Welcome to the inaugural issue. A monthly observation with visionary insight into the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at the Yale University School of Medicine.

Message from Dr. Lucian Del Priore:

The last few weeks have challenged us in a way that few of us have been challenged before, as we respond to the challenges of caring for patients in the environment of Covid-19. We cannot thank you enough for your professionalism, integrity and tremendous response to this pandemic in our community. Your dedication to taking care of our patients while being at risk yourself is unlike anything I have witnessed in recent times; the closest analogy I can think of is the response required by health care professionals during the AIDS pandemic nearly 3 decades ago, before the virus was identified and mode of transmission was understood clearly. Now, as then, physicians, nurses, technicians, office staff, and the numerous people that are needed to keep a medical center running, including janitors and maintenance personnel, have been asked to step forward as we respond to this pandemic with a sense of dedication and purpose to our patients. We know that these efforts have come under conditions of enormous stress, as we try to balance the need of our patients with our own vulnerability as human beings, understandably afraid and concerned for our own health as well as the health of our family members while caring for others. We are grateful for our entire dedicated health care team, including our nurses, technicians, photographers, administrative staff, and front office personnel who have been dealing with patient-related issues on a daily basis. In addition, we are grateful for the numerous ophthalmology faculty members who have volunteered to staff the medical floors in this pandemic, despite the risk to their own health – your efforts are noted and so appreciated as we function as part of the Yale Medicine team.

We hope that you enjoyed this newsletter, edited by Dr. Brian DeBroff. Stay safe during this challenging time!
A special thank you to Yale Medicine Ophthalmology faculty who volunteered support to work on the medical floors at Yale New-Haven Hospital!

(Dr. Jessica Chow, Dr. Chris Teng, Dr. Ninani Kombo, Dr. Jill Rotruck, Dr. Asad Mohavedan, Dr. Soshian Sarrafpour)

Faculty Recruitment to Yale Ophthalmology:

Yvonne Wang MD
She is completing a fellowship in Cornea at Baylor College of Medicine and completed her residency at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and will be joining the Cornea Section.

Jay Wang MD
He is completing a fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and completed his residency at Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and will be joining the Retina Section.

Yale Medicine Ophthalmology in the News:

Michael Crair MD in Yale News:
“Yale is delighted to join university colleagues around the country in pledging our intent to develop and deploy critically important technologies to fight COVID-19 infections without delay,” said

Ron Adelman, MD in Yale News:
Fifteen Yale faculty members — including the new dean of the Yale School of Medicine — are among the state’s leading experts in science, engineering, medicine, and technology who have been elected as members

Vicente Diaz MD in Health.com
It’s not uncommon for a viral illnesses to show up in the eyes. “Many viral illnesses can affect the eye, typically causing a follicular type of conjunctivitis,” Vicente Diaz, MD, a Yale Medicine ophthalmologist, tells
Michael Crair, MD, Yale's vice provost for research, William Ziegler III Professor of Neuroscience, and professor of ophthalmology & visual science. “Fighting this pandemic requires cooperation and coordination amongst all levels of academic, corporate and government partners, and barriers imposed by intellectual property or licensing agreements have no place in limiting our response to this global crisis.”

The new CASE members — 36 in all — will be introduced at the academy’s 45th annual meeting and dinner on May 26 at The University of Connecticut (Storrs campus). Included from the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science: Ron Adelman, professor of ophthalmology and visual science, Yale School of Medicine.

Upcoming Meetings:

Clinical Faculty Meeting: Friday, May 15th, 4pm - 5pm
Clinical Faculty Meeting: Tuesday, May 19th, 4pm - 5pm
Clinical Faculty Meeting: Friday, May 22nd, 4pm - 5pm
General Faculty Meeting: Tuesday, May 26th, 4pm - 5pm
Clinical Faculty Meeting: Friday, May 29th, 4pm - 5pm

Yale Eye Meetings:
Retina Symposium – April 17: Cancelled
Yale Ophth Society – May 29: Cancelled

Grand Rounds:
May 15th 7:30-8:30 am: Endothelial Keratoplasty - Real World Outcomes - Dr. Divya Srikumaran
May 22nd 7:30-8:30 am: Research Day - “Giant Retinal Tears” - Dr. Stanley Chang
May 29th 7:30-8:30 am: QI Projects
June 5th 7:30-8:30 am: Case Presentations - Jessica Chen, MD and Asadolah Movahedian, MD

Topics in Ophthalmology:

Each edition of Yale Ophthalmology InSight will feature a new topic (feel free to submit any paper or topic of interest to BMD); this month, a timely article on COVID-19 and the eye.

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