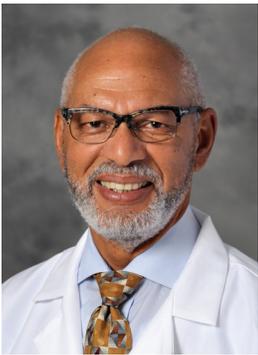


OPHTHALMOLOGY NEWS

Department of Ophthalmology Newsletter - Winter 2019



CHAIRMAN'S UPDATE



Paul Edwards, M.D.

Season's Greetings from the Department of Ophthalmology!

We had a great turn out in San Francisco for our Alumni reception during AAO. It was wonderful to see so many alumni, staff and residents enjoying a beautiful evening of conversation and a strolling reception ! Please click on the

link on page 5 to view photos of the fabulous event. The Alumni reception is a way in which we strive to keep our extensive alumni group connected to the department. We are looking forward to seeing everyone at next year's reception in Las Vegas during the AAO meeting on November 14, 2020.

I am happy to share some exciting department updates:

- The consultants are halfway through the department analyzing our workflow and implementing process improvements. The staff has been pleased with the success of the venture so far.
- We are very excited about the new ophthalmology location in Bloomfield Township opening December 2nd.

We also have several dates to share:

- The Department will be hosting a Winter Celebration at The Henry Ford on Saturday, January 18th. Physicians will be supporting this all staff event. Guests of our support staff are welcome at a charge of \$30/per person.

- Please save-the-date for our annual Alumni "Updates in Ophthalmology" Education Day on Saturday, May 30, 2020. Dr. Steve Kaufman will be honored as our Distinguished Alumnus. We are in the process of confirming other guest speakers
- Next fall, Henry Ford Health System will be celebrating a Jubilee Anniversary Celebration October 8-10th. Our Department will be joining in the celebration and hosting a scientific conference during that time. More details to follow.

Wishing you and your families a happy and peaceful holiday season!

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

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DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



Steve Horger

Seasons Greetings!

It's that time of year when you look back and ask yourself, where has the time gone. This year has been filled with many wonderful opportunities for our department, from opening new locations, welcoming new providers and growing our

operations just to name a few.

As Dr. Edwards shared, we began our engagement with Advantage Consulting and have been diligently working through each location to assess and begin streamlining operations. Along with implementing new clinical efficiencies, we have been reorganizing our administrative support structure. These enhancements are necessary to assist with taking our department to the next level of our engagement. We have added a few new members to our management team. We are in the process of expanding our technical team with the addition of several educational and training support members. These new positions have provided advancement and growth opportunities for many of our team members within our organization.

The overall feedback we have received thus far has been positive and we are seeing great opportunities for the future of our department. We are experiencing change in all areas which even includes my role and responsibilities. As we know, change is not always easy as we look at things from a new perspective and learn new processes. However, changes and enhancements are necessary for growth and sustainability. I believe our department and each individual team member has what it takes to advance us to the next level and build upon the great work we have all accomplished.

As I reflect on this past year, it has been one filled with extraordinary patient care, generosity and great promise for 2020. Your dedication demonstrates what our great team can accomplish. My heartfelt gratitude to our generous supporters who have gifted our great institution with their time, talent and treasury. Without this collaboration, none of this would be possible.

Wishing you a safe and happy holiday season!

Warm Regards,
Steve

PATIENT STORIES

The team of 4 people in the imaging room at West Bloomfield are always patient, friendly and professional. When having to often times go back and forth between the doctor and imaging they could easily make or break your patience and experience and they always do a great job.

*Sincerely,
Grateful Patient*

I feel that Dr. Goldman and the staff in Detroit are very kind, good listeners and come up with solutions for any problems I'm having with my eyes. Very thorough examination of eyes too. Glaucoma, dry eyes and macular degeneration are all things that worry somebody who is aging. I do recommend this office highly to anyone looking for an excellent ophthalmologist. Dr. Goldman is awesome!

*Sincerely,
Grateful Patient*

DONOR APPRECIATION

We are grateful for David and Joan Jackson

After receiving a liver transplant in 2011 and surviving a rare eye cancer in the years following, David Jackson has a lot to be grateful for. Henry Ford is one of those things. That is why David, and his wife Joan, contribute to emergency needs for liver transplant patients at Henry Ford Health System as well as the Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology. David and Joan's contributions to the Department of Ophthalmology help cover the cost of eye drops that treat squamous cell carcinoma, which is not covered by insurance and without it can cause the permanent loss of eyesight.



David and Joan Jackson

"I am so grateful for the world-class care I have received throughout the years at Henry Ford. That is why my wife and I want to pay it forward so that others can experience the same level of care and live life to the fullest." We count our blessings every day.



In honor and memory of Dr. J. David Carey, please consider a donation towards the J.D. Carey, M.D. Residency Endowment Fund in support of the Henry Ford Department of Ophthalmology. The Endowment Fund enables residents to travel to Columbia University in New York City each year for an entire month to attend the Basic Science Course. The fund also helps with maintenance of our wet lab and microsurgery course, simulation training, visiting lecturers (8-10/year) and other educational/clinical resources. All gift amounts are welcome. Multi-year pledges can be arranged and gifts can be comprised of cash and or other assets through estate giving.

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 the Henry Ford Development Office

1 Ford Place, 5A
Detroit, MI 48202

or visit www.henryford.com/giving

(Under the "Designate a Gift" section, click on the "Direct my gift to" button and then find the "J.D. Carey M.D. Residency Endowment Fund" in the "Select a Program" dropdown under Ophthalmology)

Thank you to everyone who has already contributed.

TEAM MEMBER PROFILES

With the addition of two new locations, the Department of Ophthalmology is expanding and in order to help accommodate this growth there has been a realignment of managers and team members.



Lisa Jones

Lisa Jones was recently appointed as the new manager for the Troy, Southfield and Royal Oak locations. Lisa has been with HFMG for seven years as of July. She has worked on the Access Team at the Contact Center, the Department of Business Operations and with the Department of Ophthalmology. Lisa received her bachelor's degree from Wayne State University and received a Master of Business Administration (MBA) - concentration in Health Care Leadership in 2018 from Cleary University.

Lisa became interested in Ophthalmology while working with the Ophthalmology leaders when she was part of the front desk leadership team. There she developed relationships, gained insightful knowledge and her interest for the department grew.

Lisa says: "The passion and dedication that the Ophthalmology leaders demonstrate daily increased my awareness and eagerness to learn and grow." For Lisa, the best part of her new role is to see the patients who come to the clinics unaware of what their outcome(s) will be, but when they leave their appointments, hope has been gained through the skilled ophthalmologists here at Henry Ford. Lisa is also looking forward to working with the skilled technicians who travel to various sites to support the clinics. She hopes to continue to strengthen the relationships that we have built with our HFMG front desk and Optimeyes partners; as a whole, we are one team looking to increase patient outcomes through medicine and customer service.



Leannette Kasbrick

Prior to her new role as manager for the HFHS Department of Ophthalmology, Leannette Kasbrick was a manager at OptimEyes. She has worked at the Clinton Twp., Taylor and Southfield locations. Leannette has been with Henry Ford Health System for three years. Leannette will be responsible for the Dearborn, Westland and Taylor Ophthalmology clinics.

Leannette has a degree in Education, with a major in Special Education; Cognitive Impairment. Before joining HFHS she was a special education teacher. She worked in a center-based program, working with students from 5 - 25 years of age, as well as in a lower elementary cognitively impaired classroom, working with students in Kindergarten - 3rd grade.

Learning about all the different specialties in ophthalmology is Leannette's favorite, yet most challenging part of her new job. Just learning the specialties of each doctor is also a challenge! She is looking forward to meeting the new team members and working collaboratively with each other. Because technology is advancing daily, Leannette believes that some aspects of the eye exams will be done differently in the future. She is excited to see how these changes affect patient care.

Leannette is very excited to be joining the Ophthalmology team. In just the first few weeks she has been "appreciative of the help, assistance and warm welcome" she has received from everyone she has met.

ALUMNI

2019 AAO Alumni Reception in San Francisco

It was great to see so many residents, staff, alumni and spouses at our Department of Ophthalmology AAO reception in San Francisco. The food, drinks and atmosphere of the Mission Rock Resort were enjoyed by all. What a wonderful way to stay connected with our fellow colleagues! The next AAO reception will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 in Las Vegas. Save the date and stay tuned for more details!

[Click here to view gallery.](#)



Philip Hessburg, M.D., Andrew O’Gawa, M.D.,
Daniel Kim, M.D., Lawrence Hamburger, M.D.



Mark Rolain, M.D., Stephen Kaufman, M.D., Paul Edwards, M.D.,
John Greco, M.D., Matt Yeomans, M.D., Tom Campen, M.D.



Nathan Farley, M.D., Tad Schoedel, M.D., Laura Grant, M.D.,
Rahul Komati, M.D., Alice Zhang, M.D., Kevin Tomasko, M.D.,
Toni Haddad, Daniel Brill, M.D., David Chin Lee, M.D.,
David Goldman, M.D.



David Goldman, M.D., Gangadhara Sundar, M.D.,
Bithika Kheterpal, M.D., Hua Gao, M.D.

Alumni Connection

Staying connected with our Alumni is very important to the Department of Ophthalmology. Please help us stay connected by keeping us informed of any changes in contact information 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.

STAFF AND RESIDENTS OF THE CLASS OF 2019



Front Row: Alice Zhang, M.D., Bianca Kizy, M.D., Paul Edwards, M.D., (Chairman), Lauren Keshishian, M.D., Desiree Albert, M.D.

Second Row: Kevin Everett, M.D., Tina Turner, M.D., Kim Le, M.D., Anjali Badami, M.D., Daniel Steen, M.D., David Goldman, M.D., Taylor Fields, M.D., Candice Yousif, M.D., Salma Noorulla, M.D.

Third Row: Deborah Darnley-Fisch, M.D., Susan Gormezano, O.D., Lylas Mogk, M.D., Poonam Bansal, M.D., Hua Gao, M.D., Lawrence Hamburger, M.D., Nauman Imami, M.D., Daniel Brill, M.D., Jason Dilly, M.D., Paul Baciu, M.D., Laura Grant, M.D., Andre Aung, M.D., Mariam Hamid, M.D., Patrick Dennehy, M.D., Sachin Gandhi, M.D.

Back Row: Philip Hessburg, M.D., Robert Levine, M.D., Shravani Mikkilineni, M.D., Christian George, M.D., Uday Desai, M.D., David Crandall, M.D., Andrew Hou, M.D., Melisa Nika, M.D., Ryan Jaber, M.D., Sejal Amin, M.D., Kevin Leikert, M.D., Daniel Kaitis, M.D., Allan Rinke, M.D.

Not Present: Gregory Auner, Ph.D., Ramanpal Deol, O.D., Brian Florek, M.D., Harpreet Gill, M.D., David Gourwitz, O.D., Abdulrahman Hamad, M.D., Thomas Hessburg, M.D., Bithika Kheterpal, M.D., Nitin Kumar, M.D., Yue Li, M.D., Daniel Rathbun, Ph.D., Anne Riddering, Ph.D., Barry Skarf, M.D., Lily Van Laere, M.D., Swapna Vemuri, M.D., Fuxiang Zhang, M.D.

GROWTH

Open for Business - Bloomfield Township Medical Center

Now open, the new Henry Ford Medical Center – Bloomfield Township will offer services for every member of the family. The state-of-the-art facility with digital technology will streamline check-in, treatment and offer high-speed Wi-Fi. This new facility will offer care for the entire family in one convenient place. Services include: Family Medicine, Internal Medicine, Pediatrics, Women’s Health, Optometry (OptimEyes), Ophthalmology, Cardiology, Neurology, Rehabilitation, Orthopedics, Pharmacy, Lab, Radiology and a Walk-In Clinic. The Walk-In Clinic offers urgent care seven days a week for minor medical concerns and injuries for the copy of a primary care visit.

The Department of Ophthalmology and OptimEyes will share space within the new Medical Center. The new clinic will offer glaucoma care and comprehensive exams with future plans to add retina care services. Dr. Melisa Nika will work with a team of technicians to provide care and grow the practice. Linda Hermiz will be the manager of the new Bloomfield Township clinic. [Click here for more information.](#)



NEWS AND NOTES

Congratulations Dr. Lylas Mogk!



Lylas Mogk, M.D.

At the recent AAO held in San Francisco, Dr. Mogk was presented with the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Secretariat Award.

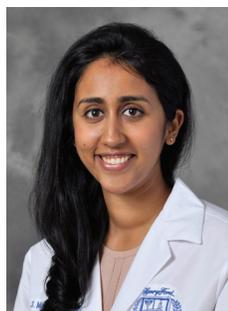
The Secretariat Award recognizes special contributions to the Academy and to ophthalmology. Dr. Mogk was recognized for her contributions to EyeNet

Magazine. Dr. Mogk's expertise and comments in the field of low vision rehabilitation were invaluable when EyeNet developed articles in that area.

Dr. Mogk has helped shape content, provide resources and contributed many relevant, educational and interesting articles over the years. Dr. Mogk was recognized in the 2019 Academy Annual Awards booklet and website and was presented with a certificate.

Dr. Shravani Mikkilineni wins first place at AAO

Congratulations to Henry Ford Hospital second year resident, Shravani Mikkilineni, M.D., MBA, who won 1st place in the Ophthalmology Times Research Scholar honoree program for her project on T2 Magnetic Resonance Assay and Detection of Ocular Candidiasis.



Shravani Mikkilineni, M.D.

The award was announced at the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) meeting in San Francisco on October 10, 2019. This program is dedicated to the education of fellows and residents and offers a unique opportunity to share notable retina research with peers and mentors. The program is supported by unrestricted grants from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals. For more information on this award: <https://www.ophtalmologytimes.com/researchscholars2019>

Daniel Palanker, Ph.D. presented the Bartimaeus award

On Sunday, November 10th, The Eye and The Chip Bartimaeus Dinner was held. This dinner is sponsored by the Friends of Vision, a volunteer arm of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology. At this dinner the coveted Bartimaeus Award was presented to one of the research scientists chosen by previous Bartimaeus Award recipients for his/her contribution to advancing the field of artificial vision. This year, Daniel Palanker, Ph.D. was the recipient of the Bartimaeus award. Dr. Palanker is a Professor of Ophthalmology and Director of the Hansen Experimental Physics Laboratory at Stanford University, California.

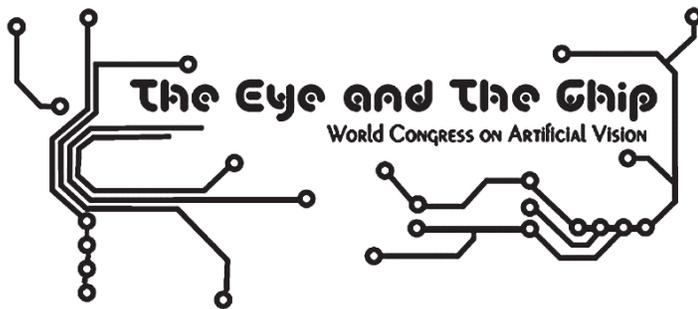


Daniel Palanker, Ph.D. received the Bartimaeus Award from Joseph Rizzo, M.D.

The dinner was held on Sunday, November 10, 2019 in the Studio Room of The Henry Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan. Over 85 researchers from around the world were present for this special occasion. [Click here](#) to see more photos

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The 11th The Eye and The Chip Research Congress

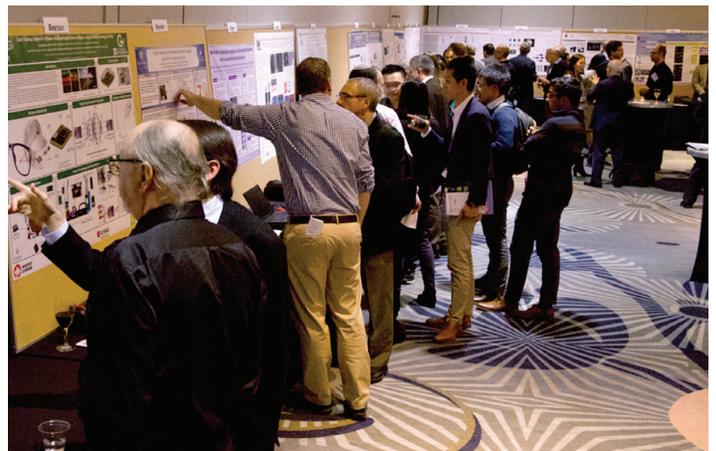


The 11th The Eye and The Chip Research Congress, was held Nov. 10-12, 2019 at The Henry Hotel in Dearborn, Michigan. This year's research congress focused on the relationship between neurobiology and nanoelectronics with respect to artificial vision. The ultimate goal of the research congress is to advance progress toward artificial vision for many people who suffer from blindness.



“Results from this research congress will help move us towards the day when many people who are currently blind will be able to recover some level of useful vision,” said Phillip Hessburg, M.D., Medical Director of the Detroit Institute of Ophthalmology, the research arm of Henry Ford Health System’s Department of Ophthalmology.

The Eye and The Chip is dedicated to fostering collaborative relationships between major programs in Europe, America, Asia and Australia that are working to make advances and identify challenges remaining in the global pursuit of true artificial vision. The research congress also seeks to present outcomes of device implantation where it is occurring and identify progress toward FDA approval of various visual neuro-prosthetic devices implanted in humans.



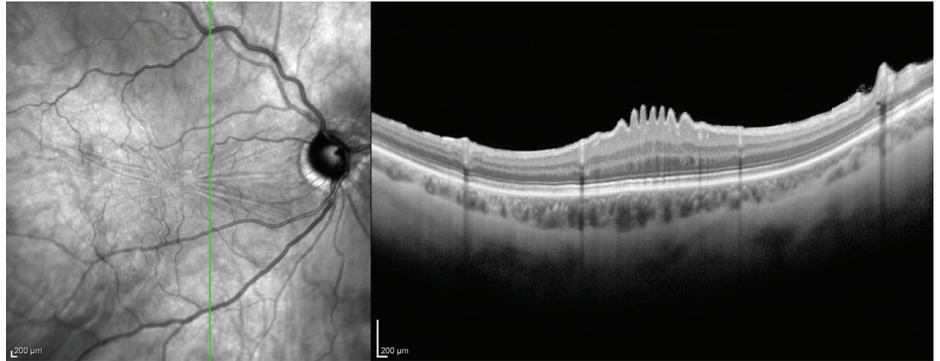
Research scientists from around the world presented at this year's research congress. For a complete list of presenters, topics and access to the full congress agenda, [please visit the website here](#). To see more photos [click here](#).

AWARDS

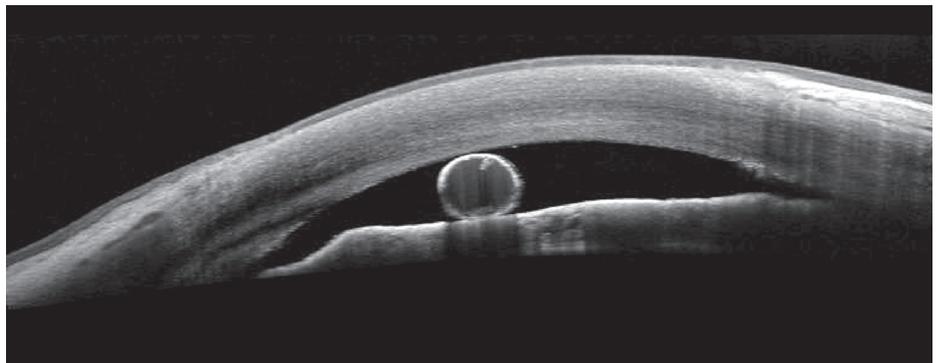
2019 OPS/AAO Annual Scientific Exhibit

The winning photographs from the 2019 OPS/AAO Scientific Exhibit were recently on display at the AAO meeting in San Francisco, California. Congratulations to John Grybas, CRA, Nicole Massu, CRA and Tracey Troszak, CRA, OCT-C from the Henry Ford Ophthalmic Imaging Center for their winning images that were shown at the exhibit. [Click here to view gallery](#)

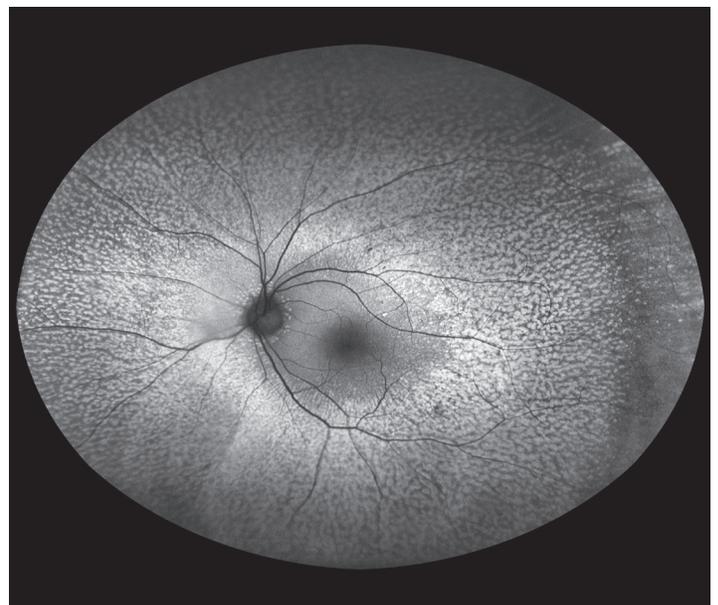
John Grybas, CRA,
EPIRETINAL MEMBRANE
Honorable Mention
Optical Coherence Tomography



Nicole Massu, CRA,
IRIS CYST
Third Place
Optical Coherence Tomography



Tracey Troszak, CRA, OCT-C, OPTIC ATROPHY
First Place, Fundus Photography High Magnification



Tracey Troszak, CRA, OCT-C, ALBINISM PUNCTATUS
First Place, Fundus Autofluorescence

UPCOMING EVENTS



Save the date!

Night AT THE Museum

Join us the evening of January eighteenth
Twenty-Two from 6:00pm to 10pm at the
Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn.

ASCRS-ASOA Annual Meeting

What: **Annual Meeting**

Who: Anterior segment surgeons, practice
managers, ophthalmic technicians
and nurses.

When: May 15-19, 2020

Where: Boston Convention & Exhibition Center
415 Summer Street
Boston, MA 02210

<https://annualmeeting.ascrs.org/>

EyesOn Design Car Show

What: **The 32nd Annual EyesOn Design Automotive
Design Exhibition**

When: Sunday, June 21, 2020

Where: Edsel and Eleanor Ford House
1100 Lake Shore Drive
Grosse Pointe Shores, MI 48236

<http://www.eyesondesign.org/carshow>

The Henry Ford Department of
Ophthalmology presents:

Updates in Ophthalmology 42nd Annual Alumni Day

Saturday, May 30, 2020

Grosse Pointe War Memorial
32 Lakeshore Drive
Grosse Pointe Farms, MI 48236

Breakfast 7:00 am - 8:00 am
CME Program 8:00 am - 5:00 pm
Reception 5:00 pm - 6:30 pm

Speakers TBD

**Distinguished Alumnus Award
Steven Kaufman, M.D.**

For more information contact:

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313-936-1968

Alumni Jubilee

What: **Hosted by HFHS Alumni Association**

When: October 8-10, 2020

Seasons Greetings

Wishing you a Happy Holiday and
joyful New Year.

Best wishes from the
Department of Ophthalmology





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 Swapna Vemuri, M.D. (SF, LK, D)

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All locations

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 Kim Le, M.D. (DB, GP, WB)
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 David Crandall, M.D.
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 Uday Desai, M.D.
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 Lylas Mogk, M.D. (GP, LV)
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 Helen Clarren (DIO)

VISUAL ELECTROPHYSIOLOGY AND PSYCHOPHYSICS

Paul Edwards, M.D. (D)
 Barry Skarf, M.D. (D)

VISUAL FIELDS

All Locations

Referring doctors can call the Henry Ford Referring Physician Office at 1-877-434-7470.

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.

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