The Jacob Moses MD Lectureship Fund has been established with gifts made in his memory from his son, James L. Moses, MD of Canal Winchester, Ohio.

Dr. Moses was born July 25, 1914 to Phillip and Sarah Moses in Washington, PA. He received his undergraduate degree in Biology at Washington & Jefferson College and his medical degree at Western Reserve Medical School. He completed both his ophthalmology residency and fellowship at The Cleveland Clinic Foundation.

Dr. Moses was practicing ophthalmology from 1945 to 2002, almost until his death on October 15, 2003. He joined the faculty of the Department of Ophthalmology in 1946, holding various positions from instructor to clinical professor. During his tenure, he contributed substantially to the clinical growth of the Department during its early years. He was instrumental in educating and training numerous medical students and residents including those undertaking clinical rotations at Mount Carmel Hospital, where he held many administrative positions, including Ophthalmology Program Director.

Dr. Moses was a member of the American Medical Association and The American Academy of Ophthalmology. He was a diplomat of the American Board of Ophthalmology. He received multiple commendations for his contributions in medicine in general and the ophthalmic services in particular.

His career spanned seven decades during which time he saw hundreds of thousands of patients and treated an wide variety of eye diseases and disorders, and performed thousands of medical and surgical procedures.

He was known as a compassionate, contributing individual and physician whose thoroughness, tenacity, and endurance were unequalled.

Dr. Moses was a devoted husband to his wife of 63 years, Florence E. Moses, and father to their six children. He was an avid biologist, an accomplished clarinetist, and devoted to athletic programs, including OSU’s football program.

Join us for the inaugural Jacob Moses Lectureship to be held April 19, 2012, with guest speaker Sunny McCord, MD, an oculoplastic surgery specialist from Atlanta, GA. To RSVP, contact Barb Landolfi at 614-293-8760.
If you need an excuse to play golf on a beautiful day in June, then playing for charity and getting to meet internationally acclaimed animal advocate Jack Hanna would be a good one. The BuckEYE Golf classic provided just such an opportunity to the over 100 charity golfers that participated in this year's event. Jack took time to greet and take photos with participants and answer questions about his animal chums that he brought with him. He also let us know about his personal connection to eye care.

“I am here obviously for a great cause, but the other reason is the fact that I was legally blind,” said Jack. “That is blind without glasses, when I was seven years old. I will never forget the time when I got my first pair of glasses. I told my mother, ‘I can see the leaves on the trees.’”

Charity participants were enamored with the many furry and feathered friends that Jack brought along with him. Among them were a flamingo, a penguin, a serval cat (cheetah-like creature), a wombat, a dingo, and an armadillo, to name a few. Even after the golfers were out on the OSU Scarlet Golf Course, the topic of conversation still centered around our incredible special guest, Jack Hanna, and which of the animals were their favorite: Warren the flamingo or Kenya the serval.

In addition to a great day of golf, participants got a special hands-on preview of the EYESi Surgical Simulator, an innovative teaching tool, which the proceeds from this year’s event will help purchase.

“We take great pride in our residency program and our commitment to train the best ophthalmologists and surgeons of tomorrow,’ said Department Chairman, Thomas Mauger, MD. ‘Providing the highest quality resident education has always been a tenet of our department and we now have a wonderful opportunity to continue this tradition with the EYESi.”

The success of this year’s outing, as with other years, was due to the many amazing community sponsors that showed their support; sponsors like Bernstein Global Investments, Resource One, Mauck2: Custom Transport Vehicles, Group Benefits Agency, Arlington Optical, Taft Law Firm, Carl Zeiss, Haag Streit, Heine, and many more. (For a complete list visit, www.eye.osu.edu/events)

“Fifth Third Bank is very proud to partner with the OSU Medical Center and recognizes the importance of technology in the medical field,” said Matt Mazza, Healthcare Relationship Manager for Fifth Third Bank. “We are pleased to able to help support medical innovations, such as the EYES Surgical Simulator. Fifth Third Bank is also a partner of the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium, and it was great to have Jack Hanna, international animal advocate, as this year’s special guest.”

Another long-standing advocate for the Havener Eye Institute, Robert McKinlay, MD, was enthusiastic about the training capabilities of the surgical simulator.

“I’m grateful for my long-term association with the Department,” said Dr. McKinlay. “I enjoy attending the golf outing every year and being able to support the residency program any way I can.”

After another successful golf outing, which raised $46,000 for the Residency Program, Jack offered a last word of encouragement.

“I know what being without sight even for a short period of time can be like,” said Jack. “I work with a lot of older and younger people who do not have their eyesight and it is unfathomable to me. It is amazing what you folks at Ohio State are doing. It’s tremendous.”
WEBER LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

A news item should, if possible, convey some element of surprise. Unfortunately, few will be surprised to learn that Paul A. Weber MD has been awarded the 2011 Lifetime Achievement Award from The Ohio State University College of Medicine.

Dr. Weber joined the Faculty in 1978 and served as Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology from 1988 until 2004. He has received numerous well-deserved teaching awards. He was the first recipient of the Makley-Battles Teaching Award and received the Pre-Clincal Teaching Award in 1993, 1994, 1996 and 1997 and the Outstanding Teaching Award in 1998. He was selected as the Pre-Clinical Professor of the Year in 1999 and 2000 and Professor of the Year in 2000. He was honored with an Excellence in Teaching Award for Ophthalmology in 2002. In 2003, he received the Medical Alumni Teaching Award and the Faculty Teaching Award.

From his gracious smile to his colorful bowties, Dr. Weber is the embodiment of the gentleman doctor. His teaching style is legendary and students are immediately put at ease by his calm demeanor and engaging personality. When we asked for a few words from colleagues and residents, the response was overwhelming.

“Dr. Weber was the first person that I interviewed with when I came to OSU to look at the ophthalmology residency,” said Chief Resident Bryan Custin, MD. “I was struck by his presence and sincerity. He gave me his business card and when I went home that night, I pinned it up on my bulletin board. That card has not moved in four years. It is a reminder to me of his commitment and inspires me to be more like him.”

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“There is no person in the world like Dr. Weber,” stated third-year resident Adam Cloud, MD. “He is more than a mentor, more than a role model, more than an educator. He is everything that a physician or ophthalmologist is. He is everything that we strive to be. He reminds me of what medicine is all about. We are incredibly lucky to know him, to work with him, and to learn from him.”

“Paul Weber was one of the reasons I chose to come to OSU as a resident many years ago and a major reason I am on faculty today,” said Residency Program Director Alan Leston, MD. “He is an icon of professionalism and quality in medical care and education. Most importantly, he has been a great friend.”

There are many more who would love to contribute a few words in honor of Dr. Weber but there simply isn’t enough space. Their sentiments however can be encompassed by Ophthalmology Chairman Thomas Mauger, MD.

“Dr. Weber is an outstanding educator of medical students, residents and fellows. He is simply one of the best physicians and teachers that I have ever met.”

- Chairman Thomas Mauger, MD

PATTI BLOW RESEARCH TEAM

Most all of us donate to one or more charities. The goal of giving is to support a worthwhile cause to make a difference in people’s lives. Through the philanthropy of Warner and Patti Blow, the Department, under the guidance of Dr. Frederick Davidorf, has established the Patti Blow Research Team to make a difference in patients with eye cancer.

Last month we celebrated the 10th anniversary of the lab and reviewed many of the accomplishments. Dr. Steven Gabbe, CEO OSU Medical Center, welcomed and thanked the Blows for their support of the lab have determined the role of chromosomal abnormalities in the prognosis of patients with ocular melanoma.

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A flurry of activity surrounds the new James Cancer Hospital as it rises from the recently poured foundation and reminds us of the great heights which can be achieved when individuals are dedicated to one purpose. A modern up of a multitude of complex systems interact- Ophthalmology is devoted to a collab- erative, multidisciplinary approach that technology, and expertise of the OSU Medical Center and helps us improve the therapeutic MS treatments. Since MS can cause Pregabalin can cause vision problems, Dr. Hendershot monitors study participants for changes in their visual field. Susan Koletar, MD from Infectious Diseases began investigating therapeutic vaccinations for HIV patients and called on Rebecca Kuenen, MD of Ophthalmology's Anterior Segment Division to evaluate the ocular health of participants. “It’s extremely gratifying,” said Dr. Kuenen, “to be a part of a clinical trial for a vaccination that could make such an impact on patient lives.” Two members of Ophthalmology’s Retina division, Colleen Cebulla, MD, PhD and Michael Wells, MD are assisting Michael Go, MD of Heart & Vascular Center to understand the feasibility of using bone marrow concentrate for the treatment of critical limb ischemia, a severe blockage in arteries of the lower extremities. The bone marrow will promote better vascular health, but, because it is a systemic treatment, it will affect all parts of the body including the eye. Dr. Cebulla and Dr. Wells examine the blood vessels in the back of the eye to ensure that the treatment does not negatively af- fect the vision of study participants. Dr. Cebulla and Retina Division Director Alan Letson, MD have partnered with Endocrinologist Kwame Osei, MD on multiple projects. Dr. Osei is a national leader in the field of diabetes, a condi- tion that affects nearly 26 million Americans. The ocular impact of diabetes is one of the most devastating effects of the disease. "When you know that you are helping to develop something entirely new” said Dr. Christoforidis, “something that will give patients better outcomes, it’s exciting.” In the College of Optometry, Aaron Zimmerman, MD is comparing the optical quality and impact resistance of football helmet facemasks. "One of the great things about working at Ohio State,” said Dr. Weber, “are the vast resources that are available to you. This allows wonderful opportunities for collaboration. These collaborations result in research findings that can then be taken into the clinical setting resulting in advancements in caring for our patients here and around the world.” The stories are endless; as the conclu- sion of one partnership often gives rise to many more. It is that undying spirit of collaboration that fuels our successes and ultimately brings our patients closer to seeing and feeling better; and that is one cause that everyone can support.
and well, if the Department thinks I'm good said to himself, “They gave me this award Eli. G. Alcorn prize in ophthalmology. for 36 months, but Jack managed to State. There were no vacations, or breaks School program ever offered at Ohio enrolled in the first three-year Medical After attending Capital University, he people, so he followed his father’s advice. ‘How are you going to help people? You should be a doctor.” He did want to help their patients. Despite their similar results, both were selected as chief Resident in their residencies in brand new buildings, Columbus, Ohio. At that time, the ophthalmology clinic was housed in Staring Loving Hall, the original hospital. The Chairman, Arthur Culler, MD, a former Navy Captain, was “not a tall man, but ran a tight ship.” Dr. Rummel, familiar with militaristic rigor, survived and thrived under the leadership of Dr. Culler managing to become chief resident his final year.

Every Sunday morning,” he recalls, “they would have Grand Rounds and invite area ophthalmologists to bring interesting cases. The Chief Resident had to present them and the patients got a free exam. We were never happy to get up that early on a Sunday, but we learned so much and saw such a diversity of conditions; it was a fantastic opportunity!”

After residency Dr. Rummel completed a fellowship with Bob Quinn, MD in Chilli-cothe, Ohio and began his private practice in Massillon, Ohio. After seven years and five children, he moved his family west to Prescott, Arizona to become the only practicing ophthalmologist north of Phoenix.

For some rare soul, ophthalmology is not just a rewarding career but a lifelong passion and William Rummel, MD is certainly among them. After 60 years in ophthalmology, Dr. Rummel continues to work two mornings a week seeing patients in the Arizona ophthalmology practice he has since passed down to his sons.

William spent most of his early life in Pennsylvania. He was born in Johnstown and grew up in Glenshaw where he graduated from Shade High School. He attended Juniata College in Huntingburg, PA during World War II received his medical degree from Habimatsu University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, and after which he began a tour in the Navy.

Dr. Rummel’s interest in Ophthalmology began while studying Aviation Medicine in Pensacola, Florida. He also met “a wonderful girl” who was studying to be a nurse and they have now been married for 61 years. He served as a flight surgeon for the Marine Fighter Group during the Korean War. until his release from the military in 1955.

While attending a basic science course in Ophthalmology in Maine, he met Tod Malkey, MD, an instructor visiting from The Ohio State University. It was Dr. Malkey who encouraged him to become an ophthalmology resident in Columbus, Ohio.

Seldom has the phrase “Like father like son” been more true than for Jack Hendershot, MD and Andrew Hendershot, MD. Both are practicing ophthalmologists, both attended medical school at The Ohio State University both completed residencies at the Harris Eye Institute, both started their residencies in brand new buildings, both were selected as chief Resident in their final year, and both are beloved by their patients. Despite their similar results, their stories could not be more different.

Jack Hendershot, MD

Jack grew up in North Canton, Ohio. His father was an extremely busy family practice doctor. Jack remembers many vaca-tions that we cut short because a patient went into labor and his father needed to be back for the delivery. He was not sure that medicine was the life for him, but his father took him aside and asked him, “How are you going to help people? You should be a doctor.” He did want to help people, so he followed his father’s advice.

After attending Capital University he enrolled in the first three-year Medical School program ever offered at Ohio State. There were no vacations or breaks for 36 months, but Jack managed to graduate with honors and even won the Eli G. Alcorn prize in ophthalmology.

When it came to deciding his specialty he said to himself, “They gave me this award and well, if the Department thinks I’m good and like it, I guess I’ll do ophthalmology.”

This was in the beginning of micro-surgery and implants so it was a very exciting time with new technology and new techniques. Because of his training he was able to bring the latest advances to the private practice that he started in Findlay, Ohio. His relationship with Ohio State helped him to maintain that techno-logic edge during his 32 years.

“My career has been very rewarding and very challenging because of all of the things that I’ve seen change over the years. I feel blessed to have had a career that I like, that I’m good at, and it has been unbelievably satisfying.”

Andrew Hendershot, MD

Growing up in Findlay, Ohio. Andy saw first-hand the impact that his dad made in the community. It was not uncom-mon that a patient would approach them when they were in town and say, “Andy, your dad saved my eye!” or “Your dad made it so I could see again.”

There was never any pressure for Andy to become a doctor. He made the deci-sion for himself. By shadowing several physicians while still in high school to be sure. The real challenge came when deciding in which area to specialize. Residencies are so competitive; candi-dates usually have to start doing research before they start medical school.

“A lot has changed” said Andy “from when my dad was studying ophthalmol-ogy. He applied to one medical school and they offered him a position right there. I don’t know how many medical schools I applied to, but I interviewed all over the country. For residency he applied to one program and they asked him if he wanted to stay and he said ‘Yeah. And that was it. Now it is so tightly regulated. We have to rank. His journey was very different from mine.”

Andy had rotated through Ophthalmology, but had not been overly impressive. He decided to go into General Surgery instead. A few months into his internship he realized that he had made a mistake. The hours were intense and it lacked the per-sonal satisfaction for which he had hoped.

He applied to ophthalmology mid-year knowing that he would fail behind by a year as the residency positions were undeniably filled. Luckily one of the current ophthalmology residents also decided to pursue a different residency and he was able to take her spot. After his residency and an anterior segment fellowship, he joined the faculty. Now he feels like he has made the right decision and so does his dad.

“I hear from people all the time saying ‘He’s doing a great job. He’s good with patients. He’s very good surgically’ said Jack. ‘I couldn’t be more proud.’

LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON

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Today all of his three sons are physicians, two of which are ophthalmologists who practice with him and the other son is practicing internal medicine in Florida. His two daughters are both registered nurses, the younger assists in the office.

Dr. Rummel also acts as a Senior Exam-iner for the Civilian Aviation Medical Asso-ciation (CAMAI), an organization which performs physicals for pilots and gets his exercise at his 80-acre apple orchard which is surrounded by the National For-rest northwest of Prescott.

Meanwhile, the career he’s lived and loved which started in Ohio, is still grow-ing in Arizona, as he continues assisting eye patients in the same practice he had for over half a century. Now that’s dedication.
The following is a Department listing of abstracts presented at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology’s 2011 Annual Meeting in Fort Lauderdale, FL, including those which received “Hot Topic” awards.


John Christoforidis, George Hinkle, Michelle Cafton, Michael Knopp. “PET/CT Imaging of Intraretinal Radioactive Bexarotene and Bexarotene in A Balb Mice Model” (BEST TOPIC)

Vema V Christopher, B. Cabilia CM, Davidoff FH, Abbe Craven, MD. “Monoclonal Tumor 3 status of metastatic uveal melanomas is associated with rapid progressive therapy-resistant”

Vaccarella UK, Abbe Craven, FH, Davidoff FH. “Molecular Genetic Testing of Uveal Melanoma: An Examination of the Practice Patterns of American Ophthalmologists”

Christopher B. Cabilia CM, Maksy Jr. FH, Davidoff FH, Abbe Craven, FH. “Molecular Genetic Testing of Uveal Melanoma from Routinely Processed and Stained Cytology Specimens”.

Benjamin D. Abramowitz, Ashraf M. Mahmoud, Cynthia J. Roberts. “Comparison of Topographic Changes During Continuous Silicone Hydrogel Contact Lens Wear”


Bongui Kim, Cynthia J. Roberts, Ashraf M. Mahmoud, Deborah M. Grzybowski, Paul A. Weber. Zhao Y. “Topographic Effect of Micro-Nanoengineered Polymer Substrates on Cultured Trabecular Meshwork Cells” Accepted as a Poster at ARVO.

Lekki Zhang, Cynthia J. Roberts, Alan D. Letson, Ronald Xu. “Comparison of Astigmatism and Limbus-contracted risk factors for targeted delivery in age-related macular degeneration”


Wol PB, Meuger TF, Eastman R, Nordenfelt AI. “Clinical interpretation compared with clinical and microbiological findings in dry-dry keratitis; review of 64 cases”

Colabia CM, Zaleska C, Scott MA, Bingham A, Fischer AI. “Novel Cone-rich Retinal Detachment Model in the Chick” (BEST TOPIC)

The Ohio State University Medical School, Wright State Medical School

NEW RESIDENTS

Lindsay Adam, MD
Undergraduate
College of William & Mary
Medical School
Wright State Medical School

Megan Chambers, MD
Undergraduate
Kenyon College
Medical School
Wright State Medical School

Abbe Craven, MD
Undergraduate
The Ohio State University
Medical School
The Ohio State University

Sarah Escott, MD
Undergraduate
Hope College
Medical School
The Ohio State University

Ellen Miller, MD
Undergraduate
The Ohio State University
Medical School
The Ohio State University

John Wellsing, MD
Undergraduate
Birmingham Young University
Medical School
The Ohio State University

ALLA KUKUYEV, MD
Jules Stein Eye Center at the University of California Los Angeles has asked Dr. Kukuyev to complete a Uveitis Fellowship.

LENA CHHEDA, MD
Dr. Chheda will be continuing her education at the Havenier Eye Institute by completing a Corneal and External Disease Fellowship.

AARON DAVIS, MD
Dr. Davis will remain in Columbus, Ohio to continue his training at the Havenier Eye Institute until October 2011.

BILL LAWHON, MD
Dr. Lawhon has chosen a Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship at the University of Texas Southwest in Dallas TX.

CATE OLSON, MD
 Nationwide Children’s Hospital welcomed our 2011 Chief Resident Dr. Olson to their Pediatric Ophthalmology Fellowship.

VISHAL VERMA, MD
Dr. Vishal has joined the Greater Ohio Eye Surgeons in Springfield, Ohio to practice Comprehensive Ophthalmology.

TRUSTEE-AT-LARGE
JOHN R. STECHSCHULTE, MD

Dr. Stechschulte, a Havenier Eye Institute clinical faculty member, has recently been elected by the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) as a Trustee-at-Large. He previously served on the Academy Board, as the Vice Chair and then Chair of the Academy Council, as an Alternate Councilor for six years and then Councilor for the State of Ohio.

Dr. Stechschulte is a Notre Dame gradu- ate, with a medical degree from The Ohio State University. His residency was at Wills Eye Hospital, where he served as co-chief resident. He completed a cornea/anterior segment fellowship at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. He was then appointed as a clinical instructor at OSU Havenier Eye Institute. As a corneal, refractive and anterior seg- ment consultant, Dr. Stechschulte performs specialty surgery and provides general ophthalmic medical care. He is also participates in our Annual BuckEYE Golf Classic, which supports our residents.
Ever since she was old enough to put crayons to paper, Virginia Krause Hess wanted to be an artist. From a family of artists, including her great-great-grandfather who had taught art to the Kaiser back in Germany, she could not imagine being anything else.

At the age of four, her dreams and those of the entire nation were shaken when the stock market crashed beginning the Great Depression. Her parents, who were both pharmacists, tried to insist that she be more “practical” and follow in their profession, but she persevered and utilized scholarships to pay for her art education, winning her first at the age of eleven.

Today, Virginia, who lives in Dayton, Ohio, has sculptures and paintings all over the country including at the Smithsonian, the National Football Hall of Fame, and The Ohio State University. In fact, one of her sculptures is on display in Eaux Abbey Le Mans France.

At 60, Virginia had noticed a gradual loss of vision in her right eye and went to her local ophthalmologist. She was diagnosed with low tension glaucoma, a chronic condition which causes peripheral visual loss.

Her case was a difficult one and for the next six years she saw many specialists from the Mayo Clinic to Stanford where she met Dr. Susan Ryu.

“She looked at me and said, ‘Well, you really have a bad case of it.’ Almost half of my sight was gone. Then she said, ‘Why are you here? You’ve got the best doctor in the world in Columbus.’”

Dr. Ryu referred Virginia to Dr. Paul Weber at Ohio State. Twenty years later and a medical chart “six-inches thick”, she knows that it was the right decision.

“I had been to many other doctors and they kinda just threw their hands up. They said they couldn’t, weren’t able to control it. Thank God for Dr. Weber. If it hadn’t been for him, I would have been blind years ago. I can’t imagine not being able to see and enjoy life.”

Now 86, she still works on her art every day and is grateful for the vision she was so close to losing.

“He is a rare human being and so encouraging, never once did I feel that I couldn’t be helped by him and he was right. He did help me. I don’t know how I could ever thank him.”

One way that she has tried to show her appreciation is through donations to the Department to fund research to end glaucoma.

“I wish I could do more. You think about how many lives you change with any kind of donation. I’m happy to be able to make a difference.”

With a population of over 1.2 billion citizens, the largest concentration of people living below the World Bank’s international poverty line of $125/day and only one ophthalmologist per 100,000 citizens, eye care in India is often out of reach for those who need it most.

In early 2011, Lena Chheda, MD (a fourth-year resident) and Thomas Mauger MD (Department Chair) traveled to Kutch, a desert region in the northwest part of the country. Earthquakes in 2001 had devastated the already underdeveloped area, leaving very little infrastructure.

Dr. Chheda had always wanted to participate in international missions, but felt Dr. Chheda’s had started a clinic which hosts a medical specialty every month and treats as many people as they can. They go out to the villages all over the state to hold large screening events. People line up for hours and are divided into the different ophthalmic categories (cataracts, surgical patients, patients who need glasses, etc.). Surgical patients are then brought to the clinic and are given free food and housing for the duration of their surgery and post-operative care.

During the week of their visit, Dr. Mauger and Dr. Chheda saw patients in the morning and performed surgeries in the afternoon.

“When I was growing up, I heard about this amazing clinic that helps so many people. It’s why I got into ophthalmology. When you go to other countries, it’s a completely different attitude. They are so grateful for their opportunities and the physicians that help them. There is so much appreciation; it makes you enjoy what you do so much more. I can’t wait for my next opportunity to go back.”

Considering the rural area, the facilities were fairly modern, however, many surgical items still needed to be donated. Antibiotics, intraocular lenses, eye drops, and medical supplies were provided by Alcon.

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Virginia with Dr. Weber

Bronze Bust of Charles E. Taylor, who built the first aircraft engine for the Wright brothers.
NATIONALLY RENOWNED SPEAKERS AT EYE ROUNDS

Those who attended the May EyeRounds, heard talks from nationally renown speakers on the topic of Proliferative Vitreoretinopathy (PVR), a development of scar tissue after retinal detachment.

Dal Chun, MD a vitreo-retinal surgeon with the Walter Reed Army Medical Center, was the first to speak and showed video footage of some of the 200 severe PVR cases that he has treated, most from ocular and retinal trauma primarily from soldiers in battle in Iran and Afghanistan. He also showed different, innovative ways of treating patients living with such severe PVR.

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Gary Abrams, MD, Chairman of Kresge Eye Institute, spoke about the different types of PVR surgery. He advocated the use of retinectomies for advanced cases of PVR. He showed many outcomes and different clinical series that he had conducted in the past.

“All of the lectures were informative and very well-received,” said Dr. Frederick Davidorf, whose Davidorf Lectureship Series supports continuing education events like EyeRounds. “We were very fortunate to have such outstanding speakers and I look forward to supporting future educational opportunities.”

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