing factors in angle-closure patients of different ethnicities and to determine predictive factors for this type of glaucoma. Investigators: Joseph Caprioli, MD, Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, Simon K. Law, MD, PharmD, and Kouros Nouri-Mahdavi, MD

Oculoplastic Registry

Many orbital and ophthalmic plastic surgical diseases are not well studied in the medical literature. The purpose of this study is to contribute to a large database of electronic measurements from medical records that allow us to study diseases in a way that was difficult or impossible before. Investigator: Robert Alan Goldberg, MD, and Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS

Optic Nerve in Amblyopia

Amblyopia is a major cause of childhood visual loss. This study uses high resolution, surface-coil magnetic resonance imaging to study optic nerve size in amblyopia. It tests the theory that the optic nerve is smaller than normal in amblyopia and that optic nerve size may be a limiting factor in restoration of vision by amblyopia treatment. Investigator: Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD

Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography Images of Pregnant Women

This study aims to identify changes that occur in the retina as a result of gestational associated diseases (eg, gestational diabetes, high blood pressure, increased myopia) and unknown changes that may affect the eyes during gestation and in the two to three months following birth. Investigator: Irena Tsui, MD

Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography of Foveal Avascular Zone in Premature Children

This prospective study evaluates blood vessel development in children and adults who are born early and compares them with children and adults who were not born early, by getting optical coherence tomography (OCT), OCT-angiography, color pictures, refraction, and axial length on subjects with retinopathy of prematurity and without retinopathy of prematurity. Investigators: Irena Tsui, MD, Stacy L. Pineles, MD, and Federico G. Velez, MD

Optical Coherence Tomography in the Newborn Eye

This study is to better characterize the retina and optic nerve in newborns using spectral-domain optical coherence tomography (SD-OCT). SD-OCT has been used for many years to help diagnose and treat adults with eye diseases, but it has never been studied in newborns, where it could potentially help in the diagnoses of glaucoma, optic nerve hypoplasia, foveal hypoplasia, and colobomata, among many other disorders. Investigator: Sherwin J. Isenberg, MD

Pediatric Cornea and Anterior Segment Diseases Registry

Pediatric cornea and anterior segment diseases are rarely encountered by ophthalmologists. As such, details on the causes, features, and optimal treatment for these conditions are inadequately described. The information on this registry would allow us to study these diseases. Investigator: Simon Fung, MD

Pediatric Optic Neuritis Prospective Outcomes Study (PON1)

Optic neuritis is an acute inflammatory disease of the optic nerve. The purpose of this study is to collect information about children who have optic neuritis and what happens to their eyesight. Investigator: Stacy L. Pineles, MD

PET/CT Imaging for Early Detection of Ocular Melanoma

This research involves the use of combined positron emission tomography (PET)/computed tomography (CT) scans in subjects with ocular melanoma to ideally develop better ways of monitoring for tumor spread and allow for early treatment if metastasis is found. Investigators: Tara A. McCannel, MD, PhD, and Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD

Pro-Inflammatory Cytokines, Dry Eye, and Thyroid Eye Disease

This study is to determine whether there are specific inflammatory proteins in tears of patients with active-stage thyroid eye disease (TED). If these inflammatory proteins exist, the study aims to determine whether they can be used to predict dry eye symptomatology and TED activity. Investigators: Robert Alan Goldberg, MD, and Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS

Ptosis Surgery Outcomes Scale

This investigation is to define and validate a universal measure for ptosis outcomes that can be used in defining both value and efficacy in ptosis surgery. Investigator: Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS

Studies on Tissue in Autoimmune Diseases

This study aims to determine the cause of eye problems in Graves disease and other autoimmune diseases. Examination is being done of material removed from orbits during surgical therapy for Graves disease or other problems requiring surgery on the tissue surrounding the eyes, of thyroid tissue removed during the course of surgical therapy, or of blood drawn for laboratory tests. Investigator: Robert Alan Goldberg, MD

Study of Macular Disease Using Spectral Domain Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography (SD-OCTA)

The RTVue XR 100 Avanti with SSADA will be used to screen patients with macular disease as detected with clinical examination or ancillary testing, such as with standard OCT, color fundus photography, fluorescein angiography, or fundus autofluorescence. Investigators: Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD, Colin A. McCannel, MD, David Sarraf, MD, and Steven D. Schwartz, MD

Understanding the Genetics of Inherited Eye Disorders

This study searches for the gene(s) responsible for inherited disorders that are either specific to the eye or are part of the medical condition. The study provides for the clinical characterization of affected individuals and at-risk family members, in conjunction with molecular genetic testing, to identify the causative genes and mutations. Investigators: Anthony J. Aldave, MD, and Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD

Clinical Studies

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A Prospective Observation Study of Adult Strabismus

This study is to learn about treatments for strabismus in adults. There are several different treatment options for strabismus: sometimes these conditions are treated with special glasses that help to align the eyes (prism) or with exercises that help the eyes work together, and sometimes these conditions are treated with surgery or Botox injection to straighten the eyes. Investigators: Stacy L. Pineles, MD, and Federico G. Velez, MD

An Extended-Use Program of Elamipretide Topical Ophthalmic Solution for Patients with Leber's Hereditary Optic Neuropathy (LHON)

This extended-use program is to provide elamipretide to patients with LHON previously enrolled in the SPILH-201 clinical trial who are still benefiting from treatment per the discretion of the treating physician. Investigators: Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, and Rustum Karanjia, MD

Analysis for Visual Function in Age-Related Macular Degeneration

The study establishes electrophysiological benchmarks using the visual evoked potential/pattern electroretinogram (VEP/PERG) protocols of populations with glaucoma before treatment and after treatment. Investigators: Srinivas R. Sadda, MD, Gad Heilweil, MD, Brian A. Francis, MD, MS, Alex A. Huang, MD, PhD, and Vikas Chopra, MD

Analysis of Visual Function in Glaucoma

The purpose of this study is to establish electrophysiological benchmarks using the Visual Evoked Potential/Pattern Electroretinogram protocols of populations with glaucoma before treatment and after treatment. Investigators: Brian A. Francis, MD, MS, Alex A. Huang, MD, PhD, Vikas Chopra, MD, Srinivas R. Sadda, MD, and Gad Heilweil, MD

Characteristics of the Brow–Eyelid Margin Relationship

The study purpose is to determine if changing the effect of gravity has an effect on eyelid position. Investigators: Robert Alan Goldberg, MD, and Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS

Clinical Characterization, Genetic Testing, and Visual Function in Patients with Stargardt Disease

Investigators are doing a comprehensive analysis of visual function in patients diagnosed with Stargardt disease, an early onset form of macular degeneration caused by a number of mutations in the *ABCR* gene. They are performing molecular genetic testing to confirm the Stargardt diagnosis and better understand the diversity of the condition. Investigators: Debora B. Farber, PhD, DPhhc, Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD, and Steven Nusinowitz, PhD

Clinical Measurements of the Optic Nerve in Glaucoma

The goal of this study is to develop novel structural measures of the optic nerve and nerve fiber layer, which are sensitive and specific for early and progressive glaucomatous optic nerve damage. Investigators: Joseph Caprioli, MD, Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, and Simon K. Law, MD, PharmD

Effect of Yoga on Glaucoma

The purpose of this study is to examine the practice of yoga and its ability to improve a patient's vision by relieving stress and reducing eye pressure. Investigator: Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD

Evaluating a Microshunt for the Treatment of Glaucoma

This study is to assess the safety and efficacy of a microshunt when used to lower intraocular pressure (IOP) in subjects with primary open angle glaucoma whose IOP is not controlled when using maximum-tolerated glaucoma medications. Investigators: Joseph Caprioli, MD, Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, JoAnn A. Giaconi, MD, Simon K. Law, MD, PharmD, and Brian A. Francis, MD, MS

Factors Related to the Severity of Ocular Toxoplasmosis

Toxoplasmosis is a common parasitic disease that can cause a vision-threatening infection of the retina. Individuals with and without ocular toxoplasmosis are being evaluated with a blood test to determine whether (1) people can have a genetic predisposition to severe disease when infected with the parasite, or (2) there is a particular strain of parasite that causes more severe disease than others. Investigators: Gary N. Holland, MD, and Ralph D. Levinson, MD

Genetic Basis of Posterior Polymorphous Corneal Dystrophy

This study seeks to identify the gene(s) responsible for posterior polymorphous dystrophy, an inherited corneal endothelial disorder that may result in irreversible corneal swelling and loss of vision. Investigators: Anthony J. Aldave, MD, and Gary N. Holland, MD

Glaucoma Imaging Study

This study is evaluating different imaging techniques and their use in improving open-angle glaucoma detection. Investigators: Kouros Nouri-Mahdavi, MD, and Joseph Caprioli, MD

Identifying Novel Genes for Fuchs Corneal Endothelial Dystrophy

Investigators are working to identify the gene(s) responsible for Fuchs corneal endothelial dystrophy, an inherited disorder that may result in irreversible corneal swelling and loss of vision. Investigators: Anthony J. Aldave, MD, Gary N. Holland, MD, and Bartly J. Mondino, MD

Keratoprosthesis Implantation in Patients with Corneal Opacification

This study aims to determine the success rate of keratoprosthesis (artificial corneal) transplantation for visual rehabilitation in patients with corneal opacification. Investigators: Anthony J. Aldave, MD, and Gary N. Holland, MD

Long-term Follow-up of ND4 LHON Subjects Treated with GS010 Ocular Gene Therapy in the RESCUE or REVERSE

To assess the long-term safety of intravitreal GS010 administration up to five years post treatment in subjects who were treated in the RESCUE or REVERSE studies. Investigators: Alfredo A. Sadun, MD, and Rustum Karanjia, MD

Natural History of the Progression of Choroideremia

This study characterizes the visual function and retinal structural changes associated with X-linked choroideremia with the intention of determining the best means of measuring disease progression and the rate of natural progression for this condition. Investigators: Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD, and Steven Nusinowitz, PhD

Natural History of the Progression of X-Linked Retinitis Pigmentosa

This study is to characterize the visual function and retinal structural changes associated with X-linked retinitis pigmentosa to determine the best means of measuring disease progression and the rate of natural progression for this condition. Investigator: Michael B. Gorin, MD, PhD

Neuroendocrine Tumor Metastases in the Eye and Orbit

The purpose of this study is to understand the diversity in presentation of carcinoid tumors of the orbit, as well as to identify, stage, and grade related factors that may affect prognosis and thus treatment decisions. Also considered will be if there are features of carcinoid tumor presentations in the orbit that can predict outcome and thus guide therapeutic decision-making. Investigator: Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS

Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study

Since topical hypotensive medications are safe and effective in delaying or preventing primary open angle glaucoma, this study is examining whether other forms of treatment can be deferred with little or no penalty. Investigator: Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD

Ocular Protrusion in Sitting and Supine Positions

The aim of this study is to compare the degree of ocular protrusion in normal individuals and patients with thyroid eye disease between sitting and lying (supine) positions. Investigators: Robert Alan Goldberg, MD, and Daniel B. Rootman, MD, MS

Ocular Surface Microbiome Study

This study aims to investigate and understand the normal ecosystem of microbes that live on the eye's surface and how their ecological system changes and responds to routine eye care and treatments. Investigators: Hugo Hsu, MD, Vikas Chopra, MD, and Gad Heilweil, MD

Optic Nerve Appearance in Age-Related Macular Degeneration

In order to evaluate the relationship between macular degeneration and optic nerve change, digital imaging technology and photography are being used to assess the structural appearance of the optic nerve in patients with age-related macular degeneration. Investigator: Simon K. Law, MD, PharmD

Pediatric Cataract Surgery Outcomes Registry

The study aim is to collect core clinical data on children and teens undergoing surgery for cataracts in order to conduct analyses and generate hypotheses. Clinical outcomes data will be collected from affected subjects after cataract surgery has been performed. Investigators: Stacy L. Pineles, MD, and Federico G. Velez, MD

Prevention of Visual Impairment in School-Age Children

To promote the use of eyeglasses in schools, first- and second-grade students with refractive errors receive two pairs of eyeglasses, with one pair staying at home and the other in the classroom. School nurses collaborate with teachers in monitoring the use of eyeglasses in the classroom, and parents receive eye care education. Investigator: Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD

Research with Retinal Cells Derived from Stem Cells for Dry Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD)

This study evaluates the long-term safety and tolerability of MA09-hRPE cellular therapy in subjects with advanced dry AMD from one to five years following the surgical procedure to implant the MA09-hRPE cells. Investigators: Steven D. Schwartz, MD, Hamid Hosseini, MD, Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD, Pradeep S. Prasad, MD, MBA, and Irena Tsui, MD

Role of Pattern Electroretinogram (PERG) in Glaucoma

This study is researching the electrophysiological test, pattern electroretinogram (PERG) to determine the role of PERG in estimating the risk of future glaucoma progression and the reversibility of glaucomatous damage after treatment. The latter could help clinicians better determine to what extent eye pressure needs to be lowered to prevent disease progression. Investigators: Joseph Caprioli, MD, Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, JoAnn A. Giaconi, MD, Simon K. Law, MD, PharmD, and Kouros Nouri-Mahdavi, MD

Sensory Processing and Learning

This study evaluates amblyopic patients, who are traditionally thought to be beyond the critical period for treatment. These subjects will be enrolled and randomized to one of the two amblyopia therapies using a perceptual learning technique. Investigator: Stacy L. Pineles, MD

Sweep Visual Evoked Potential for Use in Amblyopia and Pediatric Optic Nerve Disorders

Using a new technique, investigators are measuring vision in preverbal children to diagnose and follow optic nerve diseases. Currently, treatment decisions are based on clinical examinations that are insensitive and reveal vision loss well after permanent damage has taken place. This technique allows more accurate examinations, which leads to provision of treatments at the first signs of vision loss and thereby decreases the risk of permanent damage. Investigators: Joseph L. Demer, MD, PhD, Sherwin J. Isenberg, MD, Stacy L. Pineles, MD, and Federico G. Velez, MD

Temporal Fossa in Different Ethnicities

The aim of this study is to investigate differences in anatomy of temporal fossa between different ethnicities using three-dimensional CT scan images. Better knowledge of these differences is important for cosmetic procedures to achieve better results and fewer complications. Investigators: Robert Alan Goldberg, MD, and Catherine J. Hwang, MD

Vision-Related Quality of Life and Ocular Dominance

This study is designed to evaluate how quality of life is impacted by glaucoma in relation to eye dominance. It aims to determine whether quality of life is affected more by glaucoma if it primarily affects the dominant eye. Investigators: Joseph Caprioli, MD, Anne L. Coleman, MD, PhD, JoAnn A. Giaconi, MD, and Simon K. Law, MD, PharmD

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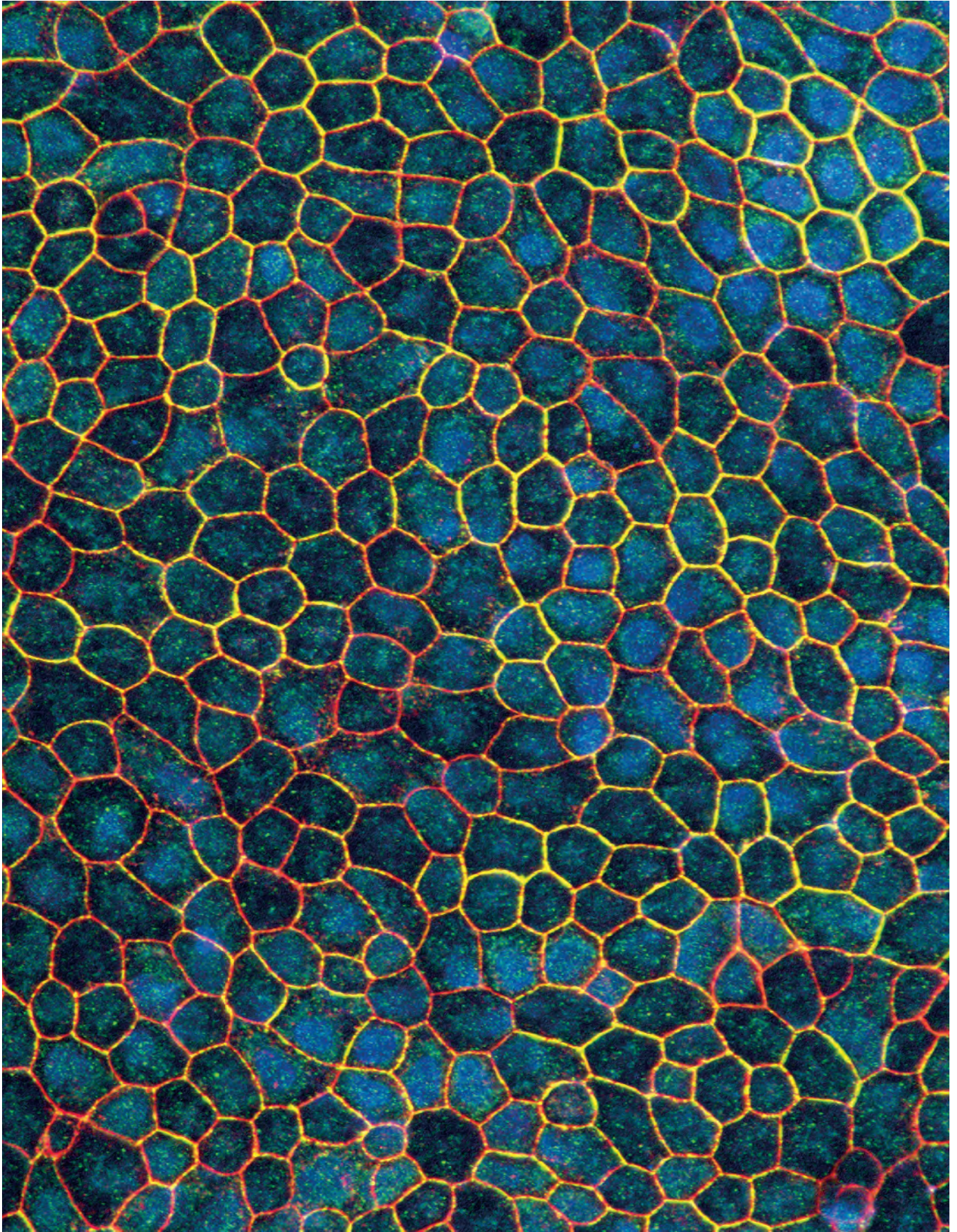
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About the Institute

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Established in 1966, the UCLA Stein Eye Institute vision-science campus is the fulfillment of a dream—an ambitious plan developed by **Jules Stein, MD**, to prevent blindness by transforming the quality of vision research, education, patient care, and community outreach.

The Institute exists because of Dr. Stein, one of the most influential executives in entertainment who returned to his roots as a medical doctor to become a national advocate for vision science; and **Bradley R. Straatsma, MD, JD**, founding director of the Stein Eye Institute and founding chairman of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology, who created a bold plan for building the scope of ophthalmology in the UCLA School of Medicine. Together Drs. Stein and Straatsma ensured that the Institute would take a central role in transforming vision science as a powerful platform for discovery and patient care to eradicate one of the great scourges of human existence: blindness.

Under the leadership of **Bartly J. Mondino, MD**, director and chairman since 1994, the Institute's core pillars have been increasingly developed and a broad agenda of program-building and expansion has been implemented.

The first Stein Eye Center was opened in Santa Monica in 2012, and a historic partnership—a first of its kind—was forged with the Doheny Eye Institute in 2013, creating the nation's preeminent organization for ophthalmic care and vision research under the banner of the UCLA Department of Ophthalmology. Combined, the Stein Eye Institute, Stein Eye Center, Doheny Eye Center UCLA locations, and UCLA-affiliated hospitals provide patients across the Southland with access to the finest vision care.

But perhaps most ambitious of all, the original dream for ophthalmology at UCLA has evolved into the Institute's bold transformation to a vision-science campus—an interconnected community of facilities and people that merge research, training for new ophthalmologists, premier patient care, community outreach programs, and ongoing education for doctors worldwide.

Since its opening on November 3, 1966, the Institute's original mandate remains paramount: the relentless drive for excellence and the constant search for new possibilities in the treatment of the eye. The Institute's decades of accomplishments may have even exceeded the original soaring expectations of Dr. Stein who at the dedication ceremony defined his own prophecy for the Institute and the medical field he loved:

“The men and women who will occupy this building and use its resources will share in future achievements that will outstrip any that have been seen; for science today is moving ahead with fantastic speed, and we must be sure that eye research moves with it. The history of this Institute begins with this dedication. I am confident that it will be a proud history.”

“If I am remembered for anything, it will not be for anything I did in show business, but for what I did to prevent blindness.”

DR. JULES STEIN



Doris and Jules Stein

The legacy of Dr. and Mrs. Jules Stein arises from their role in the 20th century as visionaries. Through brilliance and beneficence, they created a multitude of programs aimed specifically at one goal: preserving and restoring eyesight. They approached this task dauntlessly, integrating the worlds of business, medicine, and philanthropy in such a way as to enhance each and leave in trust the promise of limitless accomplishment in the advancement of eye research and treatment. The Stein Eye Institute was established as a result of their philanthropy.

Board of Trustees

The Board of Trustees, established in 1977, ensures the Institute's orderly growth and development. The Board meets regularly during the year, with each trustee providing his/her unique counsel. Collectively, their invaluable contributions have included fiscal planning for the Institute, adoption of measures to facilitate recruitment of the world's finest vision scientists, allocation of funds for the purchase of vision research equipment, and recommendations for expansion programs.



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Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Stein Eye Institute and UCLA Department of Ophthalmology meets regularly during the year, with each member providing their unique expertise. The Committee ensures the orderly growth and development of the Institute and Department. It is involved in fiscal planning, expansion, recruitment, program development, and resolution of interdivisional issues.

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Mission Statement

The UCLA Stein Eye Institute is a vision-science campus dedicated to the preservation and restoration of vision through its global programs in innovative research, quality patient care, and multidisciplinary, integrative education, all with community outreach.

Philanthropy for the Next 50 Years

For more than half a century, UCLA's vision scientists have extended the boundaries of current knowledge to reach the goal of a lifetime of good vision for everyone. This noble undertaking has been due in large part to a strong tradition of philanthropy from private sources.

Contributions from individuals, foundations, and corporations help underwrite priority needs, which uphold scientific innovation, patient care, training and education, and a strong commitment to community engagement. The Institute offers a variety of giving options to those who wish to promote and participate in this tradition of excellence.

Ways to Give

Direct Gifts

Direct gifts—whether by cash, check, or credit card—are critically important to Stein Eye because the gifts can be put to work immediately, increasing their impact and extending their reach.

Endowments

A gift of an endowment demonstrates a long-term commitment, since the fund is maintained in perpetuity. A portion of the annual investment income is used to support clinical, educational, and scientific initiatives and the remaining investment yield is returned to principal, thus, over the years, the fund can grow and provide continuous support.

An endowment serves as an enduring legacy as it can bear the donor's name or honor a loved one. Giving opportunities exist for endowed chairs, endowed fellowships, and endowed funds for research, education, and patient care. These funds can be made payable for up to five years.

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A pledge is a formal statement of intention to make a gift. Donors who seek to defer the bulk of their giving until a future date, or who want to give via installments over time, may use this giving strategy. A pledge may be followed by an immediate gift or may simply confirm your intention to make a gift in the future. Pledges are typically made in concert with a preliminary first installment and provide a source of consistent and dependable funding. This method often allows donors to give more generously than they may have originally considered.

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Gifts of appreciated securities are tax deductible at their full market value. In most cases, appreciation in the value of the security benefits the University and is not taxable to the donor.

Matching Gifts

Many corporations have demonstrated their support by matching or multiplying their employees' gifts up to a set amount. Before making a gift, you may want to ask whether your employer participates in a matching gift program. Certain restrictions apply to matching gifts. Please consult your company's personnel office.

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Making a gift through your will or living trust gives you the immediate satisfaction of creating a lasting and personal legacy that ensures Stein Eye's future and costs nothing now.

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Naming The UCLA Foundation as a beneficiary of some or all of your qualified retirement plan may help you minimize taxes and maximize your philanthropic impact, while leaving to your loved ones, assets that are less taxed.

Tribute Gifts

Contributions may be made in memory, honor, or celebration of a loved one, or to commemorate a special occasion. Donations can be used for unrestricted program support or be directed to any area of the Institute.

Your Gift Can Make a Difference

However you choose to support the Institute, you will be embarking on a partnership with one of the world's preeminent eye research centers. Such an investment will greatly expand our understanding of the causes of eye diseases, expose alternative treatment options, and ultimately prevent blindness.

For information on how to incorporate the UCLA Stein Eye Institute into your estate and retirement planning, or to make a gift of any kind, please contact:

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