Programs for Ophthalmologists, Residents, Fellows, and Allied Health Professionals
Changing the world for the better is our goal every day at Wills Eye Hospital. We are inspired to emulate great educators and leaders like King and Mandela, seeking to discover and impart knowledge, and moreover to simplify and transmute that raw material by some special Wills alchemy into wisdom.

Lofty goals, even in the best of times, and this 2020 “Year of the Eye” have already given us many challenges. We are proud of the way our medical education program has risen to them all! Many of our didactic offerings have been and will continue to be converted to virtual, and we are pleased to find our widely broadcast webinars, rounds and symposia finding larger and more diverse global audiences.

The Wills Eye Hospital 2020-2021 Academic Calendar features an exciting lineup of topics and formats, all targeted towards practical clinical updates for those committed to cutting-edge eye care. This year, we add to our offerings a simulated surgical training curriculum from our new state-of-the-art William Maul Measey Ophthalmic Surgical Training (MOST) Laboratory, and launch a video-based Wills Eye Surgical Library featuring our renowned surgeons tackling a panoply of procedures from the basic to the most novel and complex, highlighting targeted learnings for both trainees and experienced physicians.

We look forward to joining you in new and innovative ways as we kick off the 188th year in which Wills Eye Hospital has partnered with you and with generations of eye physicians and surgeons to change the world.

Excelsior!
Warmest regards,

JULIA A. HALLER, MD
Ophthalmologist-in-Chief and William Tasman, MD, Endowed Chair | Wills Eye Hospital
Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology | Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University

Wills remains committed to excellence in medical education in these challenging times. We are no strangers to distance learning. We have live-streamed our Friday morning Chiefs Rounds to hundreds weekly since 2014 and our online Knowledge Portal serves as an outstanding educational resource for ophthalmologists throughout the world. During the coming year we will live-stream rounds, imaging conferences and updates. These will be archived and available on the Wills Eye Knowledge Portal.

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WEDNESDAY

09 Visiting Professor
Cornea and External Disease
DAVID G. HWANG, MD
Cornea Department, UCSF
San Francisco, CA

SATURDAY

19 Anterior Segment Surgery Update
Program Chairs:
BRANDON D. AYRES, MD and DOUGLAS M. WISNER, MD
Faculty of Wills Eye Cornea Service and
Cataract & Primary Eye Care

OCTOBER 2020

WEDNESDAY

14 Visiting Professor
Pathology
THADDEUS P. DRYJA, MD
Massachusetts Eye and Ear
Boston, MA

SATURDAY

24 Cornea Update
Window to Health: Corneal Manifestations
of Systemic Disease
Program Chair:
ZEBA SYED, MD
Faculty of Wills Eye Cornea Service

PLEASE NOTE: The Biennial Cornea Conference will take place on October 22-23, 2021
Visiting Professor
**Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus**
**MICHAEL X. REPKA, MD**
Vice Chair for Clinical Practice
Wilmer Eye Institute
Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Baltimore, MD

Visiting Professor: **Glaucoma**
**LOUIS R. PASQUALE, MD, FARVO**
Site Chair, Dept. of Ophthalmology, Mt. Sinai Hospital
Director, Mt. Sinai/NYEE Eye and Vision Research Institute
New York, NY

Oculoplastics Update: **Eyelid & Lacrimal Problems**
**THADDEUS D. NOWINSKI, MD**
16th Wilfred E. Fry, MD Memorial Corneal Lecture
SADEER B. HANNUSH, MD
Wills Cornea Service

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All events will take place at Wills Eye Hospital.
For more information or to register, contact: ContinuingEducation@willseye.org

This conference is designed to update comprehensive ophthalmologists and cornea specialists on current concepts in a wide range of topics related to cornea, external diseases and refractive surgery.

“Current Concepts in Corneal & Refractive Surgery and External Disease”

This three-day conference, designed for comprehensive ophthalmologists, specialists, and allied health personnel, features presentations by nationally recognized physicians on the clinical, diagnostic, and therapeutic approaches to eye problems in all ophthalmic subspecialties.

CONFFERENCE CHAIR: SUNIR J. GARG, MD

THURSDAY, MARCH 11 | 12:30pm - 6:00pm
Free Paper Session (held at Wills Eye Hospital)

FRIDAY, MARCH 12 | 7:00 am - 5:15pm
Physician Program featuring Bedell, Bedrossian and Leopold Lectures
Technicians & Administrator Programs
Academic Poster Exhibition

SATURDAY, MARCH 13 | 7:00 am - 12:30pm
Physician Program featuring Ellis Lecture, Gettes Symposium
Technicians Hands-On Workshop

Information/Registration: www.willsconference.org
Visiting Professor
Refractive Surgery
AUDREY TALLEY ROSTOV, MD
Cornea, Cataract and Refractive Surgery
Seattle, WA

Ophthalmology for Pediatricians, Primary Care Physicians and Other Allied Health Professionals
Program Chair:
BRUCE M. SCHNALL, MD
Faculty of Wills Eye Pediatric Ophthalmology and Ocular Genetics Service and Invited Guests

Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Orbital Disease
Program Chairs:
ROBERT B. PENNE, MD and JURIJ R. BILYK, MD
Faculty of Wills Eye Oculoplastic and Orbital Surgery Service

Complicated Cataract Cases: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach
Program Chair:
ROBERT D. LEHMAN, JR., MD

Glaucoma Update
Program Chair:
MICHAEL J. PRO, MD
Faculty of Wills Eye Glaucoma Service

Visiting Professor
Retina
WILLIAM F. MIELER, MD
Class Family Professor and Vice-Chairman
Director, Vitreoretinal Fellowship Training
Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences
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20 Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Orbital Disease
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**SATURDAY - WEDNESDAY**

**6-10**  
*46th Annual Ophthalmology Review Course*  
*Program Chair:*  
RALPH C. EAGLE, JR., MD  
To be held at the Philadelphia Marriott  
Old City Hotel, Philadelphia, PA  
Faculty of Wills Eye Hospital and Invited Guests  
For more information:  
[www.willseye.org/wills-eye-review-course](http://www.willseye.org/wills-eye-review-course)

**THURSDAY - SATURDAY**

**11-13**  
*Wills Eye Hospital 73rd Annual Wills Conference*  
*Program Chair:*  
SUNIR J. GARG, MD  
To be held at the Philadelphia Marriott  
Old City Hotel, Philadelphia, PA  
Jointly sponsored by the Wills Eye Hospital  
Department of CME and the Wills Eye Alumni Society  
For more information, see center spread or visit  
[willscconference.org](http://willscconference.org)

**APRIL 2021**

**SATURDAY**

**10**  
*Neuro-Ophthalmology Update: What May Walk Into Your Office Next Week*  
*Program Chair:*  
ROBERT C. SERGOTT, MD  
*Co-chairs:* MARK MOSTER, MD and ADAM DEBUSK, MD  
Faculty of Wills Eye Neuro-Ophthalmology Service

**SATURDAY**

**17**  
*Cornea Update*  
*Anterior Segment Imaging: Epithelium to Ciliary Body*  
*Program Chairs:*  
BEERAN MEGHPARA, MD and BRENTON FINKLEA, MD  
Faculty of Wills Eye Cornea Service and Invited Guests

**SATURDAY**

**24**  
*Cosmetic Facial and Periorbital Update*  
*Program Chairs:*  
JACQUELINE CARRASCO, MD,  
ALISON WATSON, MD, and DEEPAK RAMESH, MD  
Faculty of Wills Eye Oculoplastic & Orbital Surgery Service

**WEDNESDAY**

**17**  
*Visiting Professor Cataract and Primary Eye Care*  
*SPEAKER:* TBD
SATURDAY

01 Anterior Segment Surgery Update  
Program Chairs:  
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Faculty of Wills Eye Cornea Service and  
Cataract & Primary Eye Care

SATURDAY

15 Retina Update  
Program Chairs:  
AJAY KURIYAN, MD and MICHAEL KLUFAS, MD  
Faculty of Wills Eye Retina Service and Invited Guests  
Featuring  
P. Kenneth Nase Memorial Lecture  
JUDY E. KIM, MD  
The Eye Institute  
Medical College of Wisconsin  
Milwaukee, WI

WEDNESDAY

12 Visiting Professor  
Oculoplastic  
JOHN J. MARTIN, JR., MD  
Private Practice  
Coral Gables, FL

WEDNESDAY

09 Visiting Professor  
David M. Paton, MD Lectureship  
Academic Global Ophthalmology  
SPEAKERS:  
TBD  
OMAIR B. ALI, MD, CAGO Fellow  
RESIDENTS OF  
WILLS EYE HOSPITAL
Virtual Meet the Experts

Exclusive opportunity to speak with Wills Eye renowned experts during live-streamed 15-minute presentations

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

Presenters, topics, and times are subject to change. These presentations are not affiliated with the official program of AAO 2020.

**Virtual Meet the Experts**

**CHRISTOPHER J. RAPUANO, MD**
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**JURIJ BILYK, MD**
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Comprehensive Ophthalmology
The "MOST", or Measey Ophthalmic Surgical Training Lab enables residents to learn surgical concepts on the most advanced, state-of-the-art microsurgical equipment and to use new devices and instruments as they are developed.

THE LAB PROVIDES:

- Traditional wet lab animal tissue, as well as synthetic models and virtual reality for surgical training and simulation
- Opportunity for innovation and research in surgical technique and device development
- Increased access to and utilization of surgical training resources

This facility is open to non-resident ophthalmologists for additional surgical training and to industry partners who wish to host a wet lab. For information or reservation inquiries, please contact Marie Fiorillo at mfiorillo@willseye.org.

Since our creation of the nation’s first ophthalmology training program in 1839, Wills Eye has continued to provide an unsurpassed educational environment for residents. We are pleased that this tradition of excellence has been recognized by our peers, who once again have ranked the Wills Eye Residency Program at Jefferson among the top in the nation for 2020-2021.* “Our goal every day is to go above and beyond for our patients to make their lives better, advance the field of ophthalmology through innovative research and provide a rich, one-of-a-kind training program for the ophthalmologists of tomorrow,” said Julia A. Haller, MD, Ophthalmologist-in-Chief.

*Doximity clinical reputation survey 2020-2021.
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