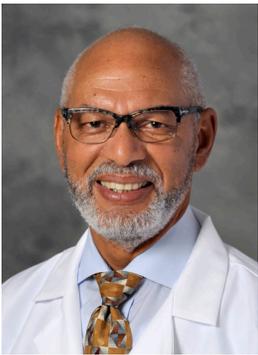


# OPHTHALMOLOGY NEWS

Department of Ophthalmology Newsletter - Spring 2022



## CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE



Paul Edwards, M.D.

Welcome to the Spring edition of the Ophthalmology Department newsletter!

I am very happy to announce that we had a highly successful resident match this year. The following students will be joining our program in 2023: Jacquelyn Hamati, M.D., from Jefferson Medical College,

Harsh Parekh, M.D., from Wayne State University Medical School, Adel Qalieh, M.D., from University of Michigan Medical School, Sarah Rahman, M.D., from Case Western Medical School, and Liuzhi Zhang, M.D., from Virginia Commonwealth Medical School. Congratulations to resident director, David Goldman, M.D. and medical education coordinator, Toni Haddad, for once again organizing the difficult task of virtual resident interviews.

Please save the date for our 43rd Annual Alumni Education Day, Updates in Ophthalmology, to be held on Saturday, May 7, 2022 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, MI. The event is a great opportunity to see how our department has grown and meet some of the new staff. We have excellent speakers scheduled, so I encourage everyone to attend. The department's Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology will be hosting the annual EyesOn Design at the Ford House Car Show to benefit low vision support groups, research and education on Father's Day, June 19, 2022. For more details, see page 7

At this time, I would like to thank several staff members that are either retiring or taking new roles. Dr. Christian George, Barb Humenny, and Rhonda Levingston-Baker have decided to retire. Natalie Garza has taken a position in the GME department. We will miss each of them and wish them all the best. The department has also hired many new techs and is currently recruiting for a physician in each of the following fields: Cornea, Ophthalmic Plastics, and Retina.

Hopefully the cold air and snow are behind us and we can look forward to sunshine and warm air in the coming months! Happy Spring!

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

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## PATIENT STORIES

*Dr. Gourwitz is my contact lens specialist. He is very personable & concerned about my eye care. He takes his time to explain things, answers my questions so I understand.*

*Sincerely,  
Grateful Patient*

*I couldn't be happier with the care I received from Dayse Sousa. She knew I was anxious about completing a task related to my medication management. She was patient and had great suggestions for me. I am so much more comfortable completing this task on my own.*

*Sincerely,  
Grateful Patient*

*I wanted to let you know how much I appreciated Holly Gaffney's help today. She listens so well and answered all my questions clearly. I knew exactly what she was doing and why. She is very professional and an asset to HFH.*

*Sincerely,  
Grateful Patient*

*Dr. Simmons was very knowledgeable and explained in detail the surgery she had performed on my eyelid and how I was to continue after surgery care. She answered all my questions and was extremely helpful.*

*Sincerely,  
Grateful Patient*

## ALUMNI

 **THE HENRY FORD**  
**DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY**  
presents:  
**Updates in Ophthalmology** 

**43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Alumni Education Day**  
**Saturday, May 7, 2022**  
**DEARBORN INN - DEARBORN, MI**  
8:00 am - 5:00 pm - CME Program  
5:00 pm - 6:30 pm - Cocktail Reception

Jack S. Guyton Lectureship  
**Lisa Brothers Arbisser, M.D.**  
Moran Eye Center, University of Utah School of Medicine

H. Saul Sugar Lectureship  
**Sayoko "Sy" E. Moroi, M.D., Ph.D.**  
The Ohio State University, Wexner Medical Center

Philip C. Hessburg Lectureship  
**John "Jack" Baker, M.D.**  
Children's Hospital of Michigan/ Wayne State University

Distinguished Alumni Award  
**Zaiba Malik, M.D.**  
Medpace/ EyeMD, LLC/ Wright State University, Boonshoft School of Medicine

*Participants will earn CME credits.*  
*For more information contact Roseanne at [rhorne1@hfhs.org](mailto:rhorne1@hfhs.org) or call 313-936-1968*

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# PHILANTHROPY

## Sutaruk Foundation Ophthalmology Patient Needs Fund for Seniors

*Preserving Quality of Life for Senior Patients of the Henry Ford Health System Center for Vision Rehabilitation & Research*

The Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology is extremely grateful for the support of the Sutaruk Foundation Ophthalmology Patient Needs Fund for Seniors. This fund provides life changing devices, equipment and surgery for vulnerable seniors with visual impairments. The generosity of the Foundation empowers our senior patients to lead independent lives and navigate their environments with confidence, regardless of their financial situation.

Since 2005, the Sutaruk Foundation has directly benefited Henry Ford Health System seniors whose assistive devices are not covered by insurance. The fund provides:

- Visual aid devices and equipment to seniors who have permanent vision loss from age-related macular degeneration (AMD), glaucoma, and other diseases
- Surgery and laser treatments to seniors who are diagnosed with low vision from age-related macular degeneration (AMD), glaucoma, cataracts and diabetic retinopathy

Our patients and staff are exceedingly grateful to the Sutaruk Foundation for making these life-changing devices available. Without this fund, seniors in our community would be otherwise unable to access life-changing cataract surgery or vision rehabilitation devices.

“When I first lost my vision, it was the most terrifying place I have ever been. I was overwhelmed by the mail and documents I received and had to manage. The hand magnifier and Visolux CCTV that I received thanks to your support is a life changing gift.

I can now read my mail, directions, and medication bottles.” - **Ms. M., a 78-year-old patient with macular degeneration.**

### MAKE A GIFT

You can donate online at [henryford.com/giving](http://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](mailto:mharrin2@hfhs.org).

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# RESIDENTS

## Henry Ford Ophthalmology Class of 2024-2025



Jacquelyn Hamati, M.D.

Muhlenberg College  
Jefferson Medical School



Harsh Parekh, M.D.

Wayne State University  
Wayne State Medical School



Adel Qalieh, M.D.

University of Pennsylvania  
University of Michigan Medical School



Sarah Rahman, M.D.

Harvard University  
Case Western Reserve Medical School



Liuzhi Zhang, M.D.

University of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University Medical School

This year's residency match was very successful. A total of 98 potential students were interviewed from a candidacy pool of 500 applications. Choosing residents based on academic achievements, community involvement, research experience, reference letters/referrals, overall impression of well-roundedness, and perceived potential for patient-focused care abilities, our department was successful in matching five highly competitive students.

All five students will begin residency at Henry Ford in July 2023, beginning with a one-year internship through our combined transitional/ophthalmology program.

## 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](mailto:rhorne1@hfhs.org) or <http://www.henryford.com/alumniupdate>

## TEAM MEMBER PROFILES



**Patrick Dennehy, M.D.,** Patrick Dennehy, M.D. attended medical school at Wayne State University. He completed his Residency in Ophthalmology at Henry Ford Hospital in 1987 followed by a fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology at University of Miami/Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. He returned to Henry Ford Hospital in 1989 and has been on the Senior Staff now for 33 years.

Dr. Dennehy worked many odd jobs in high school and college. The summer prior to starting medical school he worked at Ford Motor Company. After his undergraduate graduation from the University of Michigan, Dr. Dennehy was looking for something different to do with his engineering degree. According to Dr. Dennehy, it was Dr. Philip Hessburg who convinced Dr. Dennehy that medicine and ophthalmology might be a good fit. Dr. Dennehy says he knew Dr. Philip Hessburg from the neighborhood and that Dr. Hessburg influenced a lot of young minds over the years.

Looking towards the future, Dr. Dennehy believes, the biggest improvements in ophthalmology will be the continued advancements in ways to image the eye, as well as the role of genetics for diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases. As a pediatric ophthalmologist, Dr. Dennehy really enjoys interacting with families and their children. He has watched many kids grow and develop into young adults.

Regarding COVID, Dr. Dennehy says it certainly slowed him down and made things more difficult. However, whenever he gets frustrated, he thinks of the people who were not as fortunate as he with respect to COVID health issues. When not at work, Dr. Dennehy says he is handy around the house. He is also looking forward to becoming a grandfather for the first time in April.



**Jason Quay, COA,** an ophthalmic assistant, started working at Optimeyes in 2009 having had no prior ocular experience. After three years in optometry, he became interested in learning more about the medical and surgical side of eye care and moved to the Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology in 2012. He credits Dr. Harris and Dr. Voss at Optimeyes with his foundational training stating they were both excellent teachers.

Jason is very interested to see what advancements that programs like The Eye and the Chip will lead to in helping people with AMD and other retinal disorders. He is hopeful these patients will eventually gain some type of eyesight as well as a better quality of life.

Because of COVID, Jason spent most of 2020 in the house and absolutely hated it! Although he did get caught up on his Netflix queue. Jason is thankful for the vaccine which has made him feel more comfortable about going out and doing things with friends again.

Jason is also a classically trained percussionist. He plays in musical theater productions around Southeast Michigan and with the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. In his free time, he loves playing pub trivia with family and friends!

## NEWS AND NOTES



Anne Riddering, PhD, OTR/L, CLVT, COMS, director of Center for Vision and Neuro Rehabilitation, presented to the first-year occupational therapy students at Wayne State University on Monday, February 7th. She also conducted a hands-on lab where the students were able to try daily living tasks using simulators.

Michelle Buck, MS, OTR/L, CLVT introduced low vision and vision rehabilitation to members of AHEPA, the American Hellenic Educational Progressive Association, in St. Clair Shores on Tuesday, February 15th.



## DAISEY AWARD NOMINATION



Congratulations to Department of Ophthalmology nurse, Ruby Ware, R.N., for being nominated twice during the past six months for the Daisy Award for Extraordinary Nurses. The Daisy Award was created to honor and recognize nurses for the outstanding effort of providing extraordinary care to patients and staff every day.

Ruby's first nomination was submitted in September 2021 by John Grybas, manager of Ophthalmic Imaging. John commended Ruby as an outstanding nurse and co-worker and for helping his team out on numerous occasions. John said that not only has Ruby provided venipuncture training for his diagnostic imagers, but she also followed them through until they were confident and safe with their skills. John praised Ruby for regularly helping with injections for extremely difficult patients and doing it with a big smile and laughter. John added that these patients usually are very compromised and finding a vein for an injection is very difficult but Ruby's skills and compassion for these patients always goes above and beyond. In closing, John says we are very lucky to have Ruby on our team.

Ruby received her second nomination in December 2021 by the daughter of a patient who lost his vision temporarily. The daughter commented that Ruby's reassuring voice over the phone helped to calm her father as he was nervous and hesitant about coming to the hospital. Once at the hospital the daughter said Ruby made the process very smooth and made a very scary situation less traumatic.

# SAVE THE DATE

## EyesOn Design 2022

What: EyesOn Design Car Show on Father's Day

When: Sunday, June 19, 2022 Father's Day

Where: Ford House

Grosse Pointe, MI

Information: [www.eyesondesign.com](http://www.eyesondesign.com)



## MiSEPS 2022

What: MiSEPS 2022 Annual Conference

When: August 4 - 6, 2022

Where: Detroit, MI

Headline Speaker: Will Flanery, M.D.

Information: [www.miseeps.org](http://www.miseeps.org)

## The Eye, The Brain and The Auto Call for Abstracts

What: The Eye, The Brain and The Auto 2022 – Focusing on the Role of Vision and Driving and the Relationship between Autonomous Mobility and Healthcare is now accepting abstracts for platform presentation and poster presentation.

When: October 30 - November 1, 2022

Where: Hybrid Event

Information: [www.henryford.com/theeyeandtheauto](http://www.henryford.com/theeyeandtheauto)



## SWGR 2022

Date: March 11, 2022

Time: 8:00am - 10:00am Zoom Meeting

Speaker: **Carla J. Siegfried, M.D.**, Chair of the Ethics Committee, AAO

Jessica B. Ciralsky, M.D., Vice-Chair of the Ethics Committee, AAO

Lecture Titles: *Informed Consent in Clinical Practice, and The Learning Curve for both Trainees and Practicing Physicians.*

Date: April 8, 2022

Time: 8:00am - 10:00am Zoom Meeting

Speaker: **Sander R. Dubovy, M.D.**, Professor of Ophthalmology Bascom Palmer Eye Institute University of Miami Miller School of Medicine

Lecture Title: *TBD*

Date: May 13, 2022

No SWGR

Date: June 10, 2022

No SWGR

## Technician Rounds 2022

Date: March 11, 2022

Time: 8:00am - 10:00am Zoom Meeting

Speaker: **Paul Baciu, M.D.**,

Topic: *TBD*



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