OPHTHALMOLOGY NEWS

Department of Ophthalmology Newsletter Winter 2020



CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE



Paul Edwards, M.D.

Season's greetings from the department to all our alumni, friends and staff. Today as I look out my window it is snowing outside. With the snow sticking to the lawns and the evergreen trees, it is creating a most picturesque sight. It is still hard to imagine that we are still in this unrelenting pandemic where many friends and

acquaintances are being affected. Many of us know someone who has passed away from complications of this virus. I pray for your continued safety and for that of your family. Unfortunatly, many of our cities are in a partial shutdown and many businesses have folded because of their inability to maintain solvency with the economic decline. Today I express my thankfulness for all the blessings in my life. Our family is well and taking safety very seriously. I am also thankful for the great staff I work with, and not only my colleagues, but the entire department that has worked hard this year under very difficult circumstances. As the thanksgiving season ends remember being thankful all the time will help lift your spirits and make you see the world around you in a very positive light. Our country is extremely divided along political lines, making the conversation to be one of hate, conflict and resulting in actions that are wrong for our country, and making the response to the pandemic and our economic recovery very doubtful. Thankfully, we have several candidate vaccines that may help to ameliorate the effects of the virus across the country. I am hoping by next summer we will have a more semblance of normalcy.

Despite the new partial shutdown orders, the department is still extremely busy and demand for our services are still very high. Across the health system we are seeing many of our employees infected with the COVID virus. Our prayers go out to them for a speedy recovery and for their families' safety.

Many of you were logged into our virtual alumni reception during the AAO conference. We have received good feedback about the session and were pleased to see those of you who joined us. Please read some comments from the reception in this newsletter. We are hoping our reunion conference in May 2021 will be in person, but if the conditions do not allow an in person meeting, we will go virtual. I hope the attendance will be excellent.

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Work is ongoing to get the new PACS system in place for our imaging system. We are in the process of setting up new servers and expect that the Topcon Harmony system will roll out this month. I would like to express my gratitude to all the alumni who have maintained good contact with the department and those who have supported our residency financially. We have an excellent residency program and our awesome residents continue to take advantage of all we have to offer, and the excellent teaching done by our staff.

Please send news, updates and special happenings to Roseanne Horne (rhorne1@hfhs.org). Again I want to say a special thanks to Roseanne Horne, John Grybas and Brian Rusinek for their work on the newsletter every month. The quality has truly been outstanding and they deserve kudos. It has been an excellent medium in keeping us connected.

My wish is for everyone to have a blessed holiday season, enjoy with friends and family but also please stay safe. Until next time, best wishes!

Paul A. Edwards, M.D.

DIRECTORS UPDATE



Steve Horger

It has been quite a year, to say the least. While we have never experienced anything like what is going on in our current environment, I am humbled by the work our teams are doing to keep our patients and ourselves as safe as possible. I have been receiving feedback from patients at multiple locations

who say they have never felt so safe going into our clinics. This makes me extremely proud to be a part of this amazing team.

As we head full steam into this holiday season and into the unknown, I have taken time to reflect on some of the good that has come out of this year. I have never felt such a sense of teamwork within our support staff. The willingness to cover where necessary and the support across all our sites. There is a heightened level of engagement and excitement over our tech training program, which is strengthening the skills of our tech teams and making us stronger. We are also adding some new technology with our eyecare pacs transition, which is much needed for more consistent patient care across the group.

To say the least, it has been an eventful year and I want all of you to know how much I truly appreciate the great work you do. As we emerge from this pandemic, I am assured that we will be an even stronger department.

Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday season, Steve

PATIENT STORIES

Dear Ms. Rhonda, thank you for taking such good care of me on October 2, 2020 during my ERG. You certainly chose the right profession, as you were not only highly proficient, but also kind and caring. You have made the world a better place. May God bless and keep you as you soldier on.

Sincerely, **Grateful Patient**

I was considering changing to a clinic closer to my home but am staying with Dr. Hamad because I'm so impressed with him. I have confidence in him and in my care and treatment.

Sincerely, **Grateful Patient**

Dr. Bansal is my opthamologist and this was my annual exam, we discussed eye changes that may result in me getting glasses. Dr. Bansal is wonderful, caring, and very knowledgeable about my eye history and the care I've needed, and future needs.

Sincerely, **Grateful Patient**

Everything was handled in a very safe and professional manner. Everyone was prepared and the visit went as well as could be expected.

Sincerely, **Grateful Patient**

I am grateful that I chose Dr. Van Laere to perform my surgery. I was informed at every level of my care there.

Sincerely, Grateful Patient

PHILANTHROPY

Support Henry Ford's COVID-19 Efforts

Henry Ford Health System's 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/DonateCovid19

Dr. J. David Carey

In honor and memory of Dr. J. David Carey, please consider a donation towards the JD Carey, M.D. Residency Endowment Fund in support of advancing education and training for Henry Ford ophthalmology residents, helping them develop the necessary skills to become world-class specialists, while simultaneously celebrating Dr. Carey's lifetime of impact.

To make a gift, please contact Maria Harrington, Senior Development Officer, at 313-874-6417 or via email mharrin2@hfhs.org or send gifts to:

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or visit www.henryford.com/giving

ALUMNI

Since the in-person annual alumni reception normally held during the American Academy of Ophthalmology's convention was cancelled, the alumni committee decided to host a virtual event. On Saturday, November 14th over 40 alumni gathered via Zoom to hear updates on the department from Drs. Edwards, Goldman, Hessburg and Rathbun. Honorary Chairs of the event, Drs. David Chin Yee and David Kielar, spoke about how their experiences during their residencies at HFHS impact their practices today. Attendees were then able to socialize in chat rooms organized by class years. Please note the very favorable feedback from those that attended:



Swapna Vemuri, M.D.

It was great seeing everybody on Saturday. I think the virtual alumni gathering was great! Sometimes I feel ZOOMed out but once I joined, seeing old friends from around the world/ country was so nice and a great way to catch up. Thank you for all of your hard work!

Regards, Swapna Vemuri, M.D.

I just wanted to thank you for allowing me to participate in the zoom meeting. It was great seeing everyone, and I'm encouraged to see the department doing so well. I look forward to seeing all of you in person next year and always let me know if there is anything I can do to help the department. Stay safe and healthy.







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crowded. Not so many folks in those years are still around. Philip C. Hessburg, M.D. Staying in touch with our people is critical to the long-term success of our

Congratulations to each of you

on the virtual alumni meeting.

somewhat different take on our

came off very nicely. I liked the

homespun look to the evening!

Our Chat room was not all that

Although each of us had a

presentations I thought it all

Again, congratulations! The virtual meeting was an inspired idea! And you three who pulled it off deserve our kudos.

Philip C. Hessburg, M.D.

Dear Paul, Thanks for the invite and great Alumni get together online. It was really nice to see you and hear you all and see the progress the Department continues to make, maintaining high standards of residency education and fellowship placement. Superb job from David Kielar and David Chin Yee.



Gangadhara Sundar, D.O.

Cheers! Gan Sundar. D.O.

My best, Dave Kielar, M.D.

TEAM MEMBER PROFILES

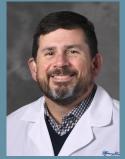


Tanya Jann, COT Tanya Jann is the head tech for the Bloomfield Township and West Bloomfield locations. Tanya's career in ophthalmology started when she was just 14 years old working in an optical lab during the summers with her mother. She has been working in the eye field ever since! Tanya started working for Henry Ford's optical shop about 25 years ago, before the merger with First Optometry. The Optometrists at that time needed technicians, so she worked for them for a few years and then transferred to ophthalmology.

Linda Hermiz, is the manager at the locations that Tanya is responsible for and describes her as a very dedicated and hardworking employee. Linda says Tanya is always looking out for her co-workers to make sure they have what they need to get their job done. In addition, Linda is thankful that Tanya has worked the entire time during the pandemic. Linda really enjoys working with Tanya and says she is blessed to have her on her team.

Tanya says COVID has made her more aware of her surroundings and the importance of proper hygiene and sanitizing. She says it has been a "rough road, but we are adapting to the new normal as best we can."

As for the future, Tanya just recently found out she will soon become a grandma! Congratulations!

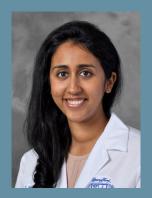


Kevin Everett, M.D. Dr. Kevin Everett attended both undergraduate and medical school at the University of Michigan. He completed his Ophthalmology residency at the University of Cincinnati. During his college years, Dr. Everett held a variety of jobs including theatre usher, waiter and butcher. He became interested in Ophthalmology because it is a mixture of surgery, neurology and internal medicine. Plus, he "fell in love with the beauty of the eye."

Dr. Everett has witnessed many technological advances in the field of Ophthalmology, especially in his field of refractive surgery. Another change he has noticed has been the growth of Optometry and the closer working relationship with the Optometrists. Moving towards the future, he believes technology will keep improving things. He thinks lenses will be developed that will function as well as a twenty-year old's natural lenses. He also thinks we will develop a better treatment for dry macular degeneration and unlock what glaucoma is!

The COVID-19 virus has really affected Dr. Everett's family. He has four children attending middle school, high school and college all virtually online. He is heartbroken that none of them are experiencing the life they should be having right now. Besides his four awesome kids, Dr. Everett has a wife, Colleen, who he says is the "sweetest person he knows," which is a great balance for him! In addition to his family, Dr. Everett absolutely loves music. He is obsessed with artists like Springsteen, Neil Young, The Beatles, U2 and John Mayer to name a few. Listening to music sets his mood.

RESIDENTS



Shravani Mikkilineni, M.D.

Shravani Mikkilineni, M.D., is a thirdyear resident in the department. She completed her undergraduate studies at Harvard and attended the University of Michigan for both medical and business school. During business

school she worked as a consultant for the Boston Consulting Group. She has also tutored, taught tennis and worked in a research lab in the past.

When she volunteered at an eye camp during a family visit to Hyderabad, India in college, Shravani became interested in Ophthalmology. She continued to consider Ophthalmology as a potential specialty during medical school but was sold after doing her rotations at the Kellogg Eye Center and Henry Ford Hospital.

Shravani believes technology has always played a huge role in ophthalmology and there are constant advances in this area. Shravani thinks improvements in drug delivery and artificial intelligence will likely play a big role in the years to come and will hopefully help improve care for patients. Shravani is thankful she lives close to her parents, especially during the COVID pandemic, as she can see them at any time (and getting home-cooked meals doesn't hurt either). The pandemic has made Shravani truly appreciate her co-residents, especially the fellow third years. She says she could not have asked for a better class with whom to go through residency. Both of Shravani's parents are physicians; her dad is an internist in Livonia and her mom is a retired psychiatrist. She also has an older brother who went to MIT. He is now an engineer who runs his own startup company in Boston.

FELLOWS

Candice Yousif, M.D., is presently the glaucoma fellow for the department. She attended Wayne State University undergraduate and medical school prior to her residency at Henry Ford Hospital. As a medical student, Candice realized she would like to pursue a surgical specialty. She was introduced to



Candice Yousif, M.D.

ophthalmology by a fellow student and says she "pretty much fell in love" with it. She was intrigued by the physical exam aspect of ophthalmology, which is somewhat less of a focus in other areas of medicine. Candice believes that Ophthalmology can improve through access to care, advancements in technology, and dedication to research.

Toni Haddad, Medical Education Coordinator for the department, describes Candice as a wonderful doctor and a great human being. Her smile, personality, and compassion toward her patients, colleagues and ancillary staff is amazing.

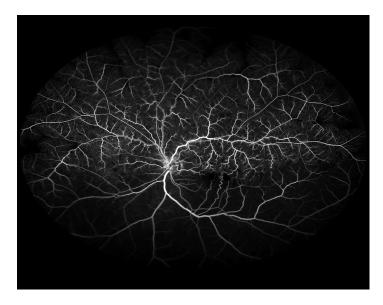
Because of COVID, Candice has been able to spend more quality time at home with her husband, Matthew, and daughter, Lily, who is now 2 years old! They enjoy watching Pixar and Disney movies together. Candice thinks Henry Ford has done an excellent job handling COVID, and comments that although it was a bit frightening in the beginning, she feels comfortable coming to work and feels that clinical and surgical time has reached a new steady state.

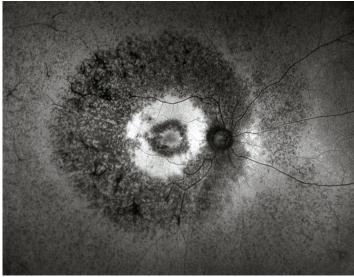
Candice loves to make and eat middle eastern salads, and her favorite of all is tabouli. She also loves music. Previous jobs include music director, organist, vocalist and a wedding singer.

AWARDS

2020 OPS/AAO Annual Scientific Exhibit

The winning photographs from the 2020 OPS/AAO Scientific Exhibit were recently PRESENTED AT THE VIRTUAL AAO and on the OPS website. Congratulations to Megan Allis, CRA, OCT-C, and Jenny Shaheen, CRA, OCT-C, from the Henry Ford Ophthalmic Imaging Center for their winning images that were shown in the exhibit. Click here to view gallery





Megan Allis, CRA, OCT-C, CRVO Honorable Mention, Fluorescein Angiogram

Megan Allis, CRA, OCT-C, RETINITIS PIGMENTOSA Honorable Mention, Fundus Autofluorescence



Megan Allis, CRA, OCT-C, COMMOTIO Third Place, Fundus Photography 45 Degree Plus



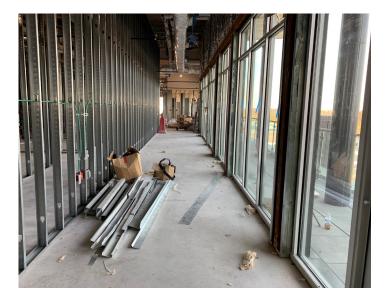
Jenny Shaheen, CRA, OCT-C, CONGENITAL RETINAL **MACROVESSEL**

Honorable Mention, Fundus Photography 45 Degree Plus

GROWTH

The New Henry Ford Medical Center - Royal Oak

The brand-new Henry Ford Medical Center – Royal Oak, opening in summer 2021, will have services for every member of the family in a state-of-the-art, downtown facility. The center will offer adult and pediatric primary care, a variety of specialty care services, ambulatory surgery and convenient deck parking. In Ophthalmology, the new facility will provide Comprehensive, Anterior Segment and Glaucoma services. The department will also be developing a robust Lasik program within the clinical space located on the 6th floor. Dr. Brian Florek will be leading the clinical operations and Dr. Kevin Everett will be leading the Lasik Program.



Hallway next to Balcony, 6th floor



Balcony from 6th floor



Ophthalmic Imaging room



East entrance

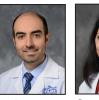
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Uday Desai, M.D.















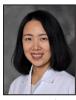






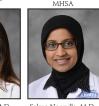






















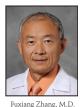












Allan Rinke, M.D.

Daniel Steen, M.D.

2020 RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS



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Fellows and Residents 2020 - 2021





Jennifer Aye, D.O. Retina Fellow



Candice Yousif, M.D. Glaucoma Fellow



Yue Li, PH.D. Neuro Ophthalmologist Fellow

3rd Year

2nd Year

1st Year

Transitional



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Christopher Sesi, M.D.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Eye, The Brain and The Auto 2020 9th World Research Congress on Health and **Modern Mobility**

What: Health and Modern Mobility, Autonomous Vehicles, Driver's Fitness to Function and **Naturalistic Driving Methods**

When: December 7-8, 2020,

Where: This will be a Virtual Meeting

More information: Registration and Sponsorship information available by contacting Roseanne Horne at

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EyesOn Design Car Show 2020

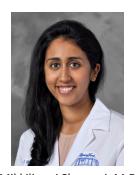
EyesOn Design 2020 Automotive Exhibition was canceled in September.

Please join us on Father's Day, June 21, 2021.

Click here to read more.

NEWS AND NOTES

Oculofacial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship



Congratulations to resident, Shravani Mikkilineni MD, MBA for matching at Oregon Health and Science University (OHSU) for the Oculofacial Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery Fellowship which is sponsored by the American Society of

Mikkilineni Shravani, M.D. Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery (ASOPRS). This highly competitive program was founded in 1987 by John L. Wobig, M.D., M.B.A. It's first graduate was Roger A. Dailey, M.D., FACS, who is the current program director.

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

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VISUAL FIELDS

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