

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital/
MedStar Washington Hospital Center
Residency Program in Ophthalmology

Welcome to our Program





“Is it not a privilege to be one of the founders of an institution established for the relief of human misery and the restoration of sight and hearing?”

-- Bishop Satterlee, announcing campaign to build Episcopal Hospital.
Episcopal was built in 1897 and is our direct predecessor.



We are committed to:

- Superior medical and surgical education
- Compassionate, ethical and efficient medical and surgical eye care
- Your training
- Your success



Our Program:

- 18 Residents, 6 PGY1 Interns
- 3 Retina Fellows
- Over 175 Dedicated Faculty in All Subspecialties
- 6 Clinical Sites
- Focus on Autonomy and Clinical Confidence
- 123 Years of Resident Education, Patient Care and Innovation



Clinical Experience

Average Annual Procedures (at MWHC alone):

- 21,000+ clinic procedures
- 13,000+ cataract/general evaluations
- 5,000+ glaucoma evaluations
- 2,500+ retina evaluations



Surgical Experience

The 2019 Senior Residents Performed:

- 2000+ Class I surgeries in all rotations
- 3,000+ total resident surgeries

First year residents begin assisting in surgery early in the academic year.

Residents begin performing cataract surgery as primary physician in the second year.



Quality: Patient Care

One of city's largest, most complete facilities, with comprehensive ophthalmology clinics and subspecialty clinics in:

Glaucoma

Ocular motility

Vitreoretinal disease

Low vision

Oculoplastics

Orbital disease

Uveitis

Contact lenses/Dry Eye

Cornea and external disease

Neuro-ophthalmology



We're All About Residents

- Protected Lecture Time
- Limited Number of Fellows – only retina
- Procedures: LASIK, Premium Lenses, K-Pro, Glaucoma Surgery, DSAEK, intravitreal injections, PROKERA, etc.
- Opportunity for international/mission trips
- Free Food (and it tastes good, too)!



Resources

- Georgetown University
- Wet Labs
- Surgical Simulator
- On-Site Ocular Pathology Lab
- Attendance at National Training Programs
- Access to Superb Medical Libraries
- GME Support
- Practice Experience of More Than 175 Ophthalmologists



Cutting-Edge Research

- Majority of Residents Present at National Meetings
- Resident Research Day
- Award for Ocular Innovation – cash award given annually to the resident whose proposal is selected for the best original concept, operation, instrument or invention in ophthalmology
- Full-Time PhD Research Faculty
- Faculty Involvement in National Studies



Residency Program Affiliates

MedStar Washington Hospital Center

Jay M. Lustbader, MD

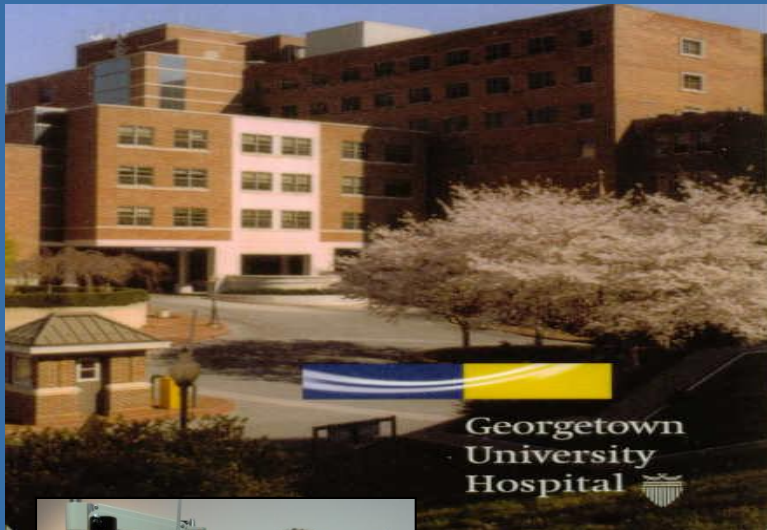
Reena Garg, MD



- Home Base
- Fully-supervised resident-run clinic
- Level I Trauma Center
- Excellent learning environment
- Extensive and varied pathology

MedStar Georgetown University Hospital

Jay M. Lustbader, MD



- Work directly with attendings in their practices
- Ophthalmic Pathology experience
- Basic science faculty available for research



DC Veterans Affairs Hospital

Soo Y. Shin, MD



- Resident-run clinic
- 2nd year cataract surgery
- Full subspecialty faculty

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Won Kim, MD



- 1st year rotation
- Glaucoma and retina experience
- Experience in a large general ophthalmology setting
- Refractive Surgery experience in the 3rd year at Andrews AFB

Inova Fairfax Hospital

Tofik Ali, MD



- General and subspecialty clinics and operating room experience during 2nd and 3rd year rotations
- Private surgery center experience

Children's National Medical Center

Bethany Karwoski, MD



- Nationally recognized pediatric hospital
- Birthplace of Pediatric Ophthalmology
- Exposure to multiple rare inherited disorders in 2nd year rotation



First Year Rotations:

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- MedStar Georgetown University Hospital
- Walter Reed National Military Medical Center



2nd Year Rotations:

MedStar Washington Hospital Center PLUS

- 2-month pediatric rotation through Children's National Medical Center
- 2-month rotation through MedStar Georgetown University Hospital with experience in Cornea, Pediatrics and Neuro-Ophthalmology
- 4-month rotation through DC Veterans Affairs Hospital
- 2-month rotation through Inova Fairfax Hospital
- Dedicated research time
- Ocular Pathology



Rotation Schedule: Year 3

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- DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- Inova Fairfax Medical Center
- Refractive Surgery at Walter Reed/AAFB
- Optional Mission/International Trip



Academics

- Wednesday academic afternoon
- Visiting Professor Series
- Journal Clubs
- FA Conferences
- MRI Rounds
- Symposia
- Interaction with other area program residents
- Grand Rounds
- Morbidity and Blindness Rounds
- Surgical Simulation/Wet Labs



Employee Benefits and Compensation

- Health and dental insurance
- Paid vacation
- Meal tickets
- Free parking
- Competitive salaries



2020 Graduates:

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| Jason Goldberg | Fellowship – Cornea – University of Minnesota |
| Mariam Mathai | Fellowship – Retina – Retina Grp of Washington/WNEC |
| Meghan Moroux | Private Practice, Fairfax, Virginia |
| Adam Pearlman | Fellowship – Glaucoma – West Virginia University |
| Noreen Shaikh | Fellowship – Retina – Beth Israel Lahey Health, Boston |
| Dian Yu | Fellowship – Cornea – Wilmer Eye Inst./Johns Hopkins U. |



2019 Graduates:

Patrick Burke

Fellowship – Pediatric Ophthalmology – Children’s
National Medical Center, DC

Jacquelyn Daubert

Private Practice – Miami, FL

Samantha Feldman

Fellowship – Pediatric Ophthalmology – Vanderbilt
University – Nashville, TN

Jocelyn Kim

Private Practice – Sacramento, CA

Kirsten Midgley

Fellowship – Cornea – Wake Forest University,
Winston-Salem, NC

Michael Ullman

Fellowship – Cornea – Washington University,
St. Louis, MO

“I really enjoyed my time at the Georgetown/WHC residency program. The residents as a whole make the program such a wonderful environment to learn and grow as an ophthalmologist. I left the program feeling confident both surgically and clinically. And, most importantly, I have a great group of friends who I plan to consult for questions regarding my patients...and for happy hour recommendations!”

Hari Mylvaganam

Class of 2018

**Retina Fellowship, Stroger Hosp. of Cook
County, Retina Consultants Ltd.**





With Co-residents



Me with co-residents and significant others

“This residency program is incredible! There is nothing you won’t see during your time here. I left residency feeling extremely competent both surgically and clinically. You will also make life-long friends during your residency. We worked hard but had fun doing it!”

Jacquelyn Daubert, MD
Class of 2019
General Ophthalmologist at
Florida Vision Institute in South
Florida

The Georgetown/WHC Ophthalmology residency program was fantastic! You will learn how to handle any ophthalmic issue that walks through the door in a supportive and caring environment. And most importantly, you will be given the opportunity to reach your potential.

For example, the faculty helped me create an iPhone app that is used around the world to image the retina. I'm confident this project would never have happened at any other program. Dr. Summerfield and Dr. Lustbader encouraged me to pursue the idea and Penny actually secured a grant to help turn my idea into a reality.

It doesn't matter if your interests are tech, or art, or whatever - this program will give you support to meet your goals and become a well rounded ophthalmologist. You can match at any fellowship or be ready for comprehensive ophthalmology. And you'll make great friends along the way!

Michael Ullman, MD
Class of 2019
Cornea Fellowship at Washington University in St. Louis, MO





“My residency prepared me to start fellowship confident in my clinical and surgical skills. This program allows you to work with such a wide array of patient populations, attendings, and surgical styles that you will transition seamlessly into whichever job or fellowship you wish to pursue. Also, working with such a tight knit group of amazing co-residents makes it even more fun!”

Noreen Shaikh, MD

Class of 2020

Retina Fellowship at Beth Israel Lahey Health, Boston



- “I learned so much during my 3 years at Georgetown/ WHC. Our program sees a diverse range of patients and pathologies in our resident clinic, which leads to high caliber training in one of the best cities in the US. Our (sometimes crazy) experiences in the clinic and the OR make us autonomous early on, and made me feel confident that I could handle anything that came my way after I left the program. **HOWEVER**, the main selling point of our program is that we are a close group that knows how to have fun. I loved the environment so much I stayed on for fellowship! If you have any questions, please get my email from Penny and I will be happy to answer them.”

Mariam Mathai, MD
Class of 2020

Fellowship: Retina, The Retina Group of
Washington/Washington National Eye Center, Inc.



“ This is a program with exposure to a wide variety of pathologies and hospital systems that helps you to manage complex cases early on in your career. Additionally, we work hard and play hard! We receive exceptional training while having fun with the residency family. The attendings are extremely supportive in many ways. They will go over mountains to help you achieve your career goals. Also, did I mention that you get to live in Washington DC? The best city ever!”

Meet the Chiefs:

Brice Hwang, MD

Class of 2021

Graduate: Medical College of Georgia at Augusta University

Undergraduate: Georgia Institute of Technology



Meet the Chiefs:

George Skopis, MD

Class of 2021

Graduate: FIU Herbert Wertheim College of Medicine

Undergraduate: The University of Florida

“Our ophthalmology program will prepare you to handle any situation with confidence and poise. We see a wide array of complex pathology and you will have the opportunity to see eye disease in every step of its evolution. Our program has the perfect mix of autonomy and attending supervision which really allows you to take ownership of your patients and make important decisions in their care, even early on, all while having great attending support. We value a welcoming and collegial environment which fosters learning all while being in one of the great American cities!”



Our program offers excellence in education and experience, providing comprehensive, compassionate care to all of our patients. Join us!



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