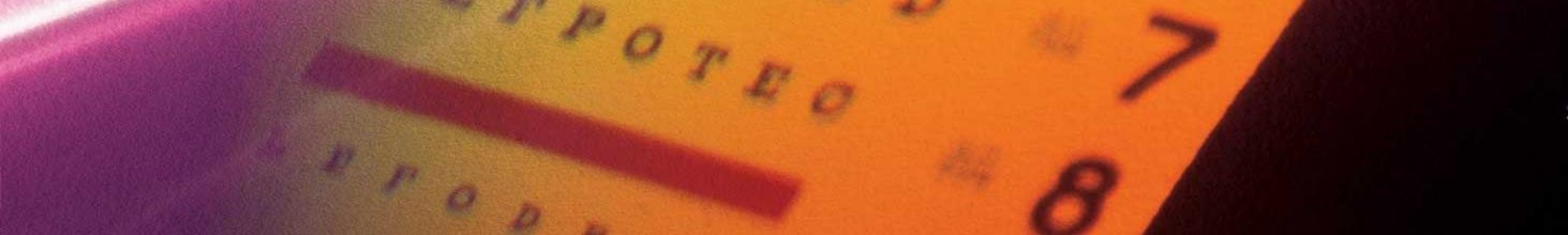


MedStar Georgetown University Hospital/
MedStar Washington Hospital Center
Residency Program in Ophthalmology

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
- 4 Retina Fellows
- Over 175 Dedicated Faculty in All Subspecialties
- 7 Clinical Sites
- Focus on Autonomy and Clinical Confidence
- 124 Years of Resident Education, Patient Care and Innovation



Clinical Experience

Average Annual Procedures (at MWHC alone):

- 20,000+ clinic procedures
- 13,000+ cataract/general evaluations
- 5,000+ glaucoma evaluations
- 3,000+ retina evaluations



Surgical Experience

The 2022 Senior Residents Performed:

- 2150+ Class I surgeries in all rotations
- 3,000+ total resident surgeries

PGY2 residents begin assisting in surgery early in the academic year.

Residents begin performing cataract surgery as primary physician in the PGY3 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

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

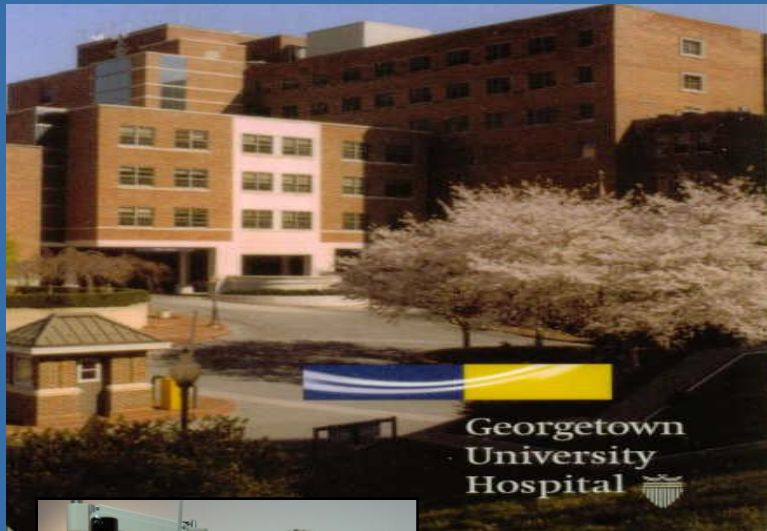
Stacy Bang, MD



- 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



MedStar St. Mary's Hospital

Jorawer Singh, MD



- Extensive clinical and surgical experience in a largely underserved area
- Comprehensive, cornea and glaucoma experience
- Excellent learning environment

DC Veterans Affairs Hospital

Soo Y. Shin, MD



- Resident-run clinic
- PGY3 cataract surgery
- Full subspecialty faculty

Walter Reed National Military Medical Center

Rachel Lieberman, MD



- PGY2 rotation
- Glaucoma and retina experience
- Experience in a large military general ophthalmology setting

Inova Fairfax Hospital

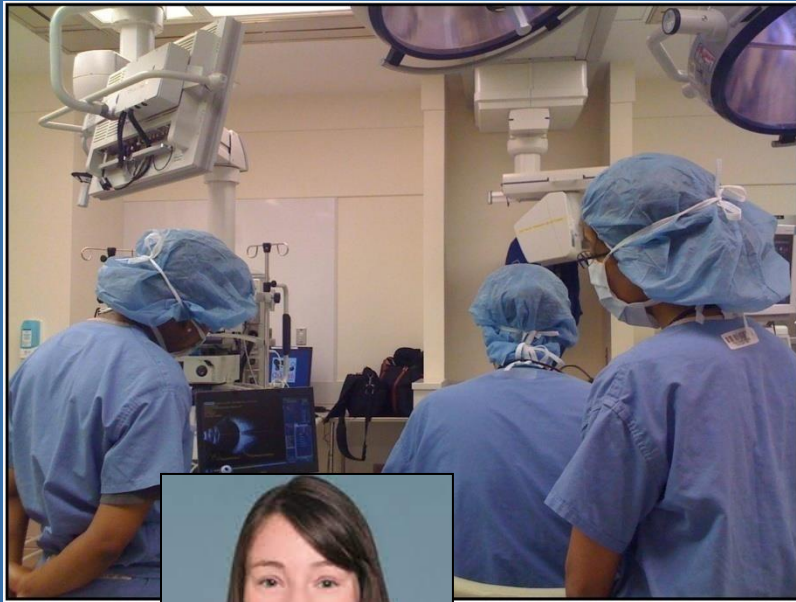
Tofik Ali, MD



- General and subspecialty clinics and operating room experience during PGY3 and PGY4 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 PGY3 rotation



PGY2 Rotations:

MedStar Washington Hospital Center PLUS

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



PGY3 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/MedStar Washington Hospital Center
- Dedicated research time
- Ocular Pathology



Rotation Schedule: PGY4

MedStar Washington Hospital Center PLUS

- DC Veterans Affairs Medical Center
- Inova Fairfax Medical Center
- MedStar St. Mary's Hospital
- Optional Mission/International Trip



Academics

- Wednesday academic afternoon
- Visiting Professor Series
- Journal Clubs
- FA Conferences
- MRI, Plastics, Ocular Motility, Neuro-op 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 allowance
- Free parking
- Highly competitive salaries
- Much more!



2021 Graduates:

Kelsey Durbin	Private Practice – Columbus, Ohio
Brice Hwang	Private Practice – Albuquerque, New Mexico
Joseph Mekhail	Fellowship – Cornea– University of California-Irvine
Hector Rojas Martinez	Private Practice – Clinton, MD
George Skopis	Fellowship – Retina – Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary
Leah Umfrey	Fellowship – Glaucoma – New York Eye and Ear



2022 Graduates:

Frank Abella Ayala

Fellowship – Neuro-op – USC Roski Eye Institute

Julio Albarracin

Fellowship – Cornea – Emory University Eye Center

Michael Izzo

Fellowship – Glaucoma – Wills Eye Hospital

Davina Kirschenbaum

Fellowship – Cornea – Moran Eye Center

Georgina Medina

Fellowship – Glaucoma – Emory Univ. Eye Center

Karine Shebaclo

Fellowship – Oculoplastics – Wills Eye Hospital

“Autonomy with graded supervision is key in this program. You are your patients' primary ophthalmologist from the beginning of your training. You will follow your patients longitudinally for three years, while observing yourself grow from a strong clinician into an adept and flexible surgeon. Your co-residents and faculty will become your second family away from home, and you will forge some of our life's closest friendships. As a new ASOPRS Oculoplastics fellow at Wills Eye, I hit the ground running and owe it to my faculty mentors at Georgetown. Oh, and you will never be underfed thanks to your new DC mom, Penny!”

Karine Shebaclo, MD
Class of 2022





“I feel so fortunate to have trained at Georgetown/WHC. This program is the full package! Here, you will build hands-on knowledge via our resident-run clinic, find esteemed mentors in all subspecialties from within our diverse faculty, and gain an amazing group of friends that are also your colleagues. Once it's time to head to fellowship or to join a private practice, you will be ready to take on anything!”

Davina Kirschenbaum, MD
Class of 2022



“You will learn ophthalmology wherever you go, but why not do it surrounded by amazing mentors, colleagues and friends that will help you each step of the way?!”

Currently as a fellow, I've been working with neuro-ophthalmology, oculoplastics, comprehensive ophthalmology and pediatric ophthalmology and thanks to my training, I have felt confident in managing anything that comes through the door!

Frank Abella Ayala, MD
Class of 2022



“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!”

Mariam Mathai, MD

Class of 2020

Retina Fellowship Class of 2022



George Skopis, MD
Class of 2021

"After completing your training at Medstar Georgetown University Hospital/WHC you will feel confident in being able to manage any eye disease both medically and surgically. Although I pursued fellowship training, I felt confident that I was ready to practice as a comprehensive ophthalmologist which I think should be one of the main benchmarks of how a program is evaluated. The pathology you will see, treat and diagnose at WHC is incredible and the diverse patient population of DC allows you to experience eye disease from new onset to end stage which is key. This is a "resident first" residency program meaning you take charge of a patient's medical and surgical care, giving you great opportunities in clinic and OR. We have great attending support and they will go above and beyond to help you achieve your goals. The program does an exceptional job at selecting residents that are brilliant, fun and who will become your best friends so you will have fun in and out of work along the way!. If i had to do it again, I would absolutely pick Georgetown/WHC."



Meet the Chiefs:

Russel Dinh, MD

Class of 2023

Graduate: VCU School of Medicine

Undergraduate: University of Virginia

“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 resident clinic at Washington Hospital Center, where you will spend the majority of your residency, has the perfect mix of autonomy and attending supervision which allows you to take ownership of your patients and make important decisions in their care, even early on. We value collegiality and hard work which makes for an amazing learning experience in one of the great American cities!”



Meet the Chiefs:

Justin Shortell, MD

Class of 2023

Graduate: John A Burns School of Medicine (University of Hawaii)

Undergraduate: University of Hawaii at Manoa

“If you are looking for a program that will build your confidence in tackling any intimidating ophthalmic case, look no further. We see a wide array of complex pathology at a high frequency with a ton of autonomy, which makes you confident in medical and surgical management well before becoming an attending. Although seeing only eyeballs is daunting at first, the faculty and your peers are very supportive and foster an optimal learning environment. We work hard, but play harder when we are enjoying the wonderful city of DC and its surrounding states.



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



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Washington National Eye Center