

Curriculum Vitae

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Appointments

Adjunct Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of California, Irvine, 1991 to present
Chairman (Acting), Department of Ophthalmology, University of California, Irvine, March 1987 to December 1989
Associate Adjunct Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of California, Irvine, 1985 to 1991
Assistant Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, University of California, Irvine, 1979 to 1985
Chief, Ophthalmology, Long Beach Veterans Affairs Medical Center, 1979 to present

Education and Training

Cornell University, B.A., 1969.

University of California, Los Angeles, School of Medicine,
M.D., 1973

University of California, San Diego
Department of Surgery, Resident, 1973 to 1975

University of Chicago
Department of Ophthalmology, Resident, 1975 to 1978
Chief Resident, June 1977 to December 1977

Instituto Barraquer de America, Colombia, 1978

Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital/State University of New York Fellowship: Microsurgery of the Anterior Segment with Richard C. Troutman, M.D., F.A.C.S., 1978 to 1979
Awarded Heed Ophthalmic Foundation Fellowship

Board Certification

Diplomate, American Board of Ophthalmology, 1979

Honors and Awards

Heed Ophthalmic Foundation Fellowship, 1978 to 1979
American Academy of Ophthalmology Honor Award, 1988
Selected for Woodward and White's "Best Doctors In America,"
1996 to present
Outstanding Teacher Award by the University of California,
Irvine, Residents, 1999
Outstanding Teacher Award by the University of California,
Irvine, Residents, 2002
Performance Improvement Fair, 1st Place, Long Beach V.A. Medical
Center, September 24, 2003
Orange County Medical Association Physician of Excellence
Award and Top Doctors of Orange County, 2005/2006
American Academy of Ophthalmology Senior Achievement Award,
2007
Orange County Medical Association Physician of Excellence
Award and Top Doctors of Orange County, 2007/2008
Outstanding Teacher Award by the University of California,
Irvine, Residents, 2008
Chief of Staff Award of Appreciation, Long Beach V.A. Medical
Center, 2008
Los Angeles Magazine Super Doctor, 2008
Orange County Medical Association Physician of Excellence
Award and Top Doctors of Orange County, 2010/2011

Professional Activities

Scientific Referee for American Journal of Ophthalmology,
1978 to 1996 and 2002 to present
California Board of Medical Quality Review Committee, 1982
to 1984
American College of Surgeons Ophthalmology Scientific
Program Chairman, 1982 to 2002
International Society of Refractive Keratoplasty, Board of
Trustees, 1983 to 1985
Corneal Dystrophy Foundation, Medical Advisory Board, 1982
to present
Medical Advisory Board of Eye Bank of Orange County, 1984
to 2006
First Medical Director, 1985 to present
Board of Directors, Lions/U.C.I. Eye Bank, 1981 to 1986
Chairman, Board of Directors, 1982 to 1985
Medical Director, 1991 to 1997
Chairman, Eye Bank Committee, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center,
1979 to 1981
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology, 1987
to 1989
Council of Chairmen, University of California, Irvine, 1987
to 1989
Dean's Advisory Board, University of California, Irvine, 1987
to 1989
California Association of Ophthalmology, Board of Directors,
1987 to 1990
Chairman, Basic Science Training, Department of Ophthalmology,
University of California, Irvine, 1979 to 1987

Professional Activities (cont.)

Co-Chairman, Resident Selection Committee, Department of Ophthalmology, University of California, Irvine, 1980 to 1987 and member 1990 to 1999

Scientific Program Chairman, Ophthalmology, Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, 1980 to 1986

Utilization Review Committee, University of California, Irvine Medical Center, 1981 to 1982

Laser Safety Committee, Long Beach V.A. Medical Center, 1988 to present

Scientific Referee for Refractive and Corneal Surgery, 1992 to 1998

Executive Committee, and Principal Investigator, V.A. Cooperative Cataract Study #338, 1992 to 1998

Principal Investigator, Excimer Laser Photorefractive Keratectomy for: Low Myopia, phase II, 1995 to 1998
Moderate Myopia, phase II, 1995 to 1998
Low Myopia with Astigmatism, phase II, 1995 to 1998
Moderate Myopia with Astigmatism, phase II, 1995 to 1998
Low Myopia, phase III, 1995 to 1998
Retreatment of Myopia, phase III, 1995 to 1998

Director of University of California, Irvine, Corneal, Anterior Segment and Refractive Surgery Fellowship, 1996 to 1999

Principal Investigator, Corneoplasty Study, Long Beach V.A. Medical Center, 1996 to 1999

Principal Investigator, Vitreous Hemorrhage Study, Long Beach V.A. Medical Center, 1996 to 1998

Investigator, Cornea Donor Study, 1999 to 2000

Principal Investigator, Cornea Donor Study, 2000 to present

Appointed California State Consultant for Vaccination Complications 2003 to present

Orange County Society of Ophthalmology, Program Chairman, 1996 to 1998

Orange County Society of Ophthalmology, Secretary/Treasurer, 1998 to 2000

Orange County Society of Ophthalmology, Vice President, 2000 to 2002

Orange County Society of Ophthalmology, President, 2002 to 2004

California Academy of Ophthalmology, Board of Directors, 2004 to 2007

International Medical Alliance, Medical Mission to Quito, Ecuador, May, 2004

Crystalens Accommodating Intraocular Lens – implanted first lenses in Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, June 3, 2004

Eye Bank Association of America, Eye Bank Accreditation Board, 2004 to 2007

International Medical Alliance, Medical Mission to Manta, Ecuador, May, 2005

Vice Chairman, UCI Discovery Fund for Eye Research, 2005 to present

AlphaCor Artificial Cornea-Implanted first AlphaCor Artificial Cornea in the Department of Veterans Affairs, Veterans Health Administration, January 12, 2006

California Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons, Board of Trustees, 2006 to present

ORBIS International, Medical Mission to Changsha, China, October-November, 2006

Professional Activities (cont.)

Invited Cornea Consultant at Kilimanjaro Centre for Community
Ophthalmology Clinic, Moshi, Tanzania, December, 2008
Invited Cornea Consultant at Joshi Laser Eye Centre, Nairobi,
Kenya, December, 2008

Societies

Fellow, American Academy of Ophthalmology
Fellow, American College of Surgeons
Charter Member, International Society of Refractive
Keratoplasty
Charter Member, International Refractive Keratoplasty Study
Group
American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
French Ophthalmological Society
Society of Heed Fellows
Castroviejo Cornea Society
Max Fine Cornea Society
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Eye Bank Association of America
Orange County Society of Ophthalmology
Orange County Medical Association

National Ophthalmic Microsurgery Courses Taught

International Society of Refractive Keratoplasty
1979 (1st course given in Northern Hemisphere,
(New York, New York)
1980 (1st course given on West Coast, Los Angeles,
California)
1980 (New York, New York)
1981 (Los Angeles, California)
1982 (Los Angeles, California)
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1985 (Los Angeles, California)
Pan American Congress of Ophthalmology
1979 (Miami, Florida)
American Academy of Ophthalmology
1978 (Kansas City, Kansas)
1979 (San Francisco, California)
1980 (Chicago, Illinois)
1981 (Atlanta, Georgia)
1982 (San Francisco, California)
1983 (Chicago, Illinois)
1984 (Atlanta, Georgia)
1985 (San Francisco, California)
1986 (New Orleans, Louisiana)
1987 (Dallas, Texas)
1988 (Las Vegas, Nevada)
1989 (New Orleans, Louisiana)
1990 (Atlanta, Georgia)
1991 (Anaheim, California)
1992 (Dallas, Texas)
1993 (Chicago, Illinois)

National Ophthalmic Microsurgery Courses Taught (cont.)

- 1994 (San Francisco, California)
- 1995 (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 1996 (Chicago, Illinois)
- 1997 (San Francisco, California)
- 1998 (New Orleans, Louisiana)
- 1999 (Orlando, Florida)
- 2000 (Dallas, Texas)
- 2001 (New Orleans, Louisiana)
- 2002 (Orlando, Florida)
- 2003 (Anaheim, California)
- 2004 (New Orleans, Louisiana)
- 2005 (Chicago, Illinois)
- 2006 (Las Vegas, Nevada)
- 2007 (New Orleans, Louisiana)
- 2008 (Atlanta, Georgia)
- 2009 (San Francisco, California)
- 2010 (Chicago, Illinois)
- National Ophthalmic Microsurgery/Keratoplasty Courses
 - 1978 (New York, New York)
 - 1979 (New York, New York)
 - 1980 (New York, New York)
- Chairman, University of California, Irvine, Current Concepts in Penetrating Keratoplasty
 - 1981 (1st course given in Orange County, Irvine, California)
 - 1983 (Santa Ana, California)
- French Ophthalmological Society
 - 1983 (Paris, France)
- Forum Ophthalmologicum Centenarii
 - 1984 (Bogota, Colombia)
- II International Congress on the Cornea, Lens, and Anterior Segment Surgery of the Eye, 1991 (Sao Paulo, Brazil)
- Chiron Excimer Laser Refractive Surgery Teaching at Shanghai Second Medical University, Suzhou Medical College and Jinzhou, China, May 17-25, 1996
- VISX Excimer Laser Certified Trainer in Photorefractive and Phototherapeutic Keratectomy, organized and taught 1st course given at Beckman Laser Institute, University of California, Irvine, Nov. 15, 1996, and Dec. 20, 1996; May 14, 1997; July 31, 1997; July 10, 1998
- American Academy of Ophthalmology, Course #566: Management of Penetrating Keratoplasty Complications, New Orleans, Louisiana, October 22, 2004.
- American Academy of Ophthalmology, Course #391: Surgical Correction of Astigmatism. Femtosecond Laser Penetrating Keratoplasty, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 12, 2007.
- American Academy of Ophthalmology, Course #448: Surgical Correction of Astigmatism. Femtosecond Laser Penetrating Keratoplasty, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 10, 2008.
- American Academy of Ophthalmology, Course #LEC399: Surgical Correction of Astigmatism. Femtosecond Laser with Penetrating Keratoplasty and DALK, San Francisco, California, October 26, 2009.
- American Academy of Ophthalmology, Course #LEC443: Surgical Correction of Astigmatism. Advances in Corneal Cross-Linking (CXL), Chicago, Illinois, October 18, 2010.

Lectures and Presentations

American College of Surgeons: Rate of Nerve Regeneration Following Controlled Freezing or Crushing, Palm Springs, California, January 16, 1971.

University of Chicago Alumni Conference: Localization of Intraocular Foreign Bodies by Computerized Axial Tomography, March 2, 1977.

University of Chicago Department of Ophthalmology: Pigmented Paravenous Retinochoroidal Atrophy, February 2, 1978.

University of Chicago Department of Ophthalmology: Anterior Chamber Cleavage Syndrome, March 9, 1978.

University of Chicago Department of Ophthalmology: Norrie's Disease, April 6, 1978.

University of Chicago Department of Ophthalmology: Upper Lid Mass Lesions, April 20, 1978.

Pan American Congress of Ophthalmology: Keratoconus: February 27, 1979.

Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital Cornea Symposium: Disparate Diameter Keratoplasty Results, March 22, 1979.

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, University of California, Irvine: Specific Hazards with Certain Drugs in Cataract Surgery, October 19, 1979.

University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine Lecture Series: Examination of the Eye, January 11, 1980.

University of Chicago Alumni Conference: Refractive Keratoplasty, March 5, 1980.

Long Beach Veterans Administration Medical Center, Department of Medicine Conference: Ophthalmology for the Internist, June 9, 1980.

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Ophthalmology Conference (Guest Speaker): Recent Developments in Corneal Surgery, June 17, 1980.

Kaiser Permanente Medical Center Medicine Conference (Guest Speaker): Corneal Transplantation, Bellflower, California, August 27, 1980.

California Academy of Physician's Assistants Fourth Annual Symposium: Primary Care Ophthalmology, San Jose, California, September 7, 1980.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

- Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1980: Uses of Healon in Intraocular Surgery, Newport Beach, California, October 11, 1980.
- California Medical Association/University of California, Irvine Symposium: Management of the Acute Red Eye and Eye Injuries, Monterey, California, October 17, 1980.
- University of California, Irvine Eye Bank-Lions Club Dedication: Corneal Transplantation, November 29, 1980.
- Long Beach Veterans Administration Medical Center, Department of Oral Surgery: Diagnosis and Management of Acute Ocular Trauma, November 25, 1980.
- American College of Surgeons: Current Concepts in Keratoplasty: Penetrating Keratoplasty and Refractive Keratoplasty, Santa Barbara, California, January 23, 1981.
- California Cornea Club: Marginal Degeneration of the Cornea with Bleb Formation, San Francisco, California, February 27, 1981.
- University of Mississippi: Penetrating Keratoplasty, Updated; and Refractive Keratoplasty: Keratophakia, Keratomileusis, and Radial Keratotomy, Updated, Jackson, Mississippi, June 20, 1981.
- Family Health Program Conference (Guest Speaker): Common Office Eye Diseases, Long Beach, California, August 14, 1981.
- Cerritos Gardens General Hospital Conference (Guest Speaker): General Ophthalmology and Emergencies, Hawaiian Gardens, California, August 20, 1981.
- Cedars-Sinai Medical Center Surgery Grand Rounds (Guest Speaker): Corneal Transplantation, Los Angeles, California, October 7, 1981.
- Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1981: Introduction to Refractive Keratoplasty, and Moderator of Refractive Keratoplasty Symposium, Newport Beach, California, October 17, 1981.
- International Refractive Keratoplasty Study Group: Hydrogel Lenticular Implants - Keratopseudophakia - of Varying Water Content in Rabbits, Atlanta, Georgia, November 5, 1981.
- Long Beach Society of Internal Medicine (Guest Speaker): Ophthalmology for the Internist, January 5, 1982.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

- American College of Surgeons: New Developments in Refractive Keratoplasty, Newport Beach, California, January 24, 1982.
- American College of Surgeons: Laser Iridoplasty, Newport Beach, California, January 24, 1982.
- Western Medical Center Ophthalmology Conference (Guest Speaker): Current Developments in Keratophakia, Santa Ana, California, February 19, 1982.
- California Cornea Club/University of California at Irvine (Moderator): Keratophakia, Irvine, California, February 26, 1982.
- St. Jude Hospital Emergency Medicine Conference: Ophthalmologic Emergencies, Mammoth Lakes, California, March 15, 1982.
- Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital Ophthalmology Conference (Guest Speaker): Current Concepts in Keratophakia, Whittier, California, April 19, 1982.
- Long Beach Memorial Medical Center Ophthalmology Conference (Guest Speaker): Recent Developments in Refractive Keratoplasty, April 20, 1982.
- Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Effectiveness of Keratophakia as a Secondary Procedure, Sarasota, Florida, May 5, 1982.
- American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses (Guest Speaker): New Developments in Refractive Corneal Surgery, Jules Stein Eye Institute (U.C.L.A.), July 15, 1982.
- Long Beach Memorial Medical Center: The Pediatric Red Eye, Long Beach, California, October 9, 1982.
- Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1982: Correction of Aphakia by Keratophakia, Newport Beach, California, October 29, 1982.
- American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Rancho Mirage, California, January 16, 1983.
- American College of Surgeons: Anterior Chamber Cleavage Syndrome, Rancho Mirage, California, January 16, 1983.
- California Cornea Club: Keratitis Psoriatica, Stanford, California, February 25, 1983.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

Eye Bank Association of America: Donor Corneal Fungal Contamination in Penetrating Keratoplasty, San Diego, California, April 16, 1983.

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Circumferential Keratotomy to Reduce Hyperopia in Rabbits, Sarasota, Florida, May 4, 1983.

French Ophthalmological Society: La Keratophakia, en Deuxieme Intention, Pour Corriger L'Aphakie, Paris, France, May 9, 1983.

International Society of Refractive Keratoplasty: Corneal Incision to Reduce Hyperopia, Paris, France, May 14, 1983.

St. Mary's Medical Center: Corneal Transplantation, Long Beach, California, June 4, 1983.

Centinela Hospital Medical Center: New Developments in Refractive Surgery, Inglewood, California, June 20, 1983.

Beach Community Hospital (Guest Speaker): General Ophthalmologic Diseases, Buena Park, California, July 18, 1983.

Orange County Society of Ophthalmology: When Not to Use an IOL, La Quinta, California, October 8, 1983.

Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1983: Bilateral Angle Closure Resulting From the Use of a Transdermal Scopolamine Patch, Irvine, California, October 14, 1983.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Santa Barbara, California, January 29, 1984.

American College of Surgeons: Relaxing Incision to Reduce Traumatic Corneal Scar High Astigmatism, Santa Barbara, California, January 29, 1984.

California Cornea Club: Unusual Granular Corneal Dystrophy, Loma Linda, California, February 24, 1984.

International Society of Refractive Keratoplasty: Results of Secondary Keratophakia, Bogota, Colombia, March 17, 1984.

Forum Ophthalmologicum Centenarii: Relaxing Incisions in Traumatic Corneal Scars to Reduce High Astigmatism, Bogota, Colombia, March 19, 1984.

Forum Ophthalmologicum Centenarii: Bilateral Angle Closure Glaucoma Resulting From the Use of a Transdermal Scopolamine Patch, Bogota, Colombia, March 22, 1984.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Ophthalmology Conference
(Guest Speaker): Update on Refractive Surgery, Long
Beach, California, April 17, 1984.

Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1984: Moderator of Refractive
Surgery Symposium, Irvine, California, October 13,
1984.

Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1984: An Overview of Refractive
Surgery and Results of Secondary Keratophakia, Irvine,
California, October 13, 1984.

American Academy of Ophthalmology (Poster Session): Hyper-
lipidemia and the Eye, Atlanta, Georgia, November 11,
1984.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology
Program, Coronado, California, January 20, 1985.

California Cornea Club: Severe Corneal Trauma, Sacramento,
California, February 22, 1985.

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Ophthalmology Conference
(Guest Speaker): Captivating Corneal Cases, Long Beach,
California, March 19, 1985.

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Ophthalmology Conference
(Guest Speaker): Captivating Corneal Cases Part II, Long
Beach, California, April 16, 1985.

Long Beach Community Hospital, Ophthalmology Forum: Corneal
Transplantation, Long Beach, California, September 14,
1985.

Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1985: Severe Corneal Ulceration
Case Presentation, Irvine, California, September 27,
1985.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology
Program, Palm Springs, California, January 19, 1986.

American College of Surgeons: Contact Lens-Associated
Corneal Ulcers, Palm Springs, California, January 19,
1986.

Far Western Medical Association: Current Concepts in Corneal
Transplantation, Snowmass, Colorado, January 29, 1986.
(Best Speaker Award)

California Cornea Club: Unusual Corneal Mass Lesion, Los
Angeles, California, February 28, 1986.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Excimer Laser Interaction with the Cornea, Sarasota, Florida, April 29, 1986.

Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1986: Excimer Laser Corneal Alteration, Irvine, California, September 19, 1986.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Santa Barbara, California, January 18, 1987.

American College of Surgeons: New Developments in Excimer Laser Corneal Surgery, Santa Barbara, California, January 18, 1987.

Far Western Medical Association: Traumatic Ophthalmic Injuries, Sun Valley, Idaho, February 4, 1987.

Aspen Corneal Society: Bilateral Corneal Hydrops with Neovascularization, Aspen, Colorado, February 25, 1987.

California Cornea Club: Bilateral Corneal Hydrops with Neovascularization, San Francisco, California, March 27, 1987.

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Corneal Shield Design for 193 nm Excimer Laser Surgery of Cornea, Sarasota, Florida, May 5, 1987.

Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1987: Corneal Changes Following Excimer Laser Ablation, Irvine, California, October 1, 1987.

Far Western Medical Association: Refractive Corneal Surgery: Past, Present and Future, Vail, Colorado, January 26, 1988.

California Cornea Club: Peripheral Corneal Degeneration Secondary to Rheumatoid Arthritis, La Jolla, California, March 25, 1988.

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Excimer Laser Ablation and Wound Healing of Superficial Cornea in Rabbits and Primates, Sarasota, Florida, May 5, 1988.

Ocular Drug Therapy-Update 1988: Excimer Laser in Corneal Wound Healing, Newport Beach, California, October 7, 1988.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator for Ophthalmology Program, Palm Springs, California, January 29, 1989.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

American College of Surgeons: 193 nm Excimer Laser in Corneal Wound Healing, Palm Springs, California, January 29, 1989.

American Academy of Ophthalmology Western Regional Update Course: Management of Selected Epithelial Disorders: Recurrent Corneal Erosions, Thygeson's Superficial Punctate Keratitis and Superior Limbic Keratoconjunctivitis, Irvine, California, August 25, 1989.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Santa Barbara, California, January 21, 1990.

American College of Surgeons: Penetrating Keratoplasty with Iris-Sutured Posterior Chamber Intraocular Lens Exchange, Santa Barbara, California, January 21, 1990.

Far Western Medical Association: 2000 Years of Surgery on the Lens to Improve Imaging of the Eye, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, January 30, 1990.

Far Western Medical Association: 200 Years of Surgery on the Cornea to Improve Imaging of the Eye, Steamboat Springs, Colorado, January 30, 1990.

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Moderator of Keratoplasty Session, Sarasota, Florida, May 4, 1990.

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Results of Penetrating Keratoplasty with Posterior Chamber Intraocular Lens Implantation in the Absence of a Lens Capsule, Sarasota, Florida, May 4, 1990.

American Ophthalmological Society: Combined Penetrating Keratoplasty and Posterior Chamber Intraocular Lens Implantation in the Absence of a Lens Capsule, Hot Springs, Virginia, May 23, 1990

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, San Diego, California, January 20, 1991.

American College of Surgeons: Penetrating Keratoplasty Complications and Their Management, San Diego, California, January 20, 1991.

Far Western Medical Association: Advances in Drug Delivery Systems for Antibiotics in Corneal Infections, Vail, Colorado, February 1, 1991.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

- II International Congress on the Cornea, Lens, and Anterior Segment of the Eye (Visiting Professor), Sao Paulo, Brazil:
Use of Collagen Shields in Corneal Disorders, February 28, 1991.
Penetrating Keratoplasty with Iris-sutured Posterior Chamber Intraocular Lens Exchange, February 28, 1991.
Management of Penetrating Keratoplasty Complications, March 1, 1991.
Classical Barraquer and Troutman Refractive Keratoplasty Procedures -- Their Place in Corneal Surgery, March 1, 1991.
Are the "Newer" Refractive Keratoplasty Procedures Efficacious? March 1, 1991.
Excimer Laser Photorefractive Keratectomy, March 2, 1991.
- Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists (CLAO) Regional Update: Therapeutic Contact Lenses, Los Angeles, California, September 4, 1991.
- Family Health Plan: Corneal Dystrophies, Fountain Valley, California, September 12, 1991.
- Orange County Optometric Society: Corneal Degenerations and Dystrophies, Santa Ana, California, November 11, 1991.
- American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Indian Wells, California, January 19, 1992.
- American College of Surgeons: Update on Collagen Shields in Corneal Disorders, Indian Wells, California, January 19, 1992.
- Western Medical Center: Penetrating Keratoplasty with Intraocular Lens Exchange, Santa Ana, California, February 21, 1992.
- Max Fine Corneal Society: Deep Scleritis with Secondary Keratitis, Irvine, California, March 13, 1992.
- American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery: Treatment of Pseudophakic Bullous Keratopathy, San Diego, California, April 12, 1992.
- Long Beach Memorial Medical Center, Ophthalmology Conference: Penetrating Keratoplasty with Iris-Sutured Posterior Chamber IOL Exchange, Long Beach, California, May 19, 1992.
- California Association of Ophthalmology: Corneal Trauma - Long Term Management, Dana Point, California, September 13, 1992

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

- American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Santa Barbara, California, January 24, 1993.
- American College of Surgeons: Post Penetrating Keratoplasty Astigmatism, Santa Barbara, California, January 24, 1993.
- American College of Surgeons: What's New In Ophthalmic Surgery, Newport Beach, California, January 21, 1994.
- American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Newport Beach, California, January 22, 1994.
- American College of Surgeons: Keratohematoma and Posterior Keratoconus, Newport Beach, California, January 22, 1994.
- American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Indian Wells, California, January 22, 1995.
- American College of Surgeons: Excimer Laser Photokeratectomy: Basic Principles, Indian Wells, California, January 22, 1995.
- Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists (CLAO) Regional Seminar: Therapeutic Contact Lenses, Irvine, California, March 11, 1995.
- Max Fine Corneal Society: Severe Bilateral Terrien's Marginal Corneal Degeneration with Central Opacification, San Francisco, California, March 24, 1995.
- University of Mississippi (Invited Speaker): Advances in Diseases and Surgery of the Cornea -- Update 1995, Jackson, Mississippi, June 10, 1995.
- American College of Surgeons: What's New in Ophthalmic Surgery, Santa Barbara, California, January 20, 1996.
- American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Santa Barbara, California, January 21, 1996.
- American College of Surgeons: Double-Continuous Suture Technique in Penetrating Keratoplasty, Santa Barbara, California, January 21, 1996.
- Max Fine Corneal Society: Ruptured Globe Following Radial and Transverse Keratotomy, San Diego, California, March 29, 1996
- Long Beach V.A. Medical Center: Latest Techniques in Cataract Surgery, Directors Staff Meeting, Long Beach, California, January 7, 1997

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Dana Point, California, January 19, 1997.

American College of Surgeons: Laser In-Situ Keratomileusis (LASIK) Update, Dana Point, California, January 19, 1997.

Max Fine Corneal Society: Corneal Burn During Phaco, San Francisco, California, March 7, 1997.

Long Beach Memorial Medical Center (Guest Speaker): LASIK -- the Good, the Bad and the Realistic, Long Beach, California, April 15, 1997.

Pacific Coast Oto-Ophthalmological Society: LASIK -- Concepts and Concerns, Coronado, California, June 23, 1997.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, La Quinta, California, January 18, 1998.

American College of Surgeons: Comparison of Different Microkeratomes for LASIK, La Quinta, California, January 18, 1998.

Max Fine Corneal Society: Pellucid Marginal Corneal Degeneration, Los Angeles, California, March 6, 1998.

High-Power Laser Ablation 1998-SPIE's International Symposium (Invited Speaker): Excimer Laser Photorefractive Surgery of the Cornea, Santa Fe, New Mexico, April 28, 1998.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Santa Barbara, California, January 24, 1999.

American College of Surgeons: LASIK Complications Seen in a Corneal Referral Practice, Santa Barbara, California, January 24, 1999.

The Aesculapian Society: Excimer Laser Photorefractive Corneal Surgery, Bugaboos, British Columbia, Canada, February 24, 1999.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Huntington Beach, California, January 23, 2000.

American College of Surgeons: Corneoplasty, A New Enzymatic Technique for Remodeling the Cornea -- Safety Studies, Huntington Beach, California, January 23, 2000.

Max Fine Corneal Society: LASIK after PK and AK, Irvine, California, March 3, 2000.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

Annenberg Center for Health Sciences at Eisenhower -- Grand Rounds (Invited Speaker): LASIK - Refractive Surgery: Pros and Cons, Rancho Mirage, California, May 18, 2000.

Citrus Valley Medical Center - Grand Rounds (Invited Speaker): Refractive Corneal Surgery -- LASIK, Covina, California, June 27, 2000.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Santa Barbara, California, January 21, 2001.

American College of Surgeons: Management of Postoperative Wound Dehiscence, Santa Barbara, California, January 21, 2001.

The Aesculapian Society: Ocular Trauma, Cariboos, British Columbia, Canada, February 11, 2001.

Max Fine Corneal Society: The "Pregnant" Cornea, San Francisco, California, March 23, 2001.

University of California, Irvine -- Grand Rounds: Management of Penetrating Keratoplasty Complications, Irvine, California, April 11, 2001.

Northridge Hospital Medical Center -- Grand Rounds: (Invited Speaker): The Red Eye: Diagnosis and Treatment, Van Nuys, California, April 12, 2001.

St. Jude Medical Center - Grand Rounds (Invited Speaker): LASIK, Fullerton, California, May 1, 2001.

St. Jude Medical Center - Grand Rounds (Invited Speaker): Common Ophthalmology For The Primary Care Physician, Fullerton, California, November 27, 2001.

American College of Surgeons: Moderator of Ophthalmology Program, Santa Barbara, California, January 20, 2002.

American College of Surgeons: Cataract and Intraocular Lens Surgery after Refractive Corneal Surgery, Santa Barbara, California, January 20, 2002.

The Aesculapian Society: Advances in Small Incision, Suture-less, Topical Anesthesia Cataract Surgery, Bugaboos, British Columbia, Canada, February 19, 2002.

Max Fine Corneal Society: Recurrent Corneal Erosions with Endothelial Defect and Blunt Trauma History, Los Angeles, California, March 15, 2002.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

- Downey Regional Medical Center -- Grand Rounds (Invited Speaker):
The Red Eye: Diagnosis and Treatment, Downey, California,
April 12, 2002.
- UCI Research Symposium - LASIK after Penetrating Keratoplasty for
Keratoconus: Orange, California, May 17, 2002.
- Troutman Corneal Symposium: Several of Dr. Troutman's Pearls as
Demonstrated in One Interesting Patient, New York, New York,
October 10, 2002.
- The Aesculapian Society: New Advances in Corneal Transplantation
for 2003, Adamants, British Columbia, Canada, February 18, 2003.
- Max Fine Society: Nocardia Keratitis, San Francisco, California,
March 7, 2003.
- Veterans Integrated Service Network 22: Advanced Access for
Ophthalmology, Long Beach, California, July 9, 2003.
- Cataract and Refractive Surgery, 2004 Update: Functional Vision
And New IOL Technology, Irvine, California, February 7, 2004.
- The Aesculapian Society: Cataract Surgery in 2004 and Video
Presentation, Galena, British Columbia, Canada, February
17, 2004.
- Hadassah University Medical Center (Invited Speaker):
Management of Complications of Penetrating Keratoplasty,
Jerusalem, Israel, November 22, 2004.
- The Aesculapian Society: New Accommodating Intraocular
Lenses - Early Results, Bobbie Burns, British Columbia,
Canada, February 9, 2005.
- UCI Cataract and Refractive Surgical Symposium: Results with
the Crystalens Accommodating IOL, Irvine, California,
April 30, 2005.
- Max Fine Cornea Society: Conjunctival Resection for
Marginal Corneal Degeneration, University of California,
San Diego, May 20, 2005.
- National Keratoconus Foundation (Invited Speaker): Corneal
Transplantation for Keratoconus, The Beckman Center,
Irvine, California, May 21, 2005.
- National Medical School, Manta, Ecuador (Invited Speaker):
Corneal Transplantation, Cataract Surgery, New Intra-
Ocular Lenses, Manta, Ecuador, May 31, 2005.
- VA Long Beach Healthcare System: General Medical Staff
Meeting (Invited Speaker): Medical Mission to Ecuador, 2005,
Long Beach, California, September 8, 2005.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

The Aesculapian Society: AlphaCor Synthetic Corneal Transplantation, Cariboo, British Columbia, Canada, February 8, 2006.

Coastal Communities Hospital – Grand Rounds (Invited Speaker):
Ophthalmology Update for the Primary Care Physician,
Santa Ana, California, February 14, 2006.

South Coast Medical Center: – Grand Rounds (Invited Speaker);
Common Eye Problems for the Primary Care Physician,
Laguna Beach, California, February 21, 2006.

UC Irvine Eye Institute Collaboration Colloquium: Corneal
Prosthesis Synthetic Corneal Transplantation for High
Risk Patients, Irvine, California, June 3, 2006.

UC Irvine Eye Institute Collaboration Colloquium: Moderator
for Cornea Section, Irvine, California, June 3, 2006.

Veterans Integrated Service Network 22: Advanced Care Access
for Ophthalmology, Long Beach, California, August 2, 2006.

Anaheim Memorial Medical Center Grand Rounds (Invited Speaker):
Common Eye Problems for the Internal Medicine Physician,
Anaheim, California, October 3, 2006.

ORBIS International, Changsha, China, October 28, 2006
November 3, 2006:
Indications for Penetrating Keratoplasty
Eye Banking
Penetrating Keratoplasty Techniques
Diagnosis and Management of Penetrating Keratoplasty
Complications
New Advances in Keratoplasty Techniques: IntraLase-Enabled
Penetrating Keratoplasty.

Unite for Sight's Fourth Annual International Health
Conference (Invited Speaker): Improving Surgical Eye Care
in Ecuador: Corneal Transplantation, Cataract and Pterygium
Surgery, Stanford University School of Medicine, Palo Alto,
California, April 14, 2007.

UC Irvine Family Medicine -- Grand Rounds (Invited Speaker):
The Red Eye – Diagnosis and Management, Santa Ana, California,
June 18, 2007.

Corneal Dystrophy Symposium (Invited Speaker): Femtosecond
IntraLase Penetrating Keratoplasty for Fuchs' Corneal
Dystrophy, San Jose, California, July 7, 2007.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

- AlphaCor Users Meeting (Invited Speaker): Review of a Complicated AlphaCor Case, New Orleans, Louisiana, November 11, 2007.
- Long Beach V.A. Medical Center Staff Meeting (Invited Speaker): ORBIS International -- Teaching Corneal Transplantation in China, Long Beach, California, December 13, 2007.
- The Aesculapian Society: Femtosecond Laser Assisted Penetrating Keratoplasty, Cariboos, British Columbia, Canada, February 6, 2008.
- The Aesculapian Society: ORBIS Mission to China, Cariboos, British Columbia, Canada, February 6, 2008.
- Max Fine Cornea Society: Femtosecond Laser Assisted Penetrating Keratoplasty: What to do About Suction Loss, Stanford University, Stanford, California, March 7, 2008.
- VISN 22 Systems Redesign Access Meeting: Eye Clinic Advanced Clinic Access, Long Beach, California, March 19, 2008.
- Long Beach V.A. Medical Center Staff Meeting (Invited Speaker): Improving Eye Clinic Access, Long Beach, California, September 11, 2008.
- The Gavin Herbert Eye Institute Annual Colloquium: Moderator, Refractive Corneal and Cataract Surgery: Presbyopia IOLs and Beyond, Irvine, California, October 11, 2008.
- The Gavin Herbert Eye Institute Annual Colloquium: Advances in Pterygium Surgery, Irvine, California, October 11, 2008.
- Kilimanjaro Centre for Community Ophthalmology: Introduction to Penetrating Keratoplasty Techniques and Eye Banking, Moshi, Tanzania, December 10, 2008.
- Montana Academy of Ophthalmology (Invited Speaker): Grand Rounds Discussion, Big Sky, Montana, February 22, 2009.
- Montana Academy of Ophthalmology (Invited Speaker): Corneal Challenges in Cataract Surgery Patients, Big Sky, Montana, February 23, 2009.
- Montana Academy of Ophthalmology (Invited Speaker): Advances in Pterygium Surgery, Big Sky, Montana, February 24, 2009.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

- Montana Academy of Ophthalmology (Invited Speaker): Femtosecond Laser Penetrating Keratoplasty, Big Sky, Montana, February 24, 2009.
- Montana Academy of Ophthalmology (Invited Speaker): New Techniques in Corneal Transplant Surgery – FLEK, DALK, DLEK, DSEK, DSAEK, DMEK, Big Sky, Montana, February 24, 2009.
- Max Fine Cornea Society: Moderator of meeting, Beckman Laser Institute, University of California, Irvine, March 13, 2009.
- Max Fine Cornea Society: Irregular Pupil ICE Syndrome, Beckman Laser Institute, University of California, Irvine, March 13, 2009.
- Imaging and Measurement Techniques in Ophthalmology: Confocal Images in ICE Syndrome, Beckman Center for the National Academies of Science, University of California, Irvine, April 25, 2009.
- Veterans Integrated Service Network 22: Advanced Clinic Access for Ophthalmology, Long Beach, California, May 13, 2009.
- SUNY Downstate Medical Center (Invited Speaker - Richard C. Troutman, M.D. Lecture): Femtosecond Laser Enabled Penetrating Keratoplasty, Brooklyn, New York, June 11, 2009.
- Gavin Herbert Eye Institute Colloquium: Moderator, Refractive Corneal and Cataract Surgeries: Presbyopia IOLs and Beyond, Irvine, California, September 26, 2009.
- Gavin Herbert Eye Institute Colloquium: Corneal Collagen Cross-Linking for Keratoconus and Ectasia, Irvine, California, September 26, 2009.
- Aspen Corneal Society: Results of Femtosecond Laser in PK and DALK, Snowmass, Colorado, February 16, 2010.
- International Congress on Surface Ablation, Femto-Lasers and Cross-Linking: Evaluating the Optimal UV Irradiation Treatment Parameters for CXL, Weston, Florida, May 1, 2010.
- Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Post-Operative Astigmatism in Femtosecond Laser Enabled Keratoplasty: Effect of Radial Alignment Marks, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 2, 2010.
- Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Comparison Study of Ultraviolet A Irradiance of $3\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$ versus $9\text{mW}/\text{cm}^2$ With Riboflavin on Corneal Collagen Cross-Linking Efficacy in Rabbit Eyes, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 5, 2010.
- Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology: Collagen Autofluorescence as a Marker for UVA-Riboflavin Corneal Crosslinking, Fort Lauderdale, Florida, May 5, 2010.

Lectures and Presentations (cont.)

Orange County Vision Symposium (Discovery Eye Foundation):
Crosslinking and Research for the Future, Irvine, California,
June 26, 2010.

American Academy of Ophthalmology Course 443: Surgical Correction of
Astigmatism – Advances in Corneal Cross-Linking (CXL), Chicago,
Illinois, October 18, 2010.

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