OPHTHALMOLOGY NEWS

Department of Ophthalmology Newsletter - Fall 2021



CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE



Paul Edwards, M.D.

Summer is just about over hopefully everybody enjoyed some rest and relaxation.

This weekend we are looking forward to the EyesOn Design Car Show – Sunday, September 19, 2021 at The Ford House, Grosse Pointe Shores. Next is The Eye and the Chip World Research Congress to be held

October 5th virtually online, followed by the HFHS Department of Ophthalmology Alumni Reception on November 13th during the AAO conference in New Orleans. For more information, please see the Save the Dates listed in this newsletter. Come join us to greet your colleagues and current members of the department.

Our new Director, Harry Kuo, continues to visit our clinic locations. He has enjoyed meeting with physicians and support staff at our different sites to hear about their jobs, challenges they may have and ways we can improve. We appreciate all the hard work people are doing and we will continue to work on meeting the needs or our clinics.

I would once again like to encourage all our support staff who have not yet received a COVID vaccine, to get vaccinated. This will protect you, your families and our patients from becoming ill with COVID. All our physicians have recognized the need and have been fully vaccinated.

In closing, I would like to remind everyone to help keep our residency program strong by supporting the Resident Endowment fund. For more information see article on page 3.

Wishing everyone a safe and healthy Fall!

All the Best, Paul A. Edwards, M.D.

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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



Harry Kuo

On my first contribution to the quarterly newsletter, I thought I'd reflect on my first impressions of the department over my initial three months.

First and foremost, I am extremely grateful for the warm welcome by everyone. I have recently had the opportunity to

visit all our clinic locations and meet most of the members of the team. Every day I have been amazed by the scope of the department and the plethora of services that we provide for the patients and families we serve. I feel this is a highly-functioning department—one with a long history that has been built through the contributions of numerous incredible people over many decades. There is a deserved pride about this department, and I'm thankful to be a part of it.

Looking forward—despite the challenges of the past year and a half, I feel that the future for the department is bright. Volumes have recovered to pre-COVID levels. In addition, we are preparing for the long-anticipated launch of the Royal Oak Medical Center in November which will provide access for our patients to a conveniently located clinic, two new 100% ophthalmology operating rooms, state of the art equipment and our own LASIK machine. In addition, we have two new ophthalmologists that have recently joined the team (Dr. Yousif and Dr. Simmons) with plans to recruit more.

Thank you again to all for your warm welcomes. Wishing you and your families only the best!

Kind Regards, Harry

PATIENT STORIES

Drs. Edwards and Amin, I know this message is very late, but better late than never: Thank you for saving my life! When you saw me two years ago for possible retinal detachment, and noticed something unusual on my cornea, you referred me to your colleague Dr. Amin. She convinced me to let her do a biopsy, which revealed that I had a melanoma tumor on my cornea. Together, you and Dr. Amin caught the tumor early enough that I was able to have it surgically removed and am doing fine today - cancer-free!

Sincerely, **Grateful Patient**

Dr. Turner has been exceptional in her dealings with me. She has always answered all of my questions and treated me with the utmost respect.

Sincerely, **Grateful Patient**

Dr. Florek listened to me and was very willing to answer questions and clarify things. I had some difficulties with one of the proceedures and rather than just making me deal with it (as the last opthamologist did) he tried some more numbing drops which made a huge difference in my comfort level. I felt that he saw me as a person.

Sincerely, **Grateful Patient**

Excellent care. I had an emergent need and Dr. Gappy and 3 other doctors were there to help me on a Sunday morning. WOW!! GREAT JOB!!!

Sincerely, **Grateful Patient**

PHILANTHROPY

Your support can help grow the J. D. Carey Residency Endowment Fund into an endowed chair: a wonderful embodiment of Dr. Carey's legacy. As of July 31, 2021, the current fund balance is \$1,155,722 just \$344,278 short of this goal.

We can arrange multi-year pledges, and gifts can be comprised of cash and other assets through estate giving. Thank you for your generosity to enrich the residency program, while honoring Dr. Carey's lifelong commitment to ophthalmology at Henry Ford.



MAKE A GIFT

You can donate online at henryford.com/giving or send gifts to: Henry Ford Development Office, One Ford Place, 5A, Detroit, MI 48202. We also have expert staff available to assist you.

If you have questions about making a major gift or multi-year pledge, please contact Maria Harrington, Senior Development Officer, at 313-874-6417 or mharrin2@hfhs.org.

For questions about gifts of appreciated stock, IRA rollovers, or a gift through your will, please contact Joe Impellizzeri, Senior Gift Planning Advisor, at 313-874-6038 or jimpell1@hfhs.org.

To give through payroll deduction as a Henry Ford Medical Group physician, please contact Amanda Bennett, Physician and Alumni Relations Manager, at 313-876-9871 or abennet6@hfhs.org.

Employee/Physician Giving

While COVID-19 has had a profound impact on the lives of Henry Ford Health System patients, employees and physicians this year, Henry Ford team members continue to work tirelessly to advance the health and wellbeing of our communities. The 2022 Employee and Physician Campaign, which launches System-wide on September 13th, is another way our colleagues can make a difference by bolstering excellent patient care, research, programs and more. With hundreds of funds to choose from including many in Ophthalmology, click here to see the list, there are many ways to make an impact. Last year, we proudly announced the addition of the COVID-19 Employee Relief Fund (#112), which has already changed the lives of Henry Ford team members who have experienced financial emergencies stemming from the coronavirus. The COVID-19 Emergency Needs Fund supports frontline workers and patients in our battle against the coronavirus. Generosity from donors ensures that Henry Ford and its tireless physicians, nurses and staff have every resource at their disposal, including personal protection equipment, ventilators and much more to ensure the best outcomes for patients in Michigan. Donate online: Henryford.com/ **Employeegiving**



TEAM MEMBER PROFILES



Lawrence Hamburger, M.D. "I have been tremendously impressed with the continuing improvement of the residency program. I'm in awe of the leadership of Drs. Edwards and Goldman. They have led the program through many challenges and have continued to improve the program. This is apparent when you look at the successes of our graduates. The quality of the resident applicants also reflects the reputation of our department. Personally, I'm honored to be a member of the department!"

Dr. Hamburger is celebrating 45 years with the health system this year. Please join us in congratulating him on his many years of dedicated service and the care he has provided to

many grateful patients! A quote from one of those patients; "I had 5 office visits and 2 cataract surgeries in the past 3 months. I am extremely pleased with Dr. Hamburger and the surgery results. I couldn't have had a better doctor."



Brittany Simmons, M.D. Welcome Brittany Simmons, M.D., as our new oculoplastic specialist. Dr. Simmons completed her undergraduate degree in biological sciences at the University of Chicago and medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago. She completed her residency in ophthalmology at the University of Rochester, New York, and her oculoplastic fellowship at the University of Iowa.

Prior to medical school, Dr. Simmons taught girls how to ride horses, did research in clinical genetics and developmental biology, and was part of a dance troupe. Since

medical school, she has focused on her ophthalmology residency and oculoplastic fellowship. Dr. Simmons had mentors who were ophthalmologists, and they were passionate about what they did. This led Dr. Simmons to explore ophthalmology as a medical specialty early on. She loved the idea that she could master one niche that has so many systemic correlations. Now, she loves having the skills as an oculoplastic surgeon to address problems in that niche in a meaningful fashion.

As for the future of ophthalmology, Dr. Simmons would like to see more expansion and diversification among the folks interested in this specialty. She believes there will be more digital/remote testing and evaluation capabilities, as well as more technological innovations for instrumentation. Dr. Simmons says Henry Ford offers a little bit of everything, and she looks forward to building and growing a practice with her oculoplastic colleagues, teaching the trainees, and continuing research interests to contribute to our academic presence.

Throughout the pandemic, Dr. Simmons was able to stay busy and continue working as an oculoplastic fellow. Because her husband and children were remote through most of the pandemic, they were able to get more family time and didn't feel pulled in so many different directions, as was previously the case. Dr. Simmons grew up on a farm in rural Illinois, where everyone knew everyone for generations back. There were 24 students in her graduating class, but they still had competitive sports, fine arts, and academic teams. Dr. Simmons is married with two kids (one a junior in high school, the other starting middle school). She has an unhealthy obsession with flowers and gardening, and spends her spare time exploring, exercising, eating, reading, and traveling (when COVID doesn't get in the way).

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John Grybas, CRA, OCT-C Congratulations to John Grybas on his 30-year anniversary at Henry Ford Health System. He started at Henry Ford in the Bio-Medical Photography department doing patient/surgical photography, traditional darkroom work including processing and printing photographs for multiple departments. Later he did more photography for the Public Affairs and Marketing departments including portraits, annual reports, marketing photographs for magazines and the web and photography for a wide variety of hospital-sponsored events.

While working for Bio-Medical Photography, John processed film for the Ophthalmology department and became aware of the types of images they created. He was always fascinated as to what those images meant for the physician and patient.

Prior to Henry Ford, John worked for a car photography studio, a still life catalogue studio in New York City and has done various freelance work his entire career. He graduated from the Center for Creative Studies in Detroit with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in Photography.

John believes that, "because of the pandemic, healthcare, especially its workforce, has gained a lot more respect as something society needs, not to be taken for granted but invested in." He says Henry Ford has always put their employees first and will need to continue to do so even more in the future to keep that respect.

In his role as manager of the ophthalmic photographers, John really enjoys helping build attitudes of ownership and trust with his team. He also looks forward to seeing the advancement in imaging technology and what that will mean for the team, especially the younger members, as they advance in their careers.

For John, COVID reinforced his belief that our world is much smaller than we think and the ripple effect of decision makers on all levels can have huge effects, both positive and negative. At home, he and his wife Jenny, who's an RN, watched their teenage daughter do incredibly well at virtual school and take on additional responsibilities to help her parents out after long days at work. His family likes to spend as much time as they can at their place Up North.

John commented, "Being outside, on the beach with my family, summer or winter, definitely helped us keep our sanity this last couple of years!"

SERVICE MILESTONES

Celebrating Milestones for Years of Service

Congratulations to the following Ophthalmology employees for celebrating a significant milestone in their Henry Ford Health System years of service. Your dedication and commitment is truly appreciated.

5 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Fabryanna Dorsey
- Caitlin Goode
- Roseanne Horne
- Rachel Jones
- Leannette Kasbrick
- Yue Li, M.D.
- Matthew Toigo
- Ashley Truchan
- Jodie Welch

10 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Angela Brenner
- Susan Elliott

15 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Nichole Bressman
- Jennifer Hemme
- Stephen Hemme
- Brian Rusinek
- Dianne Salter

20 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Linda Boni
- Tina Turner, M.D.

25 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Kimberly Bachorski
- Kim Danton
- Tanya Jann
- Tracey Troszak

30 YEARS OF SERVICE

- Kimberly Dereniak
- John Grybas
- Barbara Millsap
- Elizabeth Fry

35 YEARS OF SERVICE

• Lori Cooper

45 YEARS OF SERVICE

• Lawrence Hamburger, M.D.

50 YEARS OF SERVICE

Chris Vafeas

Alumni Connection

Staying connected with our Alumni is very important to the Department of Ophthalmology.

With this in mind, please help us stay connected with you by keeping us informed of any contact information changes or updates in your journeys.

We also welcome pictures and stories to share with current staff and fellow alumni.

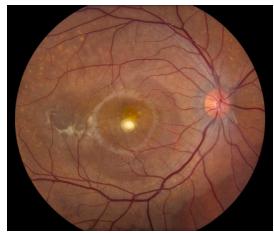
Please submit to Roseanne Horne, Program Coordinator, 313.936.1968, rhorne1@hfhs.org

or http://www.henryford.com/alumniupdate

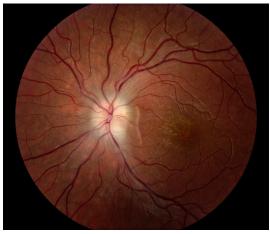
AWARDS

2021 ASCRS-ASOA Annual meeting

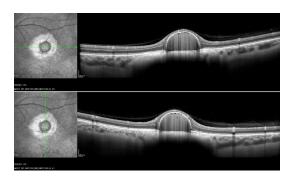
The winning photographs from the 2021 ASCRS - ASOA Photography Exhition were recently on display at the meeting in Las Vegas, NV. Congratulations to Derick Ashley, Jennifer Humenny and Tracey Troszak from the Henry Ford Opthalmic Imaging Center for their winning images that were shown at the exhibit. Online Gallery



Derick Ashley, CRA, OCT-C COATS DISEASE Third Place, Fundus Photography, Wide Angle 45 degree



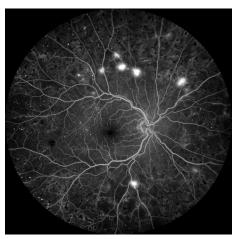
Jennifer Humenny, CRA, OCT-C PAPILLEDEMA Honorable Mention, Fundus Photography



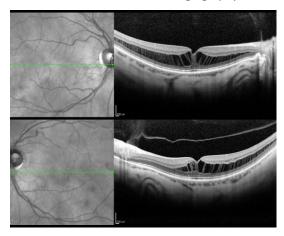
Jennifer Humenny, CRA, OCT-C PIGMENT EPITHELIAL DETACHMENT Second Place, OCT



Jennifer Humenny, CRA, OCT-C ATROPHY First Place, Fundus Photography



Jennifer Humenny, CRA, OCT-C DIABETES MELLITUS First Place, Fluorescein Angiography



Tracey Troszak, CRA, OCT-C RETINOSCHESIS First Place, OCT

ANNIVERSARY MILESTONES

Celebrating 25th Anniversary of HFHS Center for Vision Rehabilitation

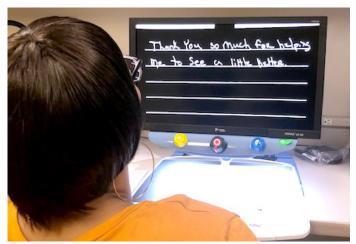
"Annie is better than Prozac!" exclaimed a patient after seeing Annie Riddering, PhD, OTR/L, COMS, CLVT, now director of the HFHS Center for Vision and Neuro Rehabilitation. Such enthusiasm has echoed over 25 years about our other OTs as well, whom patients have described as "Godsends", "Angels" and "Miracles".

In celebrating 25 years, we mark the anniversary of our department achieving two national milestones: first, convincing Medicare to adopt the first formal, written policy for reimbursement for vision rehabilitation in the U.S. The policy, which then applied only to Michigan and Wisconsin, became national policy seven years later. The second milestone was launching the Center itself, which has become a national model: the largest and among best known in the country. The Center's goal is to maximize the independence and quality of life of individuals with any level of visual impairment, from slight blur to field loss to total blindness. Its MD, ODs and OTs accomplish this through state of the art low vision evaluations, followed by skill development and training, optical and non-optical devices, environmental adaptations, driving evaluations, and resources. The staff is sensitive to comorbidities that affect function and to the psychological impact of vision loss and work with understanding, support, and encouragement. Patients come from the entire metropolitan area and beyond, with seventy percent referred by non-HFHS community physicians.

The Center began in Grosse Pointe with two providers and two support staff and its success is reflected by its growth to a staff of 17 including 11 providers - an MD, two ODs and 8 specially trained OTs - and a support staff of 6. The OTs are also Certified Low Vision Therapists, one in addition is a Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist and another a Certified Aging in Place Specialist. There are Centers now in Livonia and in Clinton Township, as well as Sterling Heights for OT, and Troy for children. The clinical staff have lectured to professional and lay audiences worldwide, and regularly host visiting MDs, ODs, OTs, administrators and students from around the U.S. and the world. Its senior staff have served as chairs of the Vision Rehabilitation Committees of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and the American Optometric Association and as Chair of the MI Commission for the Blind. Their Awards have included the Migel Medal from the American Foundation for the Blind and Distinguished Service Awards from the Association for the Education and Rehabilitation of the Blind and Visually Impaired.

The Center staff are grateful for the opportunity to work with patients with visual impairments and for the department's support of this important work. They say hooray to 25 excellent years and are looking forward to many more!





RESIDENTS

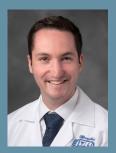
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Baylor University Medical School



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University of Michigan

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New York University School of Medicine



Calvin Robbins, M.D.

Colby College

Tufts University School of Medicine



Dhruv Sethi, M.D.

Virginia Commonwealth University George Washington University **University of Richmond**

Virginia Commonwealth **University School of Medicine**

NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations Dr. O'Malley



Edward O'Malley, M.D., a semi-retired Henry Ford Health System, Department of Ophthalmology pediatric ophthalmologist was given well deserved recognition in the most recent edition of the Grosse Pointe Lifestyle magazine. Click here to read a summary of his 40-year career and great story about how he

Edward O'Malley, M.D.

ended up in Ophthalmology. Congratulations Dr. O'Malley!

https://citylifestyle.com/detroit-mi/articles/life-andculture/edward-omalley



Dr. O'Malley painted the picture of the football players that was featured on the cover of the magazine.

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Congratulations Dr. Edwards



Paul Edwards, M.D.

Dr. Paul A. Edwards, current President of MiSEPS, was presented with the MiSEPS Service Award for his leadership by Dianne Schlachter, M.D., President-Elect of MiSEPS, at the MiSEPS Annual Banquet at the Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island during the MiSEPS annual conference July 8 - 10, 2021.



Click here to see more photos from the MiSEPS Conference: <u>MiSEPS</u>

Surprise Birthday Present!



Dr. Lylas Mogk received this shiny Royal Enfield, as a surprise birthday present from her husband Jack and son, Matt. Her daughter Tenley, who was visiting from California, is in the side car. Dr. Mogk has passed the Harley 3-Wheel course and has her license. She is up for giving rides!

The Visionaires Support the Tigers to a Win!



The Visionaries, a support group for low vision and blind individuals, enjoyed a very long but exciting Tiger's game on July 19th against the Texas Rangers. The Tigers won 14-0.

UPCOMING EVENTS

EyesOn Design 2021*

What: Mark Your Calendars! Sunday, September 19, 2021 is the new date for DIO's 33rd Annual Celebration of Vehicle Design on the grounds of the Ford House, Grosse Pointe. Hosted by The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology and HFHS Department of Ophthalmology.

When: Sunday, September 19, 2021 Where: Ford House, Grosse Pointe, MI

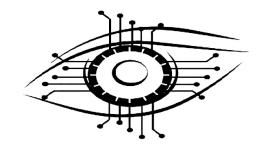
Information: Tickets are \$30 (Free for children under 12 with adult and active duty military

with ID)

eyesondesigncarshow.com

*Subject to HFHS/State of MI COVID restrictions at that time





THE EYE AND THE CHIP

12th World Research Congress

What: The Relationship between Neurobiology and Nano-Electronics Focusing on Artificial Vision

When: October 3-5, 2021 Where: Virtual online event

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, a division of the Henry Ford Health System Department of Ophthalmology, presents "The Eye and The Chip". This 12th Annual World Research Congress is dedicated to accelerating progress toward artificial vision via a visual neuro prosthetic device. We provide a format for the exchange of advances in device development, a venue to discuss surgical implantation techniques and operative challenges, and a platform for the presentation of clinical data obtained with devices currently available worldwide.

For more information:

www.henryford.com/theeyeandthechip or Roseanne Horne at Rhorne1@hfhs.org or 313-936-1968

EyesOn Design Raffle

Raffle: EyesOn Design raffle tickets, \$50. Chance to win \$5,000, \$500 or \$300!! All proceeds support the World Research Congresses and the low vision and blind support groups at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology (DIO). Contact Helen at the DIO to

buy tickets: 313-936-1969

Alumni Reception during AAO

What: Henry Ford Health System Department of Ophthalmology Alumni Reception during AAO

When: Saturday, November 13, 2021

6:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Where: Either virtually online or in-person in

New Orleans

Information: Details to come



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VISUAL FIELDS

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