CHAIRMAN’S UPDATE

The Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology is pleased to provide news and updates on department activities in this newsletter. First, a reminder about our “Updates in Ophthalmology” Alumni Education Day to be held June 16, 2018 at Henry Ford Hospital in the Buerki Auditorium. If you have not already done so, please take a moment to register. We are looking forward to a weekend packed with lots of activities. This is the first time we are holding Alumni Day in conjunction with the EyesOn Design Car Show events. See page 11 for more details on registration and tickets.

Next up will be our Annual Jack S. Guyton Alumni Reunion in Chicago scheduled for 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Saturday, October 27 at the Tortoise Supper Club. This complimentary event will be similar to last year’s. It is a great way to catch up with classmates, meet new alumni and visit with our current residents and fellows.

I am pleased to report that our department is doing well and is ahead of budget despite being short a few physicians. We are currently recruiting for a comprehensive ophthalmologist as well as an oculoplastic physician. With the recent purchase of new phacoemulsification equipment at Henry Ford Hospital Detroit, Henry Ford Cottage (Grosse Pointe) and Henry Ford West Bloomfield Hospital, all of our five surgical facilities now have the same top of the line equipment. Thanks in part to generous donations from our alumni and staff.

We continue to have an excellent residency program that is recognized by top schools in the country as is evidenced by the successful match of our residents into fellowships this year. See listing on page 7.

The recent health system announcement of a new medical center in the Village of Bloomfield Hills including Eye Care facilities is very exciting. In addition to this site, there are other locations in the Metro Detroit Area that we are looking into expanding our eye care services.

In closing, I would like to express my deepest appreciation to alumni donors and friends of the department. We are thankful to you for our successes in the past and present. Your continued support will help us for future successes in the training of the next generation of physicians, providing our patients with leading edge clinical care and continuing clinical and basic research to develop new therapies.

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

Paul Edwards, M.D.
Henry Ford Health System recently unveiled high level detail on our new strategic plan and operating model to move us into the future. Like many health systems across the country, we are facing an urgency to change and make a significant shift due to the rise in consumerism, digital technologies, price transparency and competition from high-tech companies now in the health care space. Today’s customers have a higher-than-ever expectation related to technology, convenience, quality and value, and their options are many. We need to go where our customers are, offer what they want and deliver what they need.

In the Department of Ophthalmology at Henry Ford we have been making strides that align with the direction that the System is headed. Our focus on updating technologies for surgical and clinical services gives us the ability to provide patients with the most advanced care for all ophthalmic specialties. We are diligently working on improving access to care by expanding to new locations and doing real-time work with provider schedules to enable patients to get an appointment where and when they want it. Finally, we are working to create a clinical operation model specific to our patient population, and create the best customer experience so we become the go-to place for quality eye care at a great value.

It’s hard to believe we are half way through the year! I am positive about the direction our department and the System is headed. With this alignment, we can be assured that we are well positioned to move swiftly into the future and be of significant value to the patient experience at Henry Ford.

I wanted to take a moment to welcome Debbie Koelzer to the Ophthalmology administrative team. Debbie comes to us from a previous role supporting the Lakeside Medical Center administrative team. She supports both Dr. Edwards and myself as an Executive Assistant.

We are excited she has joined our team and we look forward to working with her.

Debbie is based out of One Ford Place and can be reached at (313) 874-9167 or dkoelze1@hfhs.org

Best Regards,

Steve Horger

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HEALTH SYSTEM INITIATIVES

Earlier this year, Henry Ford introduced its new vision – to be the trusted partner in health, leading the nation in superior care and value. At the heart of our vision are our customers. Putting the customers at the center is very intentional and reflects the promise we make when we say “all for you.” We are committed to listening to our patients and customers, involving them in their care, and exceeding their expectations.

To help us achieve our True North, the System is implementing its new board-approved strategic plan and operating model that was recently announced across the organization. It’s a new course that Henry Ford is taking to redesign the organization so that it sets us apart as the most trusted partner in health, and truly focuses on the customer as being at the center of all we do.

Our imperative for change is the ever-increasing external pressures and changing healthcare environment. Due to the rise of consumerism, digital technologies and the need to make care more affordable, we have a new set of competitors, such as tech giants Amazon and Google, and big retailers such as CVS. These Fortune 500 companies are now in the healthcare space and, when combined with our local competitors, make it imperative for us to differentiate ourselves in the region.

The new strategic plan maps out what the organization needs to do to regain and maintain prominence and drive growth. The new operating model, which is market and service-line focused, will re-structure how we work in order to create a more responsive integrated system.

In addition, a single leader will oversee the HFHS physician enterprise to align Henry Ford’s strong group practice – the Henry Ford Medical Group – and the growing group of aligned physician practices and private practice doctors that together will enhance our clinical capabilities across regions.

It’s an exciting time at Henry Ford! While we are reinventing our organization, we will nourish what has always made Henry Ford an attractive provider and employer. We will continue our commitment to:

- The System mission;
- Academic excellence rooted in research, education and clinical achievement;
- Our people—supporting, developing and recognizing them.
D. James Schumer, M.D.
Ophthalmologist

As founder and medical director of ReVision LASIK and Cataract Surgery Centers, with locations in Columbus and Mansfield Ohio, Dr. Schumer has been a trusted and respected surgeon for over 25 years. At the forefront of cataract, LASIK and vision correction surgery, he has participated in over 30 Federal Drug Administration (FDA) studies. Dr. Schumer is a global teacher, trainer and lecturer in his specialty. His passion for ophthalmology and patient care is evident in his comment, “Over the last 25 years as an Ophthalmologist, I have had the privilege of improving our patients’ quality of life through better vision. I have the best job in the world.”

A recipient of a Doctor of Medicine degree from the Medical College of Ohio, Dr. Schumer completed his residency at Detroit’s Henry Ford Hospital, before receiving a fellowship in cornea and refractive surgery at the University of Kansas’ famed Hunkeler Eye Clinic. At the time, the Hunkeler Eye Clinic was one of a select few centers in the United States doing FDA clinical trials on the then investigational excimer laser that ultimately led to FDA approval of the precision excimer laser for vision correction. When he completed his fellowship, Dr. Schumer was one of the few surgeons in the country trained to do refractive laser surgery.

As a licensed eye surgeon, ophthalmologist and cornea specialist, Dr. Schumer has published numerous articles on refractive surgery techniques, and has taught surgeons across Canada, Mexico and South America, and even trained the first laser eye surgeons in China.

COLLABORATION

The Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology has launched a short online film, “Vision and Visionaries”, which illustrates the contributions of car designers to researchers and clinicians working to restore some level of vision to the blind. “Vision & Visionaries” shows how Henry Ford Health System researchers and clinicians are working to develop visual prosthesis — implantable devices that will restore vision to the blind. The film highlights how leading automotive designers and their manufacturers have supported this research initiative for over 30 years through the EyesOn Design events. Please click the image below to watch the film.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZlRIlMkp1co

DETOIT

People are calling Detroit the greatest comeback city in the USA. Henry Ford Health System is proud to be part of this exciting renaissance of Detroit and the urban energy that seems to grow more and more every day. Please click the image below to see the change that’s happening.

https://vimeo.com/228360667
DONOR HIGHLIGHT

We are grateful for Helen Shutes

Helen Shutes of Troy, Michigan, loves to knit and sew, but ten years ago a diagnosis of macular degeneration forced her to give up both hobbies. With a desire to help others, Helen turned to crocheting. And, with the help of Maryellen, a vision rehab occupational therapist through Henry Ford’s Center for Vision Rehabilitation and Research, Helen has been crocheting hats for preemies and newborns who need extra warmth, and also for dialysis patients and adults undergoing cancer treatments.

Helen does much of her work while listening to audio books, which Maryellen helped her access via a special National Library Service program. “She’s been a tremendous help,” Helen says of MaryEllen, who regularly drops off the yarn Helen needs to crochet. “With macular degeneration, there are more and more things you have to give up because you can’t see to do them. Crocheting is something I’m still able to do.”

Helen crocheted 71 hats that were provided to the Henry Ford Community Baby Shower benefiting Henry Ford newborn babies.

Helen inspires others with visual impairments to stay busy and find ways to continue doing the things they love. We are grateful to Helen for her care of our precious little ones, and her thoughtfulness toward those in need of a special handmade touch during cancer treatment and dialysis. Thank you, Helen, for your many years of making a difference in our community.

PATIENT STORIES

Dr. Edwards is fantastic. He is always kind, considerate and courteous. He takes ample time with me and explains the results of the scans that were taken. He is the best doctor ever! He knows how to put an anxious patient at ease.

Sincerely,
Grateful Patient

Jennifer, last Wednesday you were the photographer who administered the angiogram to give Dr. Gao information to help him formulate his diagnosis and treatment plan. I really appreciated your patience and compassion to assist me with the process. Seriously, I couldn’t have asked for anyone who would explain things any more clearly and completely than you did. Thanks so much, I’m certainly glad you are a part of the Henry Ford Optical Team! Have a great Day!

Sincerely,
Grateful Patient

The technician, Eric, was friendly and cheerful (at 8:15 am). Extremely efficient. I felt I was in good hands. I found Dr. Hamburger to be the same and I have great confidence in him. And the same for the person who took care of surgery information and pricing.

Sincerely,
Grateful Patient

Dr. Steen excels at explaining things in easy to understand terms. He spends time with me answering questions to my satisfaction. He also spends time each visit to get to know me as a person as well as a patient. A model for more doctors to follow.

Sincerely,
Grateful Patient
Upon graduating from Penn State Medical School, Rahul Komati, M.D., was ecstatic when he matched at Henry Ford Hospital.

Rahul Komati, M.D.
Chief Resident

Born and raised in the California Bay area and then spending seven years in Pennsylvania, he was excited to get his first taste of the Midwest and experience the rebirth of the historic city of Detroit.

Dr. Komati began to understand how much the field of ophthalmology had to offer from early experiences including volunteering at Sankara Eye Hospital in Guntur, India during high school. His time doing research while in medical school in ocular oncology, at the Wills Eye Institute with Drs. Carol and Jerry Shields and their international fellows contributed to this as did studying pathology slides with Dr. Ralph Eagle and his night shifts in the Eye ER with other residents.

Dr. Komati will be headed to the University of Chicago to pursue a two-year fellowship in vitreoretinal surgery. According to Rahul, “educating patients about what is going on in their eyes and what options are available to enhance their vision and quality of life”, is a great part of his job. He adds that “learning new surgical skills, firing lasers, and making diagnoses with advanced imaging are all added bonuses”. Last but not least, he says, “working on K-10 with a great team of attendings, co-residents, and support staff has been the most memorable and enjoyable way to spend these three years of residency. Thankfully, we have many people on K-10 and at Henry Ford who care enough to work on special arrangements catered to our patients’ best interests.”

Nathan Farley, M.D.
Chief Resident

Nathan Farley, M.D., started his undergrad studies at the University of Michigan, and then transferred to the University of Notre Dame following his freshman year. He completed his medical school training at Wayne State University. Nathan says he became interested in Ophthalmology after an elective rotation during his third year of medical school which introduced him to this medical field – one that combines the surgical and medical arms of medicine.

Giving high praises to the HFHS Department of Ophthalmology, Nathan comments, “Our program does a great job of creating an amazing learning environment while maintaining the highest level of patient care.” Nathan is one of two chief residents in the department. He enjoys his residency at Henry Ford, and especially likes, the patient continuity that our program fosters.

Dr. Farley is looking forward to joining Associated Retinal Consultants as a vitreoretinal fellow this coming July. He says, “the possibilities and future for retinal regeneration is very exciting”. Dr. Farley states, “Our program has done a great job of creating an amazing learning environment while maintaining the highest level of patient care and I only hope it continues!”
An impressive fellowship match for our senior residents. Congratulations to our residents, each of you have raised the national reputation of our program.

Arwa Alsamarae, M.D.
Third Year Resident
Moran Eye Institute, University of Utah
Glaucoma Fellowship

Nathan Farley, M.D.
Third Year Resident
Associated Retinal Consultants, Beaumont
Vitreoretinal Surgery Fellowship

Rahul Komati, M.D.
Third Year Resident
University of Chicago
Vitreoretinal Surgery Fellowship

Kevin Tomasko, M.D.
Third Year Resident
University of Louisville/Indiana University
Oculoplastic Fellowship

Stephen Tse, M.D.
Third Year Resident
Cornell University
Cornea Fellowship

Congratulations
We would like to wish the best of luck to our fellows who conclude their time with us and move on to the next chapter of their lives.

Amit Sangave, M.D.
Retina Fellow
Dr. Sangave will be joining Associates in Ophthalmology for Retina and Vitreous Surgery in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Manal Peracha-Riyaz, M.D.
Retina Fellow
Dr. Peracha-Riyaz will be joining Washington Eye Specialists in Washington, D.C.
NEWS AND NOTES

Latest Updates in Ophthalmology Sub-specialty Conference

The Henry Ford Health System Department of Ophthalmology was well represented at the 8th annual Latest Updates in Ophthalmology Sub-specialty Conference. Drs. Edwards, Baciu, and Albert gave talks on clinical and surgical management of ophthalmic conditions as well as provided support in a hands-on wet lab for ophthalmologists and residents from throughout the West Indies. The conference which was held in Barbados February 22-24, specifically focused on glaucoma and retina topics drew speakers from Europe, North America and the Caribbean. Kim Jebodhsingh, MD, an oculoplastic specialist in Barbados, and former Henry Ford resident, served as organizer of the conference for the eighth year.

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Mission Trip to Jamaica

Five members from the Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology - Drs. Daniel Steen, Stephen Tse, Ryan Jaber, and Arwa Alsamarae, and Carol Slusher, R.N. - went on a mission trip to Jamaica in March, 2018. They were part of a group of 30 volunteers ophthalmologists, optometrists, opticians and their family members from different parts of the United States. The group landed in Montego Bay and their lodging was in Negril, which is on the west side of the island. The clinics and operating rooms, many of which were makeshift temporary settings, were scattered throughout the island. One of the clinics was located in a shipping container, hence called “container clinic”. Another clinic was in the auditorium of a local Seventh Day Adventist church.

Dual surgeries being performed sharing an operating room.

The team after a long day in surgery, still smiling!

The entire group had the opportunity to see about 400 patients (according to Eye Health Institute) while they were there. They performed 11 extracapsular cataract surgeries and 7 corneal transplants in total. Although there was time to enjoy the sandy beaches and warm sun on their days off, they typically operated for 13 hours a day at the clinics.

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NEWS AND NOTES

Philips Hessburg, M.D., of the Department of Ophthalmology’s Detroit Institute Ophthalmology, was honored to join a world class assembly of scientists at the New Horizons in Vision and Hearing Research meeting held at the University of Tuebingen in Germany. Scientists included Paul Sieving, M.D., PhD, Director at National Eye Institute, National Institutes of Health. Dr. Hessburg gave the post banquet address on Tuesday, March 6.

Anne Riddering, Ph.D., OTR/L, CLVT, COMS Livonia Medical Center Lakeside Super Vision Center Grosse Pointe Ophthalmology
Dr. Riddering was appointed to the Vision Rehabilitation Committee of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. She is the first OT to be appointed as a consultant with this committee.

Dr. Zhang and Dr. Hou recently were guests at the 2018 Detroit Cross Border Business Investment Summit held at Next Energy held on April 19. Entrepreneurs and Innovators of smart car technology, advanced medical equipment, the latest healthcare innovations and new energy vehicles were invited to attend this one-day event that featured exhibition, panel discussions and presentations by Chinese officials and investors.

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
Lauren Benvenuti, COMT began her career in eye care at Henry Ford Optimeyes after high school as a Customer Service Representative. Since she was very interested in the medical field, Lauren decided to attend the Ophthalmic Technician Program at the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology (DIO) directed by Deanna Presnell. In 2009 Lauren earned her first certification and started working at Henry Ford Ophthalmology in Grosse Pointe (GPO). Working at GPO allowed Lauren to advance her skills and eventually become a Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (COMT). Her main areas of focus are A-scan immersion and refraction.

“My favorite part of my job is when a patient comes in seeing 20/400 with no glasses and I am able to get them to see 20/20!” says Lauren. She is excited for the advancements in the treatment of macular degeneration as well as “all of the innovations by the DIO and the ‘Eye and the Chip’ program.”

Lauren has a busy summer ahead. She and her fiancé Nathan are getting married in June and expecting a baby boy in September!

Kim Le, M.D. Pediatric Ophthalmologist Kim Le, M.D., has recently joined the Department of Ophthalmology to treat the vision needs of children and infants. Dr. Le completed her residency in ophthalmology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, and a fellowship in Pediatric Ophthalmology at Children’s National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

“I like Michigan and I’m excited to be starting my career at Henry Ford,” says Dr. Le. She treats a wide range of pediatric vision problems, including strabismus (eyes that cross or drift out). Dr. Le also is trained to screen premature infants for retinopathy of prematurity, a condition that can cause blindness in children. She speaks multiple languages besides English, including Vietnamese, Spanish and conversational Mandarin.

Dr. Le enjoys getting to know her patients. The things the kids say make her laugh. She often sings to her patients to distract them and loves it when they join in.

Upon entering medical school, Dr. Le did not even think about ophthalmology as an option. After learning about the ophthalmology mission work for cataracts she became interested. Dr. Le says, “The idea of a 15-minute cataract surgery changing lives was amazing!” Dr. Le now loves everything about ophthalmology. She is impressed by the fact that, “we can sometimes see diseases before other doctors do or before patients know they have a disease”. Ophthalmology offers Dr. Le a balanced lifestyle and most of all, she met her husband in ophthalmology residency. For that she is very grateful!
UPCOMING EVENTS

EyesOn Design Car Show 2018

What: **Vision Honored Black Tie Dinner**
Honoring Edward T. Welburn, Jr., Vice President Design, General Motors, (Retired).
When: June 15, 2018, 6:30 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Where: College for Creative Studies
General Motors Auditorium
More Information: [eyesondesign.org/vision-honored/](http://eyesondesign.org/vision-honored/)

What: **Private Eyes Brunch**
When: June 17, 2018, 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Where: Edsel & Eleanor Ford House Front Lawn,
Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan
More Information: [eyesondesign.org/carshow/](http://eyesondesign.org/carshow/)

What: **The 31st Annual EyesOn Design Automotive Design Exhibition highlighting “Design Inspiration and Influences”**.
When: June 17, 2018, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Where: Edsel and Eleanor Ford House,
Grosse Pointe Shores, Michigan
More Information: [eyesondesign.org/carshow/](http://eyesondesign.org/carshow/)

Henry Ford Health System Alumni Reception at the American Academy of Ophthalmology

What: **Henry Ford Ophthalmology Alumni Reception**
Who: Alumni, Senior Staff, Fellows and Residents
When: October 27, 2018, 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Where: Tortoise Supper Club – Red Room
350 North State Street Chicago, Illinois
Hors D’oeuvres will be served with an Open Bar
Please RSVP to Roseanne Horne rhorne1@hfhs.org

The Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology presents:

**Updates in Ophthalmology**

**40th Annual Alumni Day**
Saturday, June 16, 2018
Buerki Auditorium / Henry Ford Hospital
Detroit Campus
Continuing Medical Education highlights include:

- **Jack S. Guyton Lectureship**
  Richard F. Spaide, M.D.

- **H.Saul Sugar Lectureship**
  G.Robert Lesser, M.D.

- **Philip C. Hessburg Lectureship**
  Edward R. O’Malley, M.D.

- **Distinguished Alumni Award**
  John Hovanesian, M.D.

Click Here to Register
https://hfhs.eventsair.com/HenryFordCEPortal/hfhs/cmereg

The Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology and Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology presents:

**The Eye, The Brain, and The Auto 2018, 8th World Research Congress on Vision and Driving**
October 7-9, 2018
Motor City Casino Hotel
Detroit, MI
Focusing on the Impact of Disruptive Autonomous Vehicle Technology on Health and Wellness

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For assistance with scheduling an appointment, patients can call 1-800-363-7575.
For our optometry partners, Henry Ford OptimEyes, please call 1-800-EYE-CARE.