



FEBRUARY 6, 2021
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Tech Program

February 6, 2021

8:00 - 8:15 am

Welcome & Introduction

Vandana Reddy, MD
CME Committee Co-Chair

8:15 - 9:15 am

Pearls for Complex Cataract Surgery:
Techniques & Tips

W. Barry Lee, MD, FACS
Q&A Session Moderator: D. Brian Kim, MD

9:15 - 9:45 am

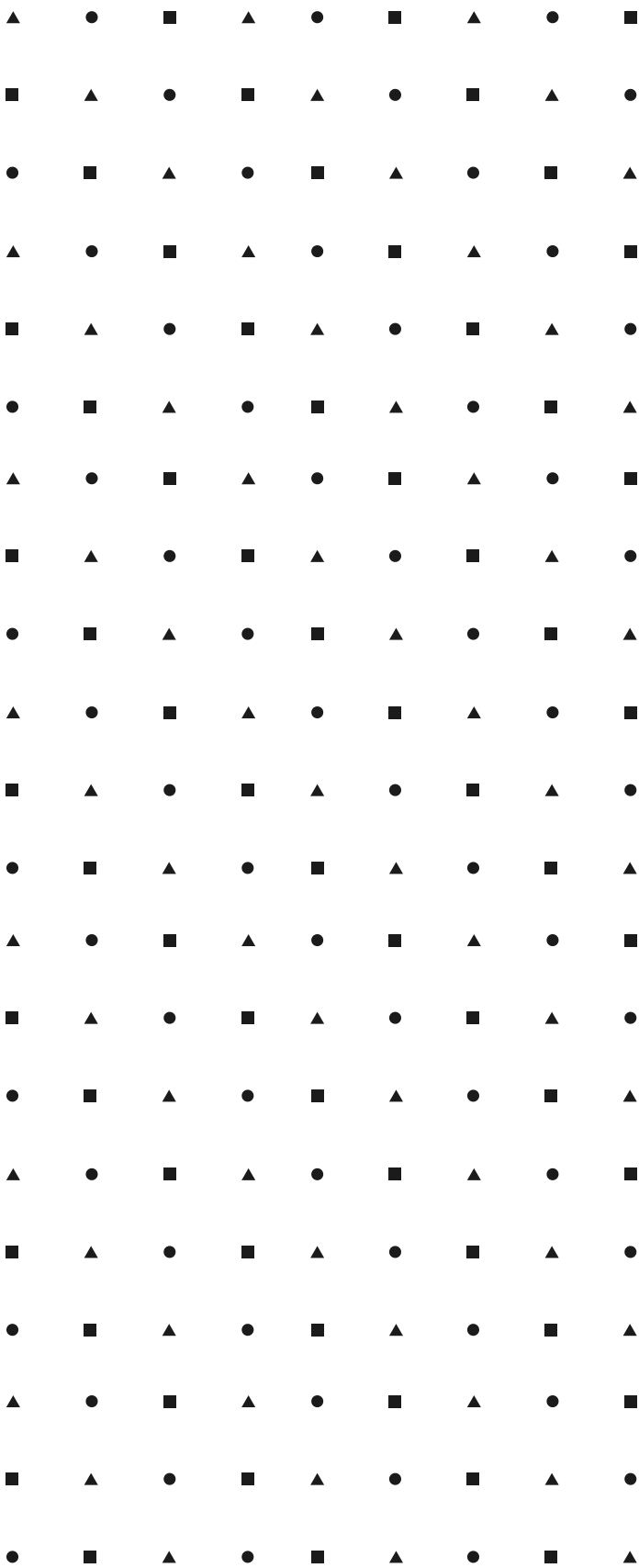
Uveitis - What Are We Looking For?

Rahul Komati, MD
Q&A Session Moderator: Nichelle Warren, MD

9:45 - 10:15 am

Keratoconus & Crosslinking: The Basics

Priya Patel, MD
Q&A Session Moderator: Vandana Reddy, MD



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10:15 - 10:30 am Networking & Break

10:30 - 11:00 am Concerning Eyelid Lesions - Important Things to Know

Brent Hayek, MD
Q&A Session Moderator: D. Brian Kim, MD

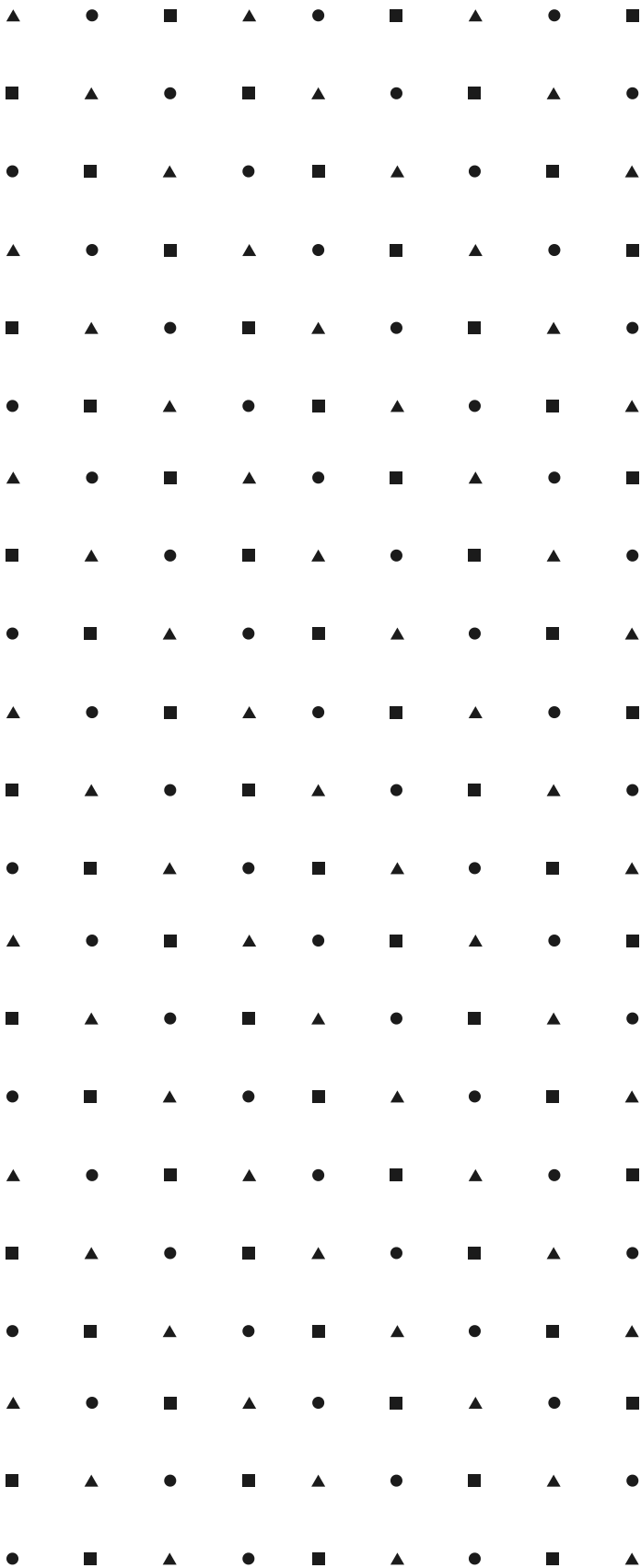
11:00 - 11:30 am Uveal Melanoma Update

Jill Wells, MD
Q&A Session Moderator: Ella Leung, MD

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Neuro-Ophthalmology: Who We Are & What We Do

Wesley Chan, MD, MSc
Q&A Session Moderator: Nichelle Warren, MD

12:00 - 12:30 pm Lunch Break



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12:30 - 1:00 pm Floppy Bags & Falling Lenses: Managing the Dislocated Lens

D. Brian Kim, MD
Q&A Session Moderator: Nichelle Warren, MD

1:00 - 1:30 pm New Glaucoma Medications

Gagan Sawhney, MD
Q&A Session Moderator: Ninita Brown, MD, PhD

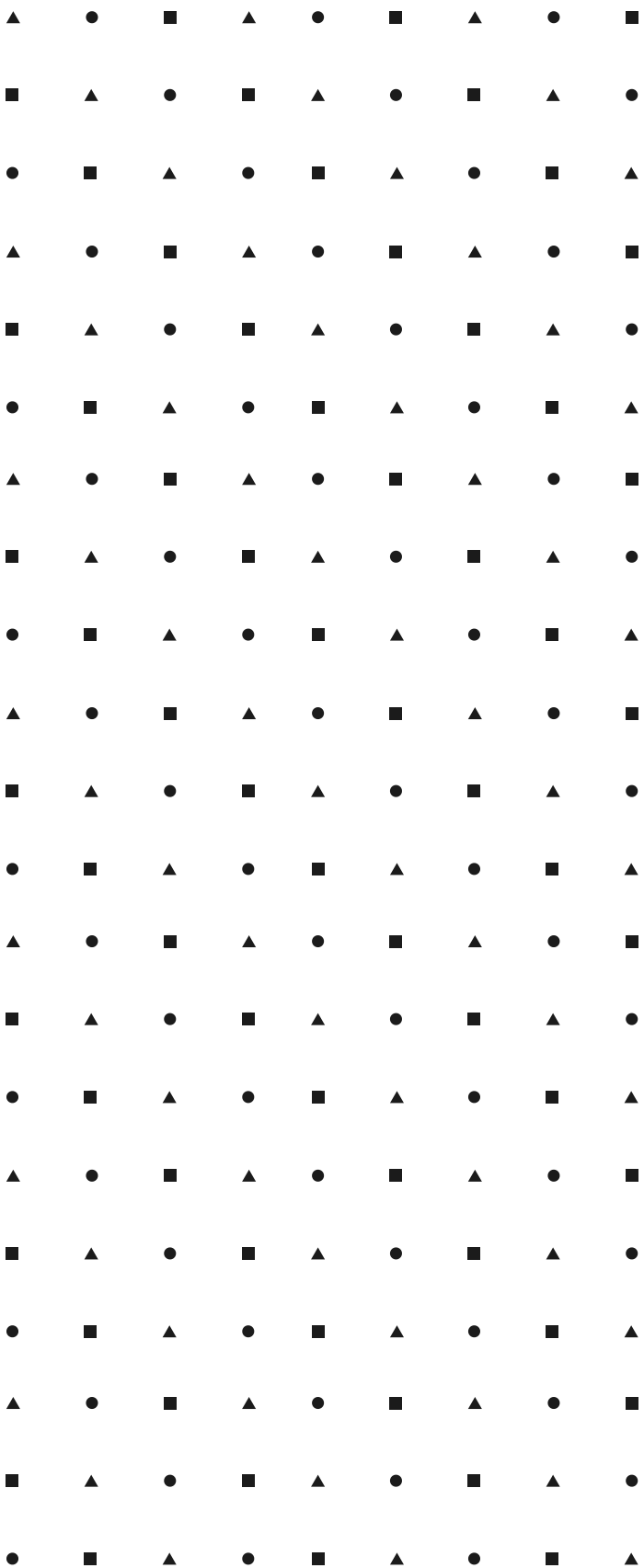
1:30 - 1:45 pm Networking & Break

1:45 - 2:15 pm Pediatric Ophthalmology Potpourri

Stephen Lipsky, MD, FACS
Q&A Moderator: D. Brian Kim, MD

2:15 - 2:45 pm Covering COVID-19

Ella Leung, MD
Q&A Moderator: Nichelle Warren, MD



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2:45 - 3:15 pm

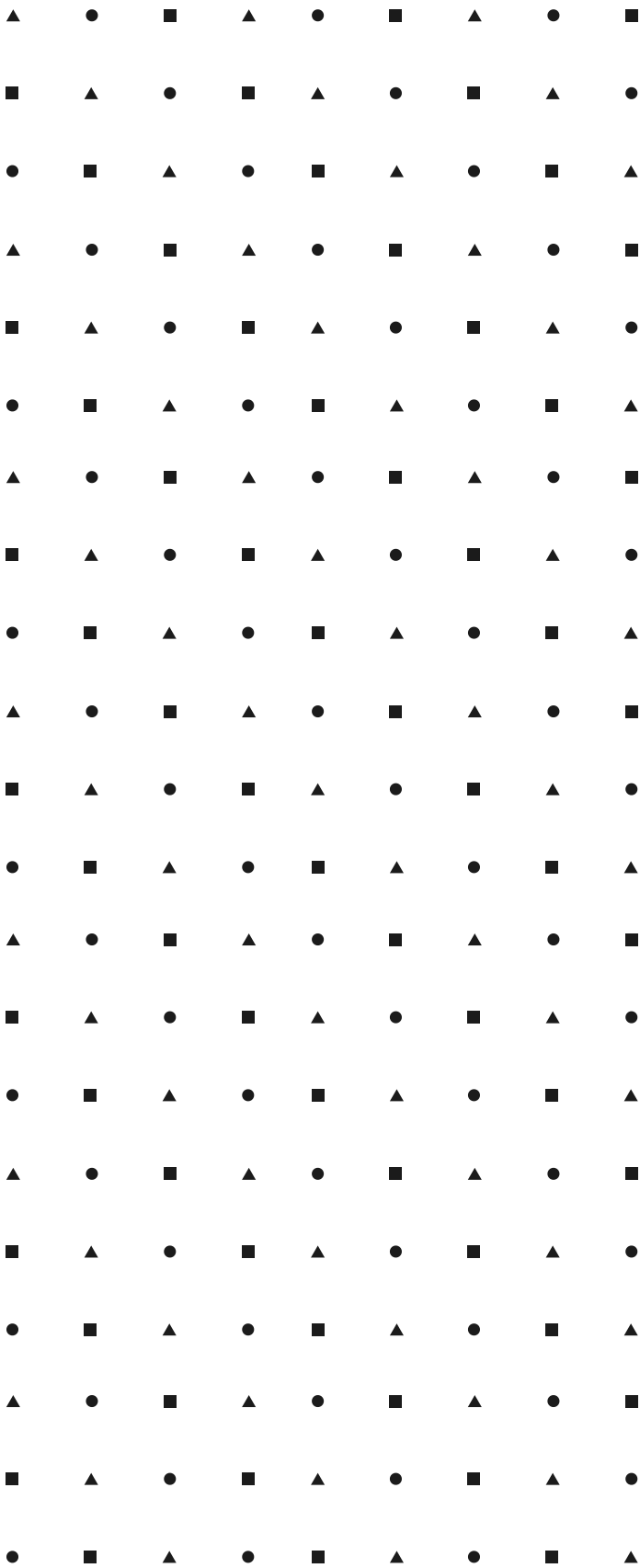
Latent Hyperopia

Arpita Bhasin, MD
Q&A Session Moderator: Nichelle Warren, MD

3:15 - 3:30 pm

Closing Remarks

Vandana Reddy, MD
CME Committee Co-Chair

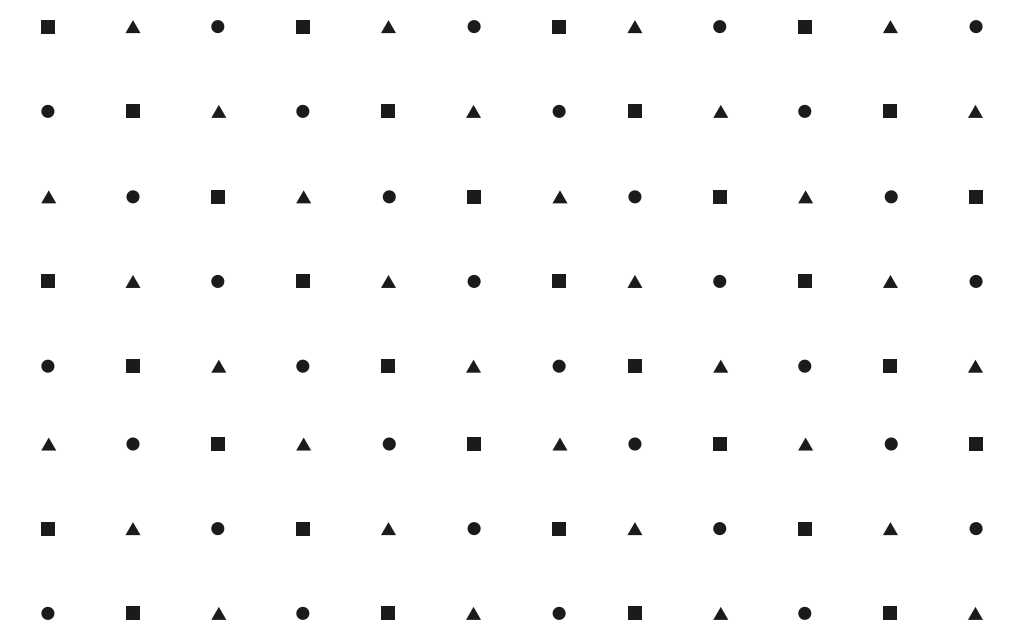


Program Information

This ophthalmic medical personnel continuing education is held in conjunction with the GEM Eye Meeting, which includes an educational program for ophthalmic medical personnel. The GEM Eye Meeting began in 2009 as a way to bring eye care professionals and specialists from around the state and region together to learn, collaborate and develop professionally. It is hosted by the Georgia Society of Ophthalmology (GSO), Emory Eye Center & Emory University School of Medicine and the Department of Ophthalmology, Medical College of Georgia (MCG), Augusta University.

Target Audience

The target audience for this educational activity are Certified Ophthalmic Assistants, Certified Ophthalmic Technicians and Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologists.

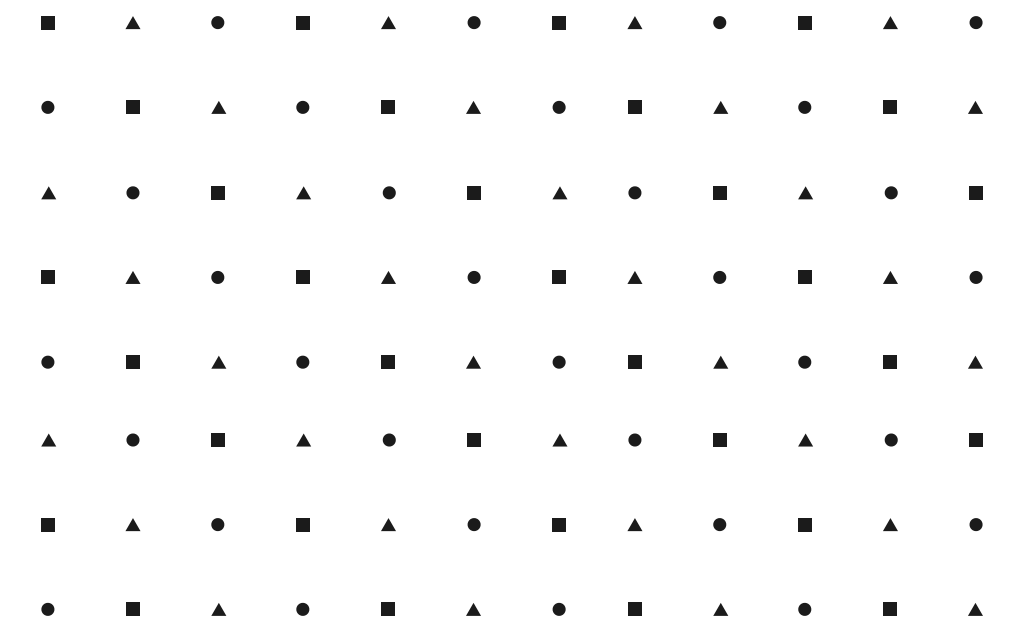


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Educational Objectives

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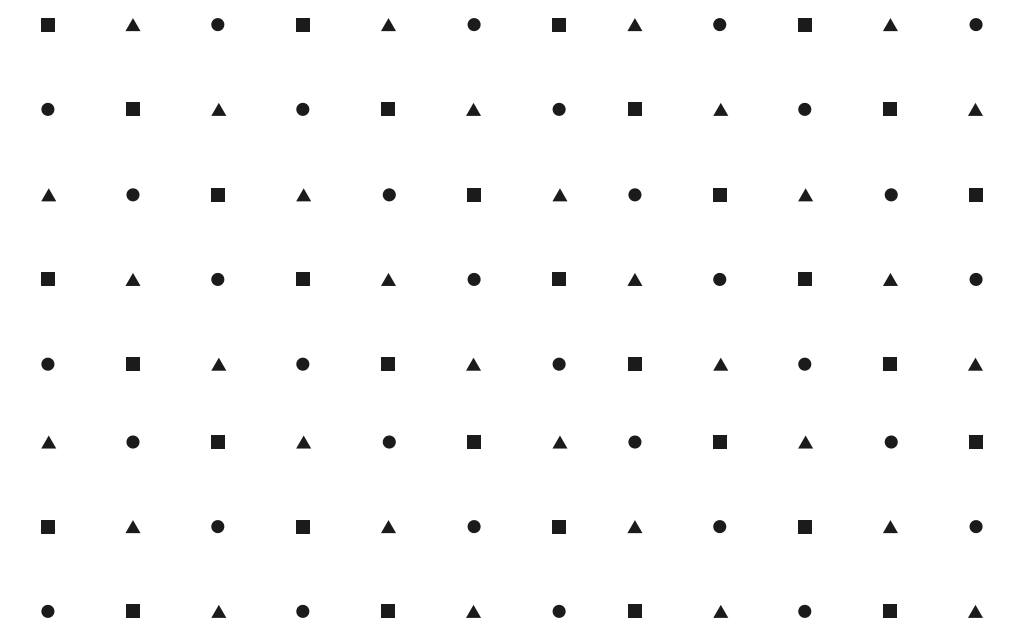
- Increase knowledge of recent medical advances in the diagnosis, management and treatment of diseases of the eye
- Learn and improve techniques that will allow the ophthalmic technician to offer the best treatment options and care to patients
- Improve standards of practice

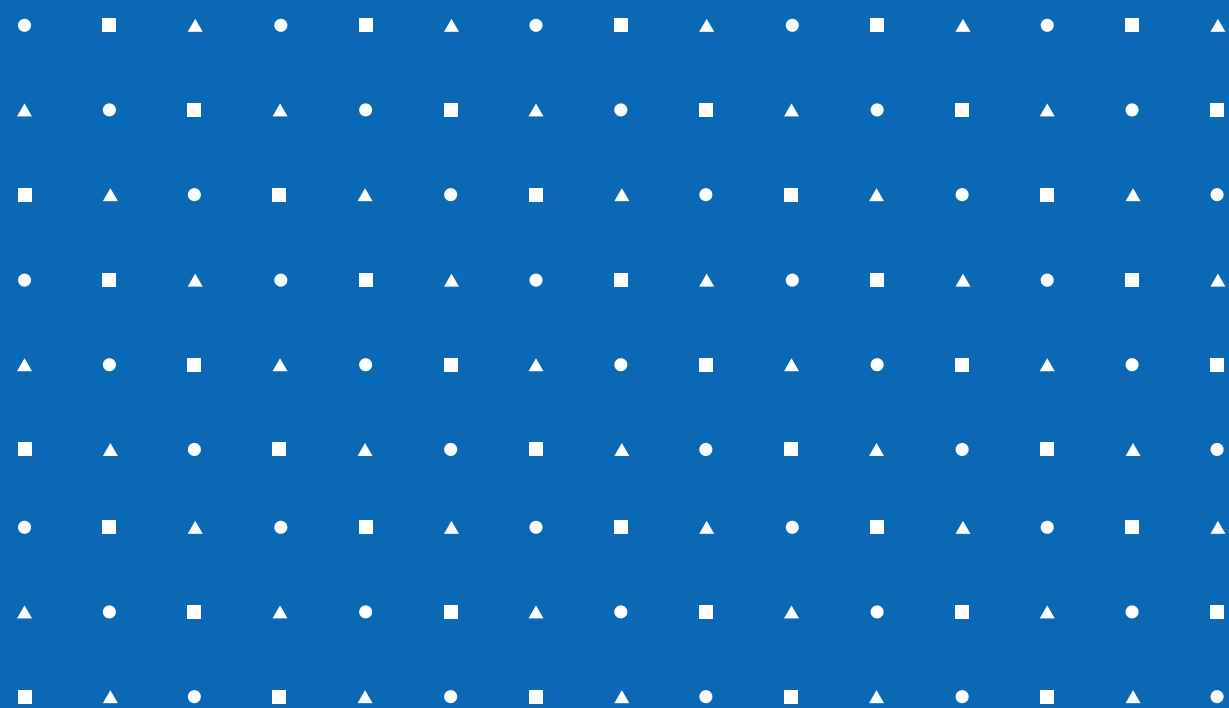


Program Information

Continuing Education Credits

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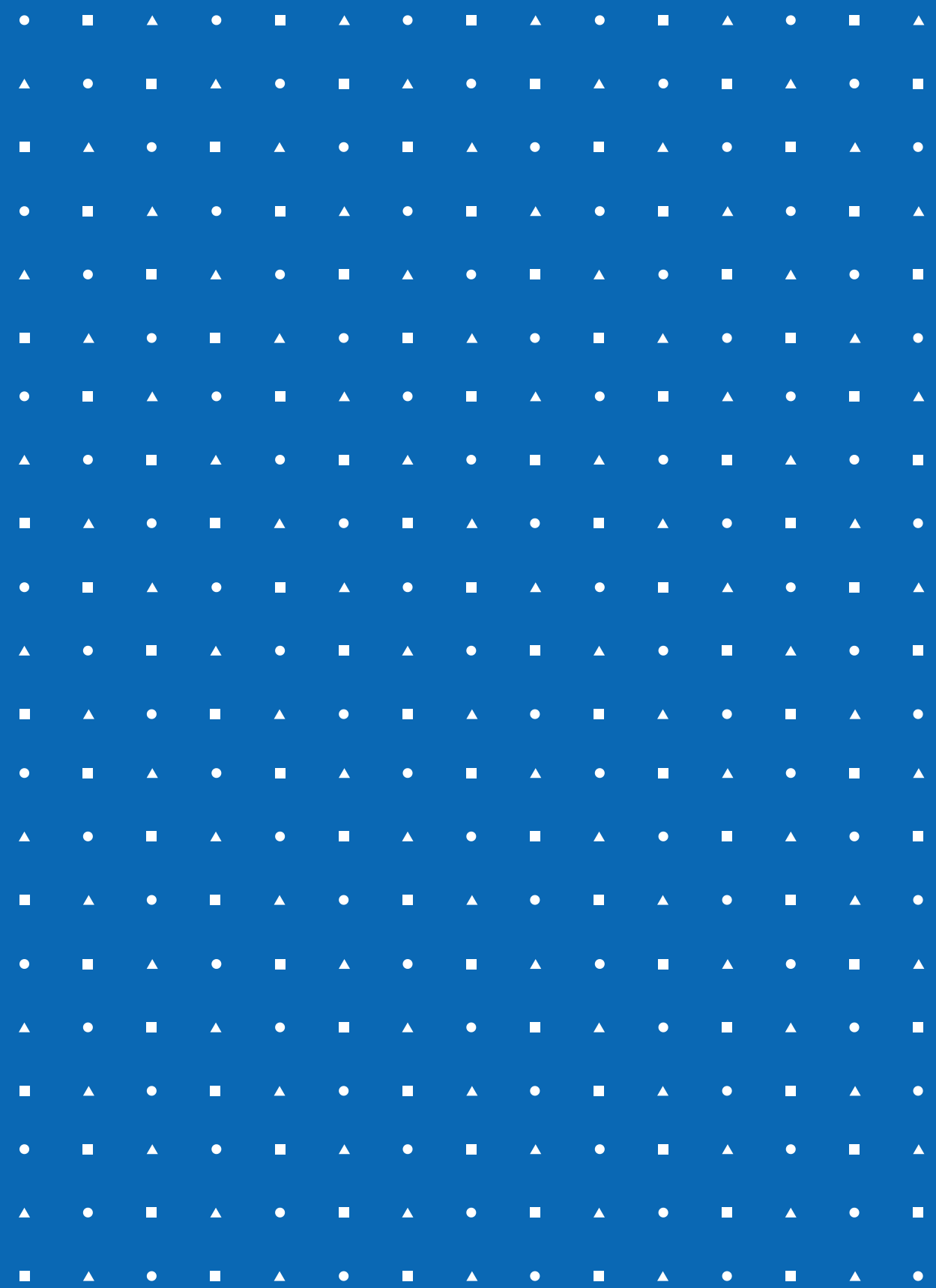
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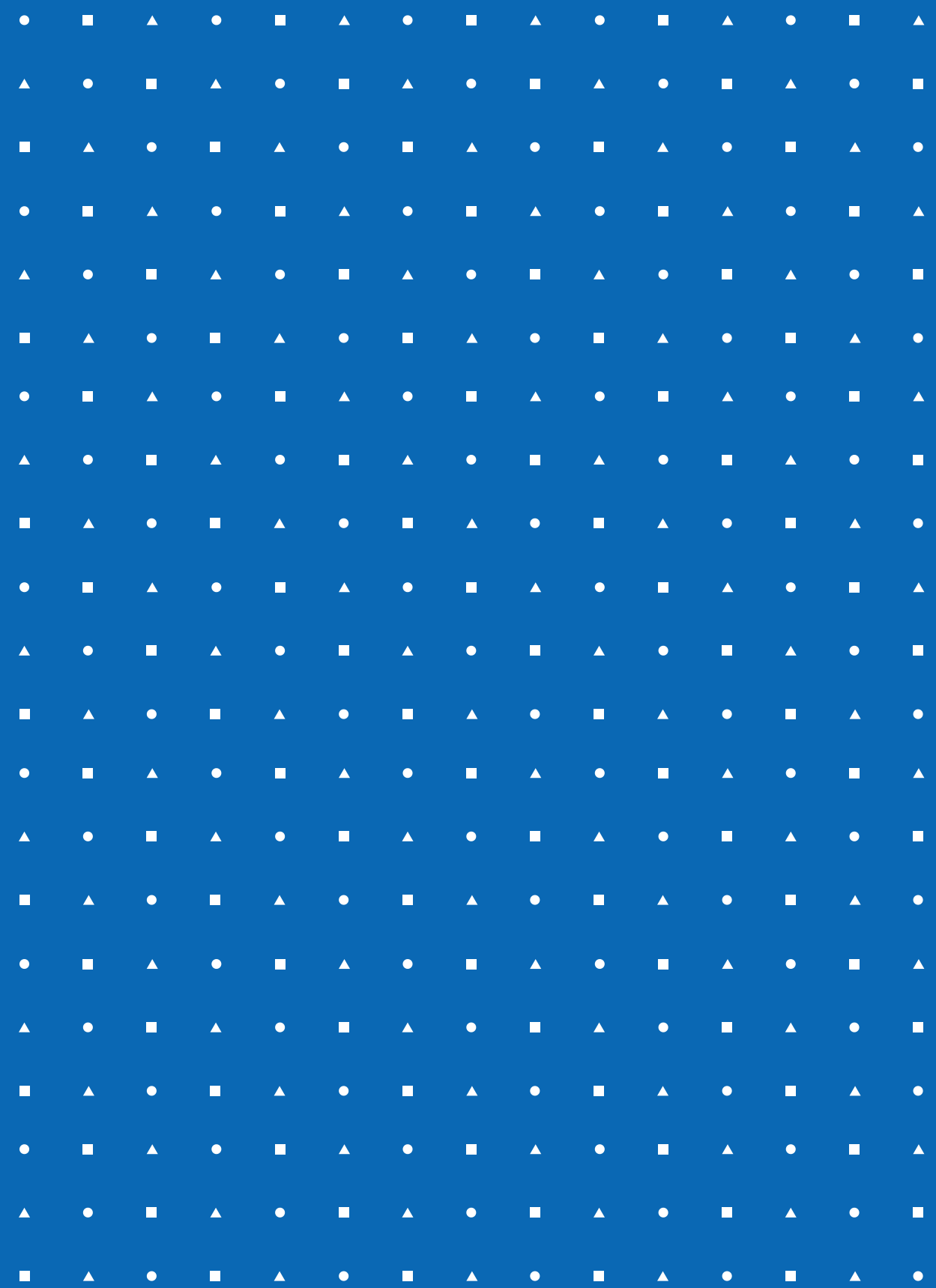


CME Committee

A special thanks to the GSO CME Program Committee members who have assembled an outstanding scientific program for this year's GEM Eye Meeting.

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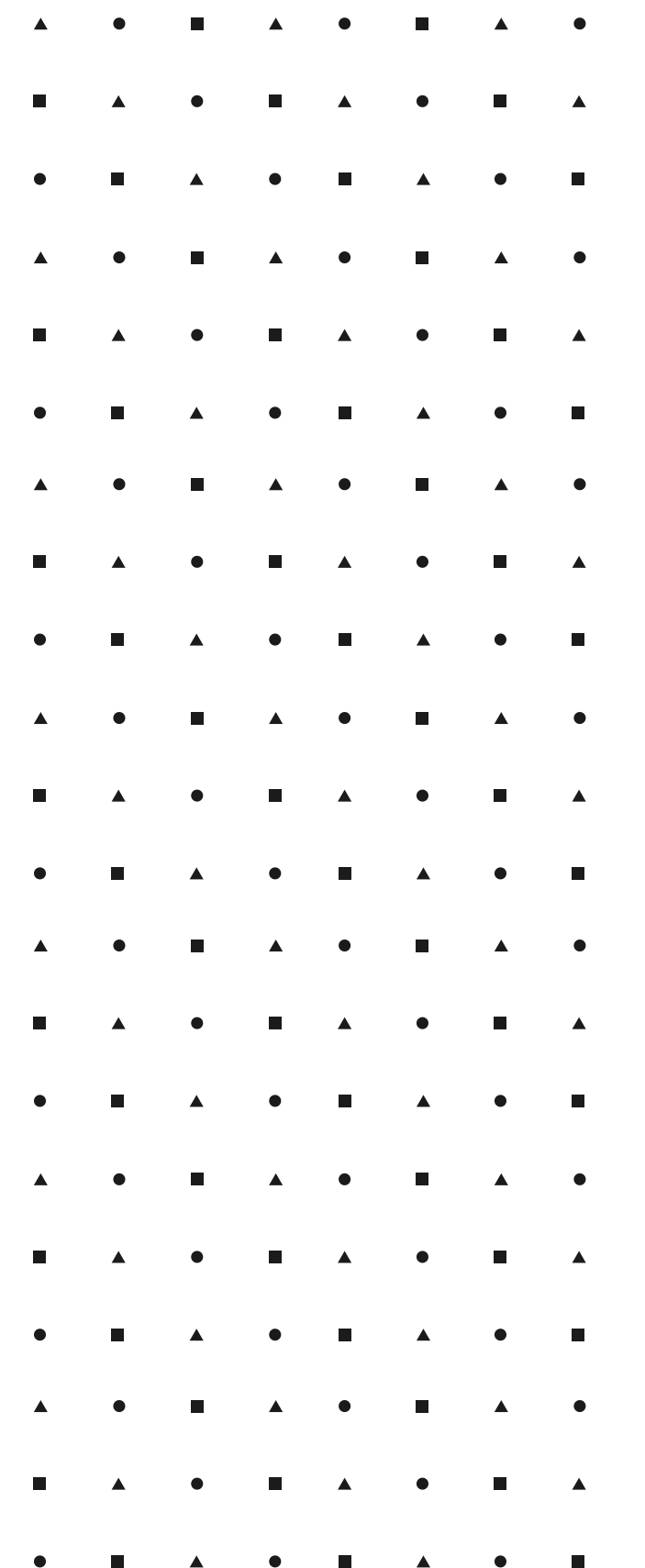
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The SOS Legal & Advocacy Fund is an expansion of the Legal Defense Fund (LDF), which was created as a rainy-day fund to pay for legal representation if legal issues over the practice of ophthalmology arise. After the events of the 2017 legislative session, the Council realized there are broader and immediate concerns requiring financial attention—and therefore decided to expand and re-brand the LDF to also include advocacy funding, hence the new name. For GSO, SOS stands for Safe Ophthalmic Surgery.



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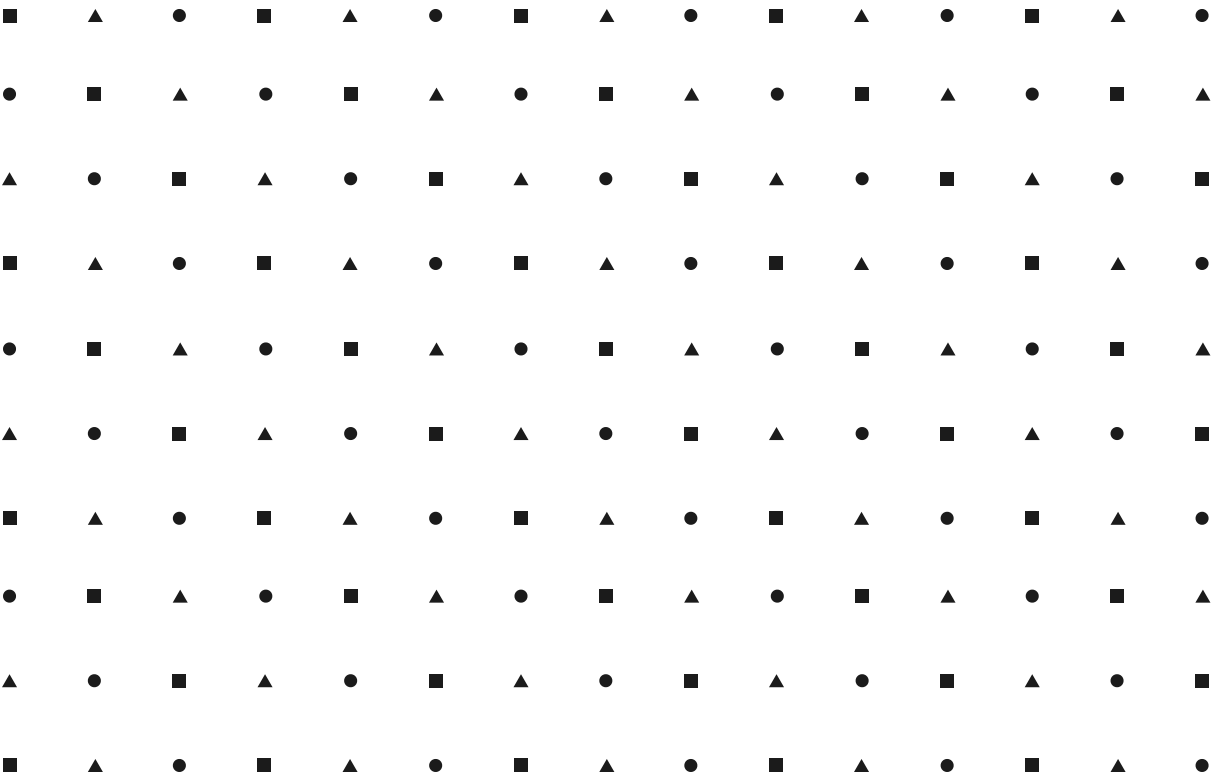
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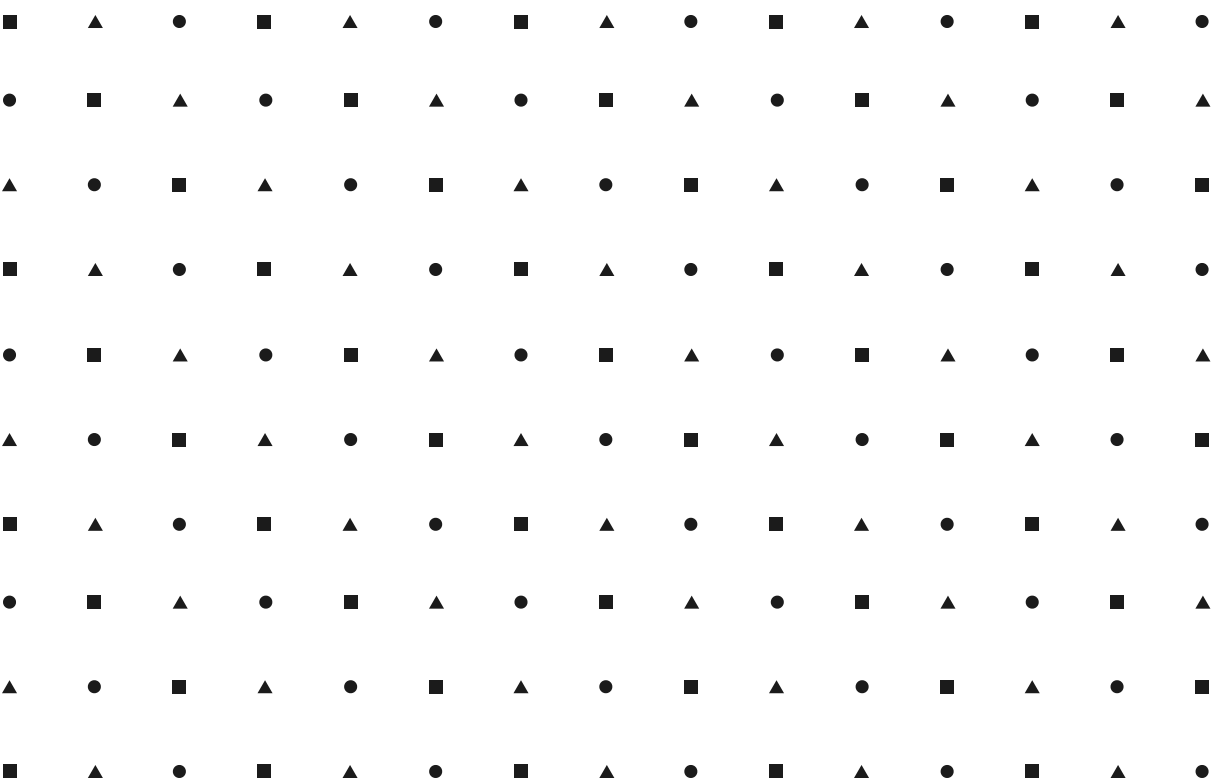
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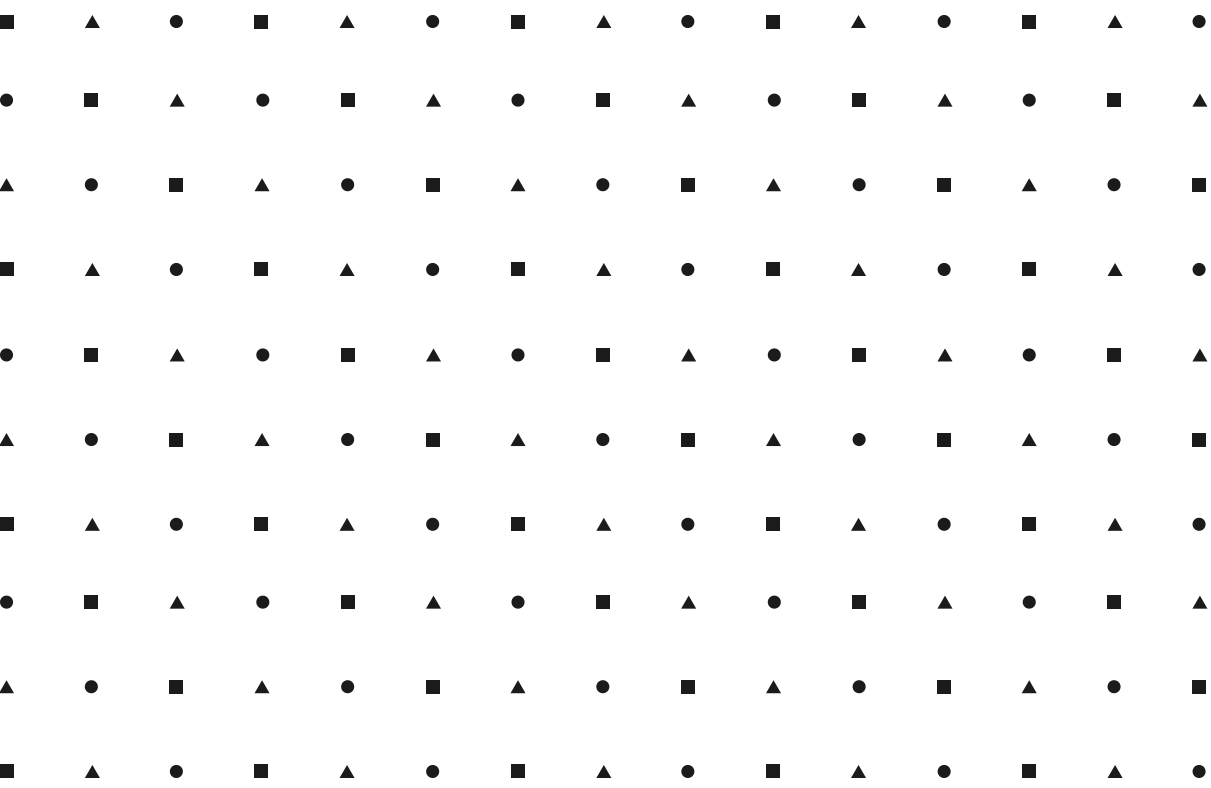
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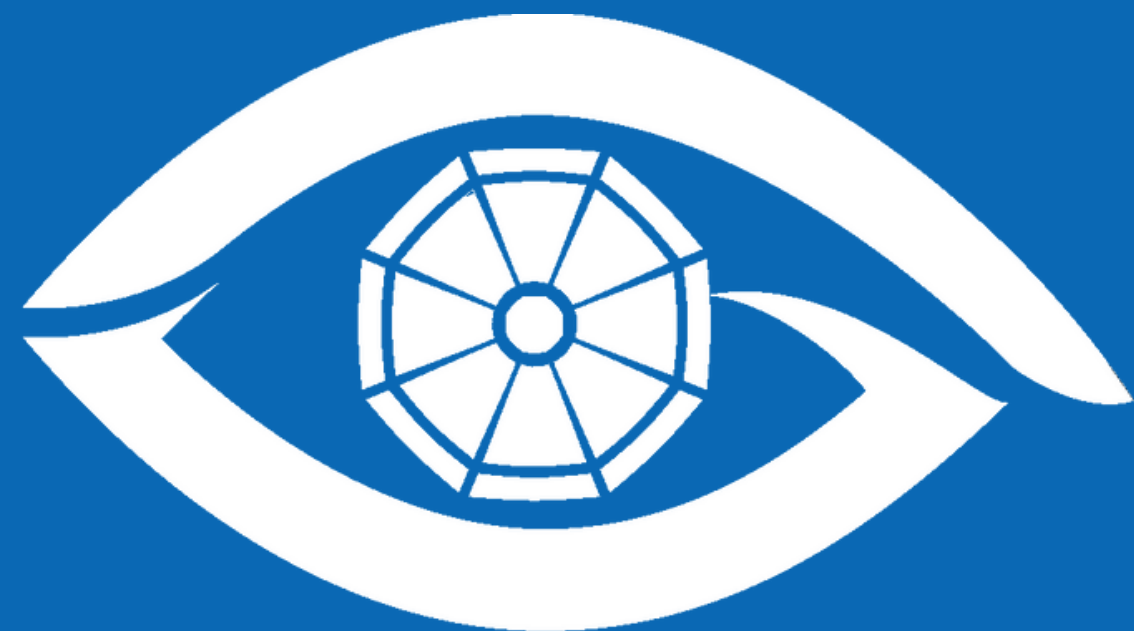
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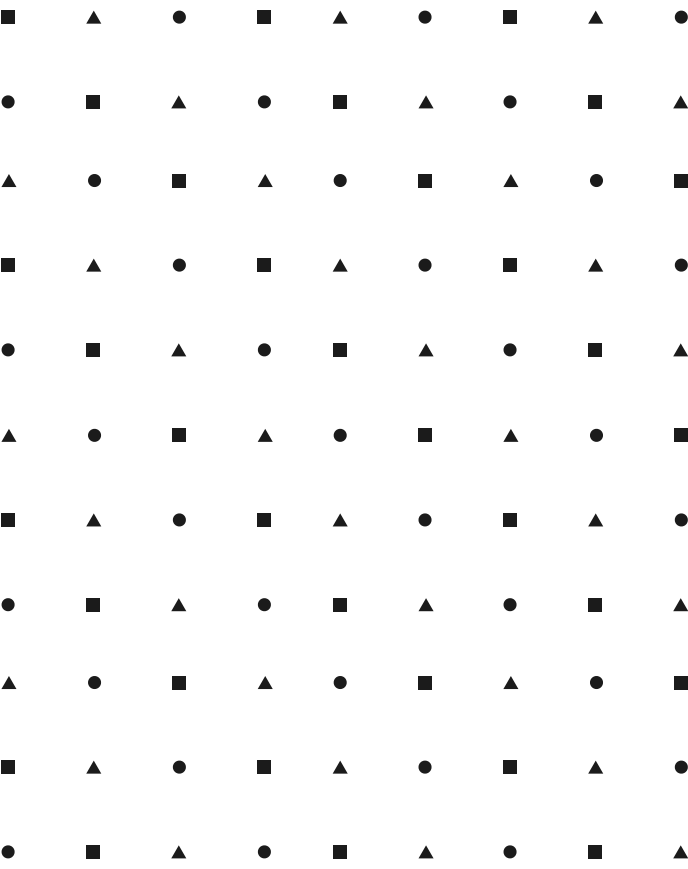
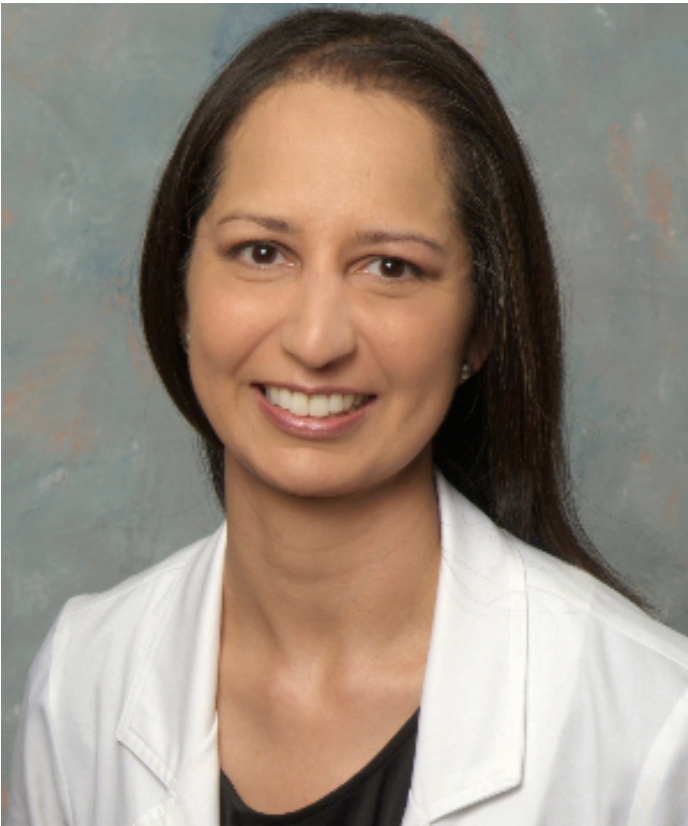
**Technician Program
Speakers**

Arpita Bhasin, MD, PhD

Eye Consultants of Atlanta

Biography

Arpita Bhasin, MD, PhD is a Board Certified Ophthalmologist specializing in comprehensive ophthalmology, cataract surgery, cornea, external diseases, and refractive surgery. Her undergraduate degree is from Duke University and her medical school degree is from the University of Illinois at Chicago.



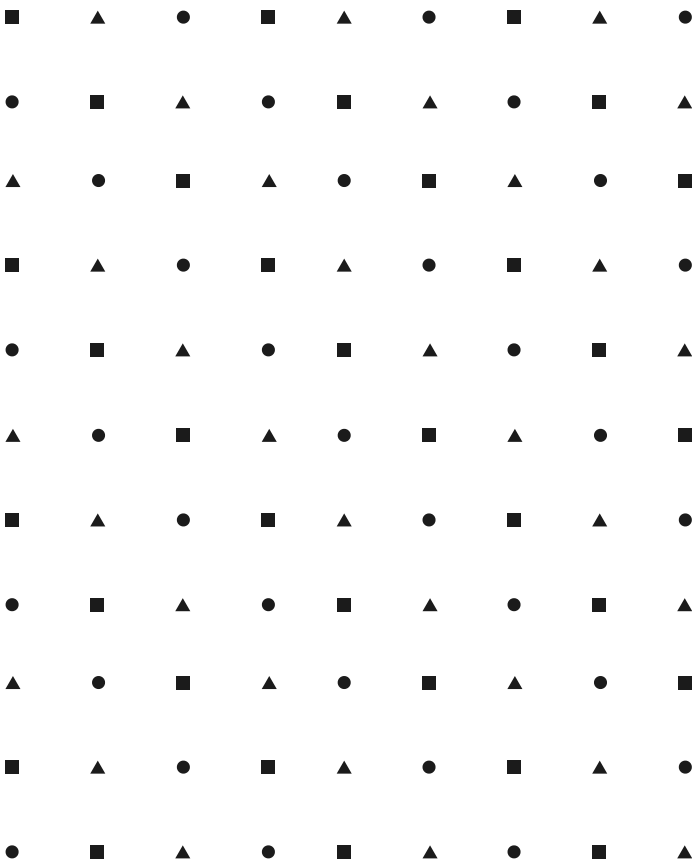
Wesley Chan, MD, MSc

Neuro-Ophthalmology Fellow

Emory School of Medicine

Biography

Wesley Chan, MD, MSc was born and raised in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. Dr. Chan received her Honours Bachelor of Health Sciences, majoring in biomedical science from the University of Calgary before going to the University of Montreal for her Masters in Science in neuroscience.



Brent Hayek, MD, FACS

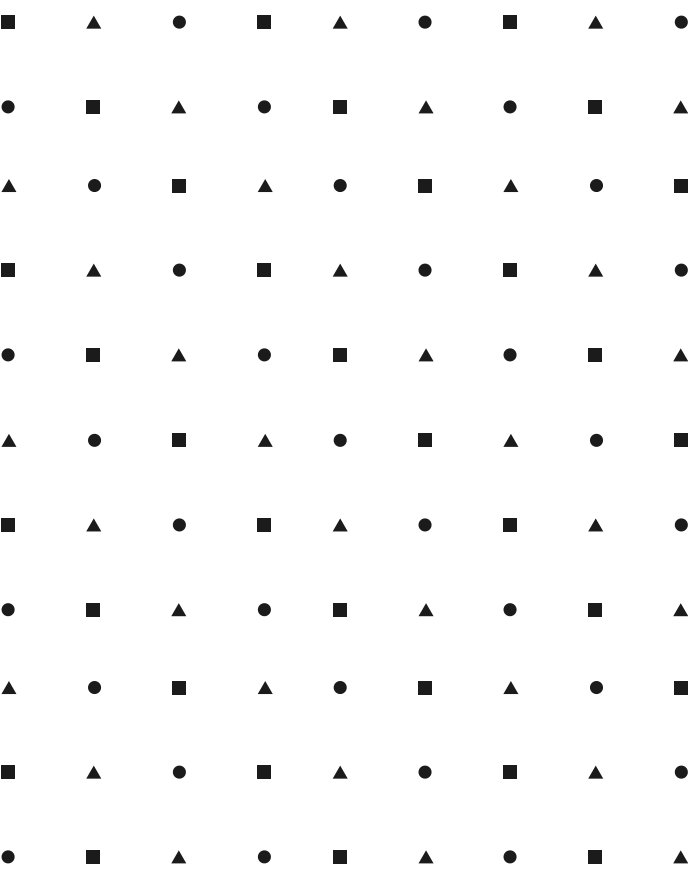
Oculoplastic & Reconstructive Surgeon, Ophthalmologist

North Georgia Eye

Biography

Brent Hayek, MD, is an oculoplastic and reconstructive surgeon and delighted to join North Georgia Eye. Prior to joining, Dr. Hayek was Associate Professor in Oculoplastic and Reconstructive Surgery, Department of Ophthalmology at the Emory University School of Medicine. He brings a decade of expertise in the care of adults and children including reconstructive and cosmetic procedures of the eyelids, face, orbit, and tear drainage system.

He graduated summa cum laude from Oral Roberts University and worked for 5 years as an analytical chemist. He graduated the University of Iowa School of Medicine AOA and then completed his internship in General Surgery, followed by residency in Ophthalmology at Loyola School of Medicine in Chicago. He completed his Oculoplastic Surgery fellowship training at UT MD Anderson Cancer Center in Houston.



D. Brian Kim, MD

Cataract, Refractive Surgery, Corneal Specialist

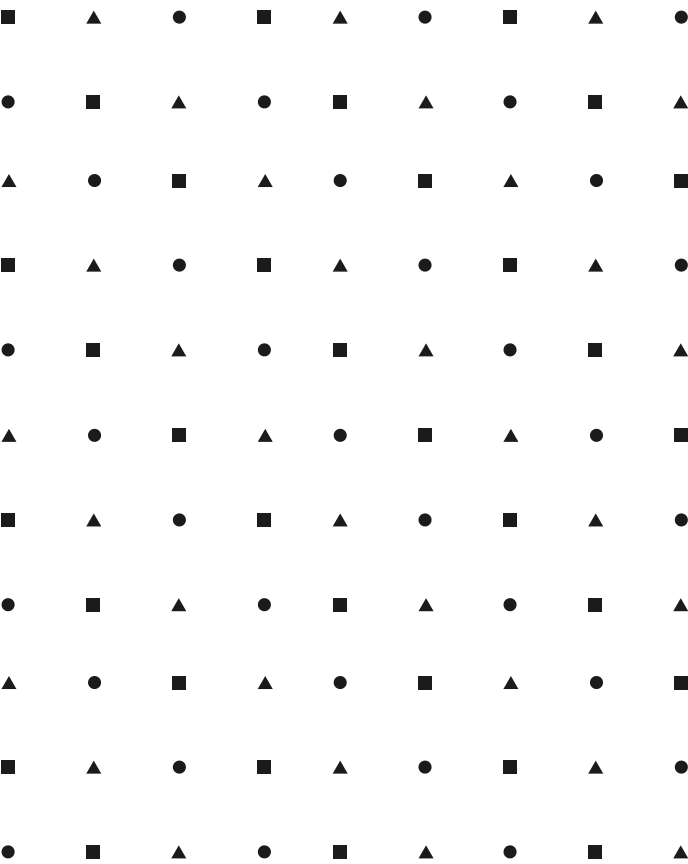
Professional Eye Associates

Biography

D. Brian Kim, MD is a refractive cataract surgeon and corneal transplant specialist in private practice at Professional Eye Associates in Dalton, Georgia. Dr. Kim is volunteer clinical professor of ophthalmology at the Medical College of Georgia and is past president of the GSO and current councilor and member of the CME committee. He is also a member of the editorial advisory board for Cataract & Refractive Surgery Today.

Dr. Kim has published extensively on his interests in complex cataract surgery, anterior segment reconstruction, dislocated IOLs, scleral haptic fixation techniques, pars plana vitrectomy, and scleral & iris suturing techniques, and he has been an invited lecturer around the country on these techniques.

Dr. Kim is an active member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) and continues to teach these topics through surgical wetlabs at AAO and ASCRS annual meetings. Dr. Kim also has a youtube channel dedicated to teaching where he has posted hundreds of surgical videos of his techniques to ophthalmic surgeons around the world.



Rahul Komati, MD

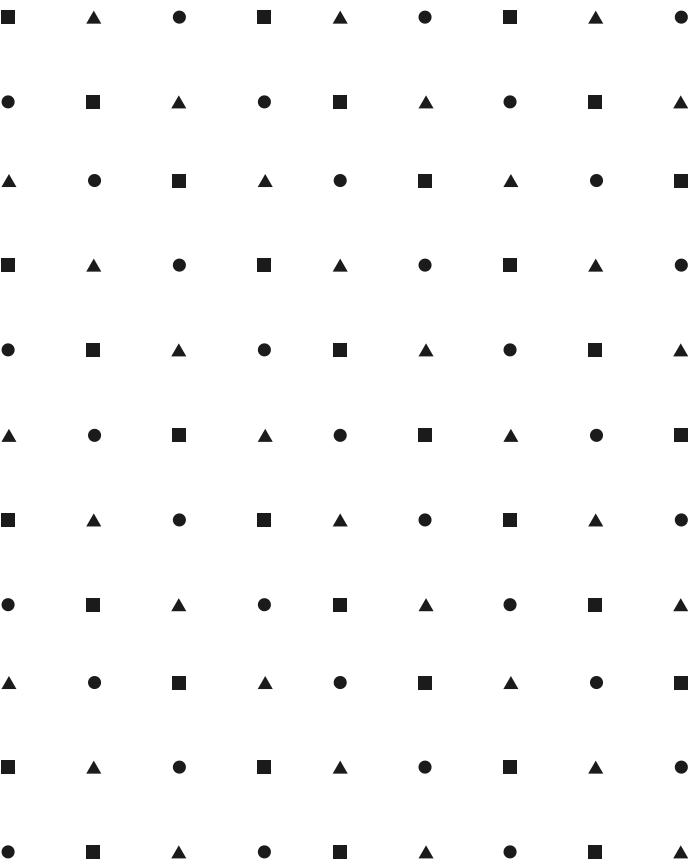
Vitreoretinal Surgeon, Associate

Georgia Retina



Biography

Dr. Rahul Komati is the newest member of Georgia Retina, joining the team in September 2020. He sees patients at the Stockbridge and Macon offices. Before arriving in Atlanta, he completed a 2 year vitreoretinal surgery fellowship at the University of Chicago and his ophthalmology residency at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit. He is excited to call Atlanta his new home and is enjoying getting to know the ophthalmology community!



W. Barry Lee, MD, FACS

Co- Medical Director, CEB

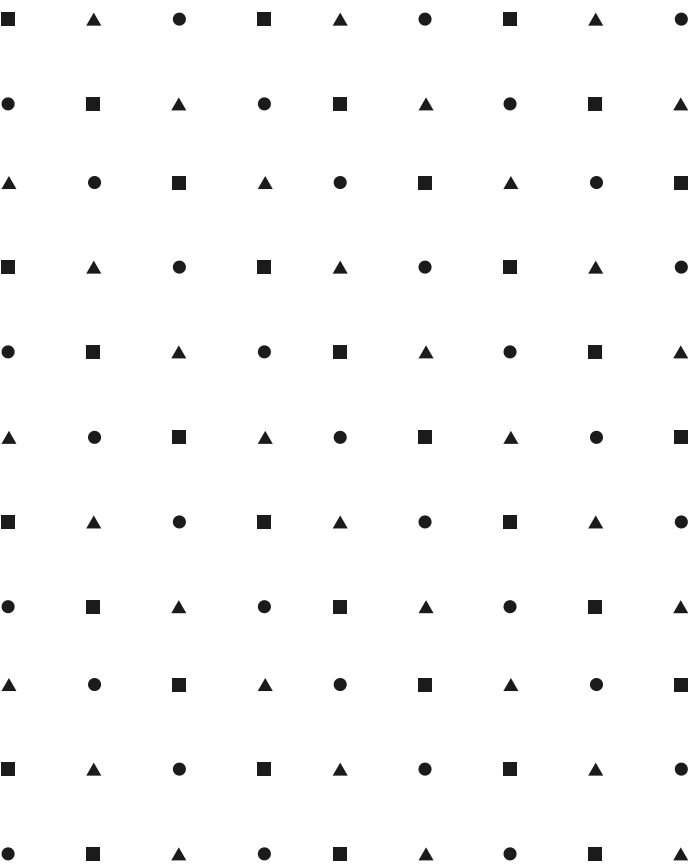
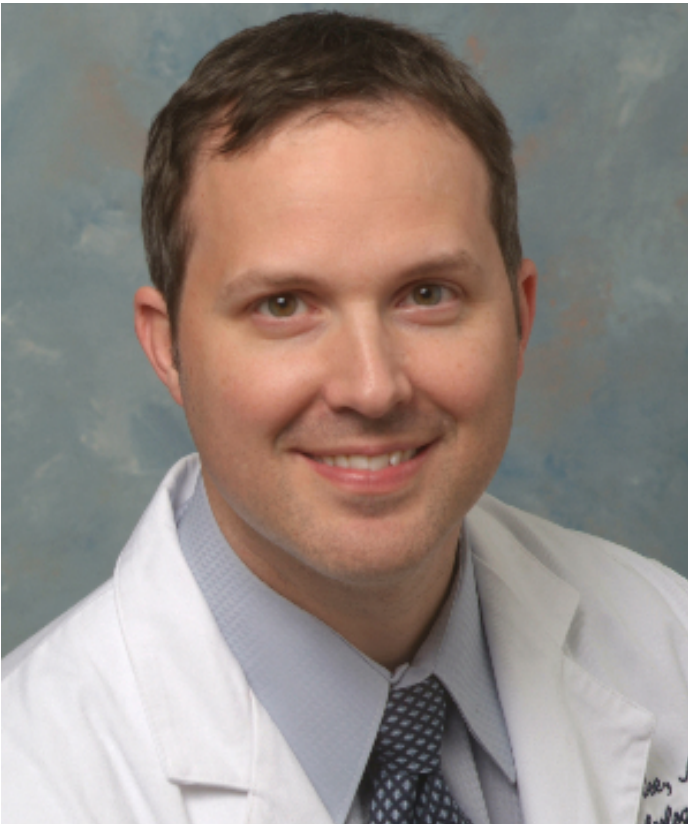
Eye Consultants of Atlanta, GA Eye Bank

Biography

W. Barry Lee, MD, FACS is a partner at Eye Consultants of Atlanta, affiliated with Piedmont Healthcare and Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta. He has practiced as a board-certified ophthalmologist/cornea specialist in Atlanta for 17 years after completing medical school and residency at the University of Kentucky Medical Center in Lexington, Kentucky and fellowship in cornea & refractive surgery at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento, California.

He has served as President of the Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, Vice President of the Cornea Society and Medical Director of the Georgia Eye Bank for 11 years.

He is the 2018 recipient of the R. Townley Paton Award from the Eye Bank Association of America and has received the Senior Achievement Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He is co-author of the textbook, Ocular Surface Disease: Cornea, Conjunctiva & Tear Film.



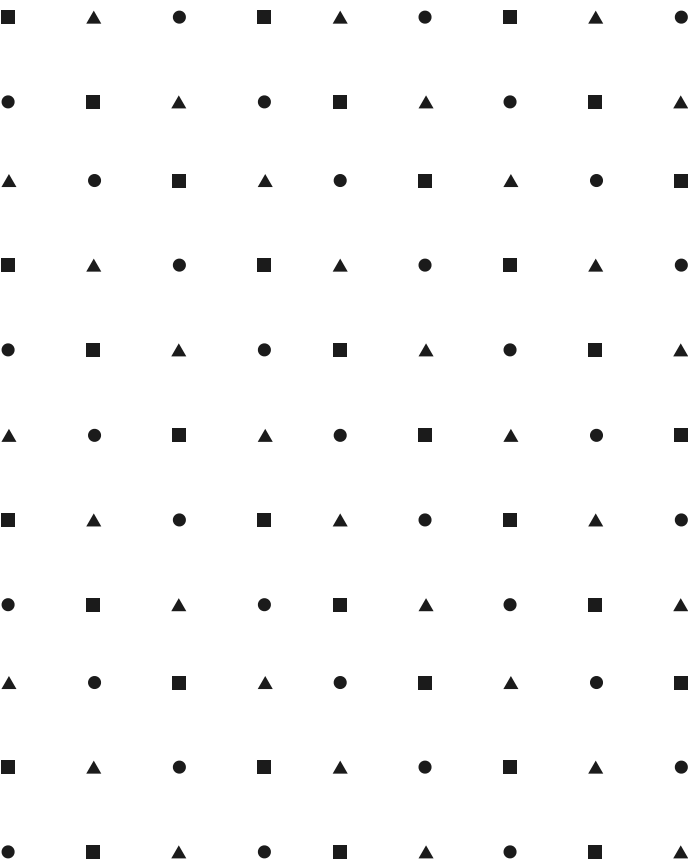
Ella Leung, MD

Vitreoretinal Surgeon

Georgia Retina

Biography

Dr. Ella Leung is currently a vitreoretinal surgeon at Georgia Retina in Atlanta, GA. After completing her fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami, FL, she was an assistant professor of ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX. She is active in research, and her recent publications include a review on COVID-19 and ophthalmology.



Stephen Lipsky, MD

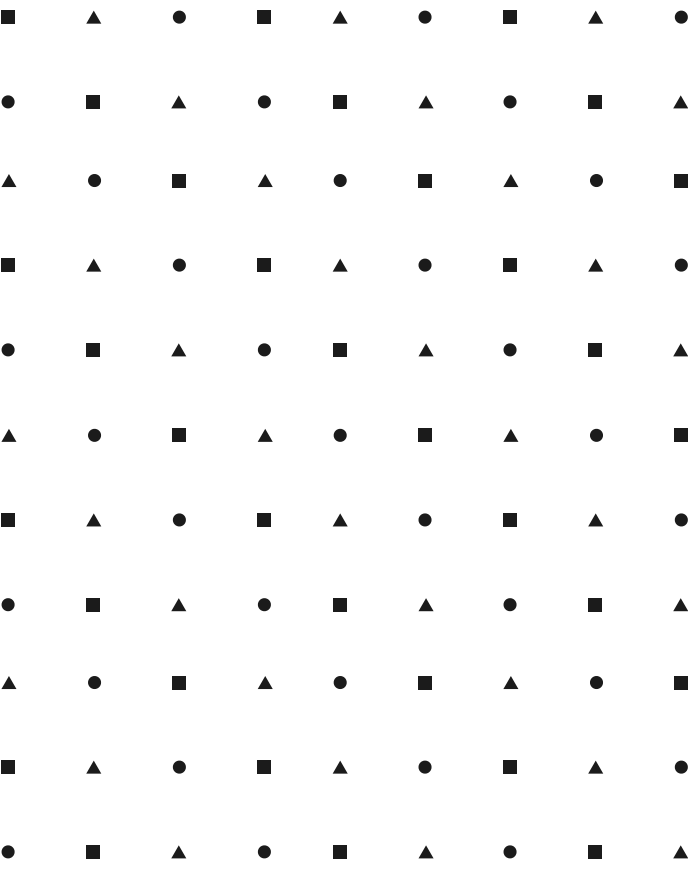
CEO

Children’s Eye Care and Surgery of Georgia

Biography

Stephen Lipsky, MD has spent the past 28 years striving to provide the best care for his patients and their families. Dr. Lipsky graduated from Union College in Schenectady, NY at the top of his class majoring in Chemistry. He then graduated second in his medical school class from State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine. Dr. Lipsky interned at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City. Dr. Lipsky completed his residency at Manhattan Eye Ear Nose and Throat Hospital where he was a leader in resident lead research.

Dr. Lipsky earned a fellowship position under Eugene Helveston, MD in Indianapolis, IN. This fellowship provided him with in depth experience in all aspects pediatric eye care and adult strabismus. This includes treating lazy eye/amblyopia, pediatric cataract surgery, pediatric glaucoma surgery, pediatric ptosis, orbital surgery, as well as, eye misalignment in children and adults and tear duct treatment and surgery.



Priya Patel, MD

Corneal Specialist, Cataract Surgeon

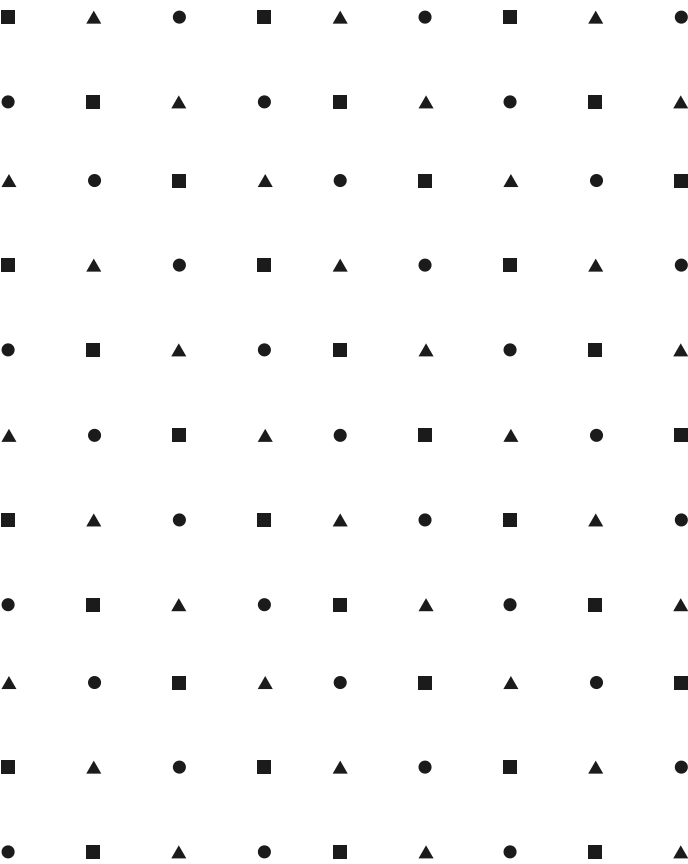
Omni Eye Services



Biography

Dr. Priya Patel joins the Omni Eye Services team as the Corneal Specialist and Cataract Surgeon. Dr. Patel earned her undergraduate degree from Duke University and her medical degree from Rutgers New Jersey Medical School. She graduated as a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honors society and was the recipient of the Dr. George Hill Scholarship.

Dr. Patel went on to complete her ophthalmology residency at the New York University Department of Ophthalmology, where she was honored with the appointment of Chief Resident. She subsequently completed her Cornea, External Disease and Refractive Surgery Fellowship at the Emory Eye Center here in Atlanta.



Gagan Sawhney, MD

Georgia Eye Partners

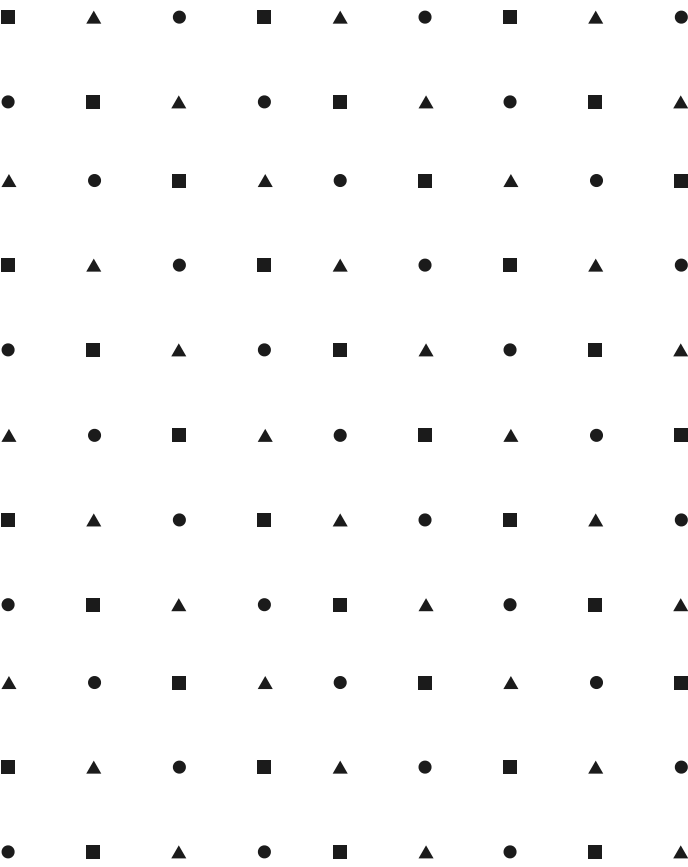
Biography

Dr. Gagan Sawhney is a board-certified, highly respected, fellowship-trained ophthalmologist who specializes in cataract surgery as well as the medical and surgical management of glaucoma from early to advanced disease. His clinical expertise includes evaluation of patients suspicious for glaucoma, laser surgery for glaucoma, management of coexisting cataracts and glaucoma, minimally invasive glaucoma surgery, trabeculectomy, and glaucoma drainage device implantation. He is also trained in all disciplines of comprehensive ophthalmology.

Dr. Sawhney was one of the first glaucoma surgeons in Atlanta to incorporate minimally invasive glaucoma surgery into his glaucoma-surgical practice. He specializes in the iStent inject, Hydrus microstent, Kahook Dual Blade, OMNI goniotomy and the Xen gel stent. Dr. Sawhney is an active member of the community working in partnership with healthcare providers in the management of complex glaucoma patients.

He performs surgery at Eye Surgery Center of Georgia, our state of the art ambulatory surgery center, as well as Marietta Surgical Center and Emory Midtown Hospital. He also serves patients at our Northside and Woodstock locations. Having a particular interest in clinical research and medical education, Dr. Sawhney has published scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals and has presented his research at national meetings.

Dr. Sawhney is actively involved in clinical glaucoma research. After completing his undergraduate degree from the University of Pennsylvania and medical degree from Emory University School of Medicine, Dr. Sawhney completed both his ophthalmology residency and glaucoma fellowship at the prestigious Emory Eye Center. Dr. Sawhney is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Glaucoma Society, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, and the Georgia Society of Ophthalmology.



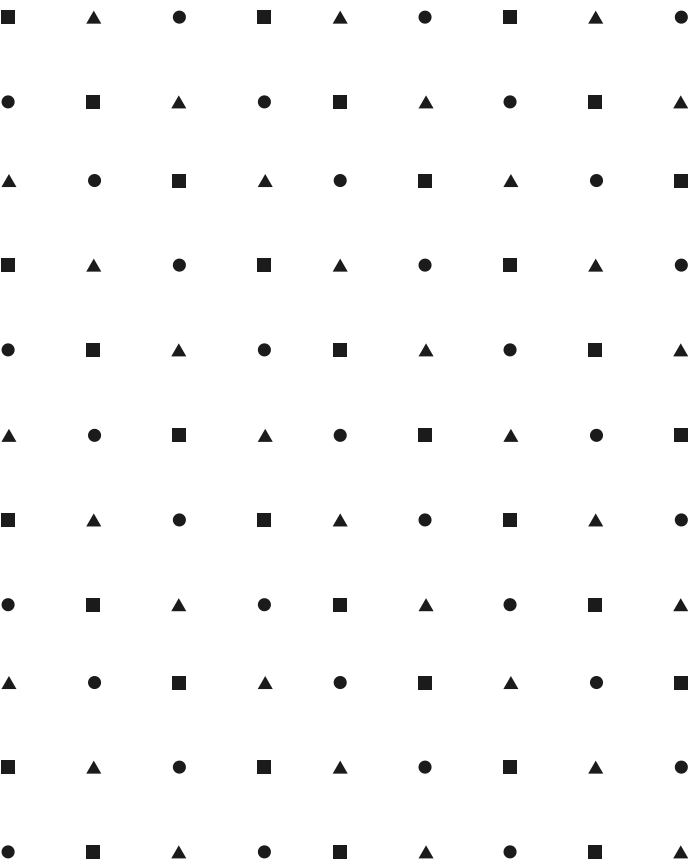
Jill Wells, MD

Assistant Professor

Emory Eye Center

Biography

Dr. Wells practices comprehensive ophthalmology and ocular oncology at the Emory Eye Center. She is a member of the American Academy of Ocular Oncology and Pathology and is on the EyeWiki editorial board for the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Her clinical interests include general ophthalmology, cataract surgery, conjunctival tumors, and intraocular tumors including uveal melanoma.





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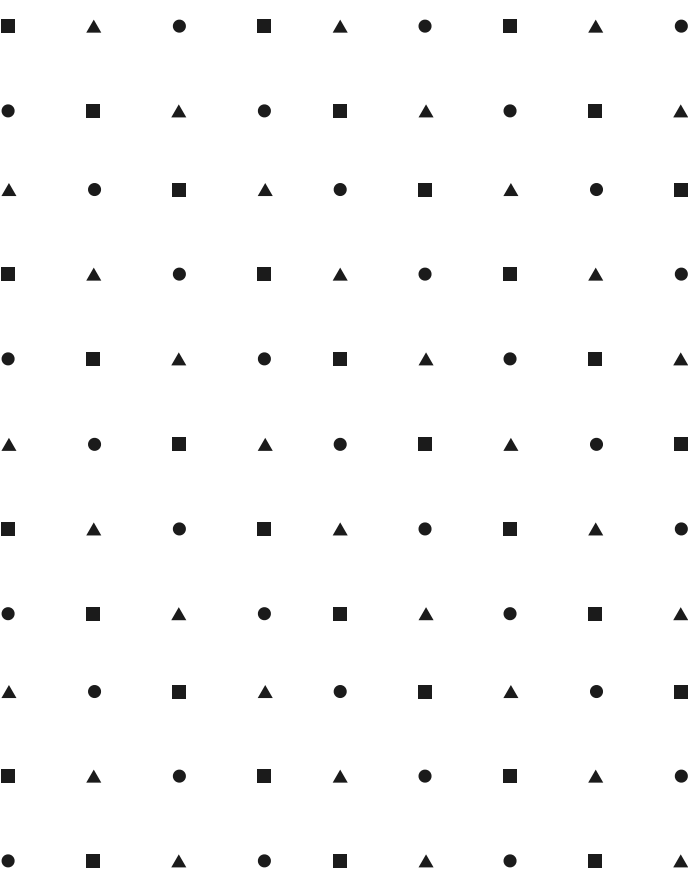
Ninita Brown, MD, PhD

Board Certified Ophthalmologist

Thomas Eye Group

Biography

Ninita Brown, MD, PhD is a board-certified ophthalmologist with specialty areas in glaucoma and cataract surgery. Before joining the team at Thomas Eye Group, Dr. Brown completed a two-year glaucoma fellowship at Duke University. Prior to that, she completed a residency in ophthalmology at Howard University after serving an internship at Santa Clara Valley Medical Center.



Vandana Reddy, MD

Founder & CEO, Cornea, External Disease & Cataract, Refractive Surgery

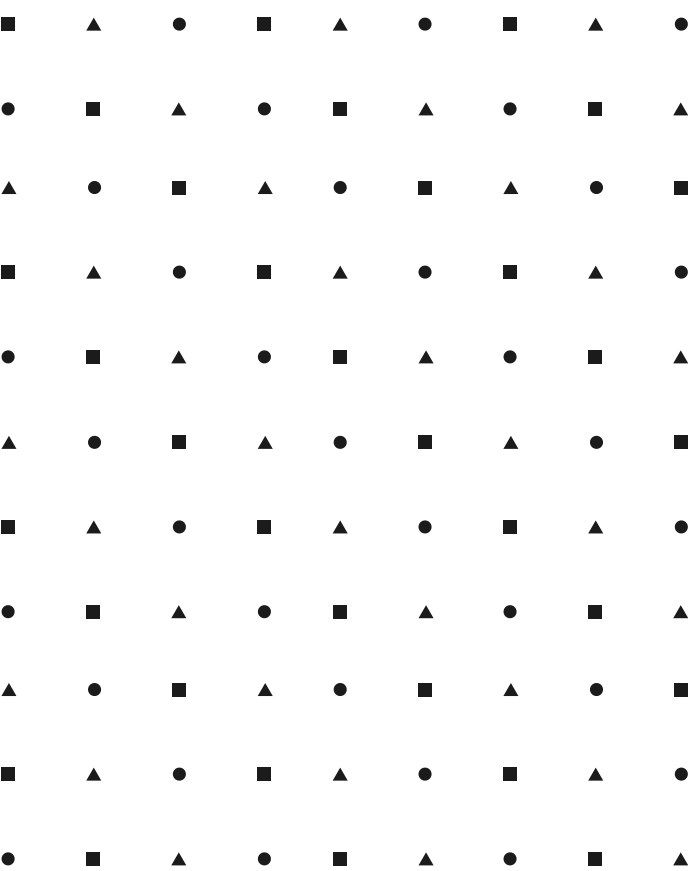
Northeast Georgia Ophthalmology

Biography

Vandana C. Reddy MD is the Founder & CEO of Northeast Georgia Ophthalmology. She attended Wellesley College, an all-women’s college near Boston, Massachusetts and earned a degree in Neuroscience with honors. She earned her medical degree from the Medical College of Georgia with AOA honors and completed her ophthalmology training at the world renowned Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. She then went on to complete a subspecialty surgical fellowship in Cornea, External Disease and Cataract, Refractive Surgery at the University of Michigan, Kellogg Eye Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Her expertise is in cataract surgery, cornea and refractive surgeries, and comprehensive ophthalmology. She provides medical and surgical eye examinations in dry eye and lid margin disease, cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, macular degeneration, and corneal diseases. Her surgical services include routine and complex cataract surgery with standard and premium intraocular lens implants, corneal procedures, pterygium surgery, minor eyelid surgeries, and laser surgeries to prevent/treat glaucoma and secondary cataracts.

Dr. Reddy has published in her field and presented at many conferences over the years. She is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Georgia Society of Ophthalmology, Medical Association of Georgia, and Women in Ophthalmology. Dr. Reddy is passionate about providing and developing great patient relationships. She strives in providing excellent medical and surgical eye care.



Nichelle Warren, MD

Junior Associate

Georgia Eye Partners

Biography

Dr. Nichelle Warren is a board-certified, highly respected, fellowship-trained ophthalmologist who specializes in cataract, refractive and corneal surgery. She remains on the cusp of the latest technologies and research in anterior segment surgeries. As a result of her research she won the Helma Award for outstanding research during her residency at the Medical University of South Carolina (residency program ranked #9 by Ophthalmology Times).

Dr. Warren received further sub-specialty training in Cornea and Refractive Surgery from Emory University. She is well versed in treating Fuch’s dystrophy and other causes of corneal edema. She is one of a few surgeons performing Descemet Membrane Endothelial Keratoplasty (DMEK) which allows for faster visual recovery, and lower rates of rejection. She also has experience in treating keratoconus, complex cataract and corneal diseases. Dr. Warren offers premium intraocular lenses, astigmatism correction, femtosecond laser-assisted cataract surgery, and various methods of corneal transplants.

When she is not at work, she loves spending time with her husband, family, and friends. Dr. Warren’s hobbies include trying new foods from around the world (her personal favorite is Indian), reading, art, and enjoying the great outdoors.

