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Macular scar from toxoplasmosis chorioretinitis

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From the Editor's Desk

We hope you have enjoyed a lovely Georgia summer. It seems to have passed all too quickly again as we now are ready for fall. It is my favorite season due to the cooler weather and the changing of the leaves. And of course, the excitement for the start of football season! This fall there is also excitement at Georgia Retina. We welcome another doctor to our practice, Dr. Daniel Oh, and we have moved two office locations to better facilitate taking care of your patients.



Dr. Paul S. Wallia

We are also excited to see each other more often and in person again. With several upcoming meetings, we hope to have the opportunity to connect again soon. Georgia Retina remains committed to providing exceptional medical and surgical care. We are proud that you entrust us with the retinal care of your patients.



Meet Our Doctors

With more than 80 years of combined experience in retinal health care, Georgia Retina's physicians have served the Metro Atlanta community since 1995.



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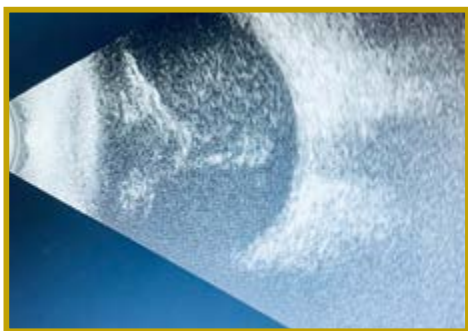
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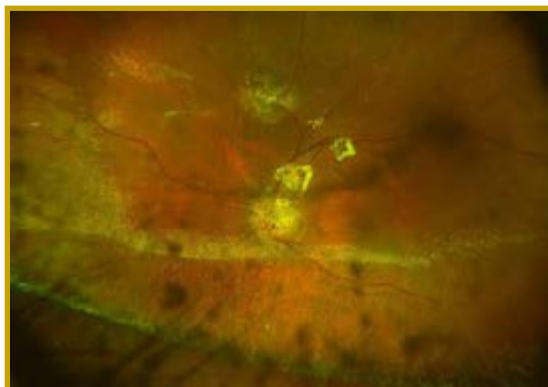
Fundus photograph showing Chorioretinal Folds. This patient underwent a workup to discover an underlying causative thyroid disorder.



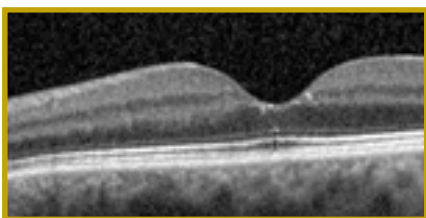
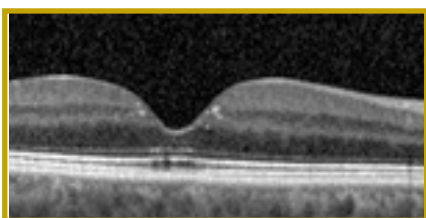
Fundus autofluorescence of early plaquenil toxicity that can be seen with parafoveal stippled autofluorescence. This patient was stopped from continued plaquenil intake based on her screening findings.



BScan ultrasound of funnel retinal detachment



Fundus photograph demonstrating silicone oil emulsification. This patient had successful surgery for a retinal detachment with silicone oil insertion then had surgery to remove the silicone oil.



OCT photograph showing parafoveal hyperreflective spots of crystalline deposits. This patient had a history of Tamoxifen usage which caused the crystalline deposits.

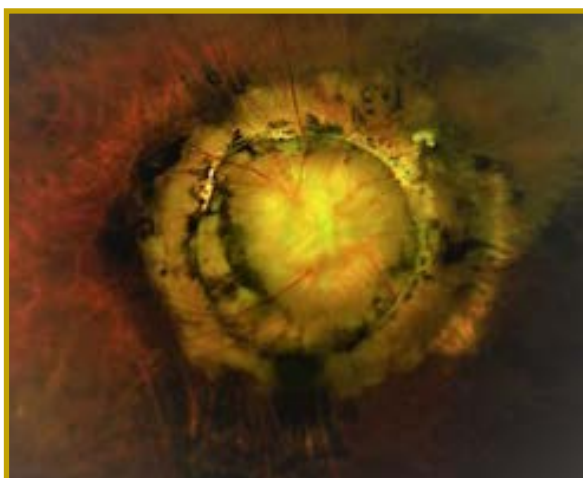


Photo of optic nerve avulsion following severe blunt trauma

Dr. Daniel Oh

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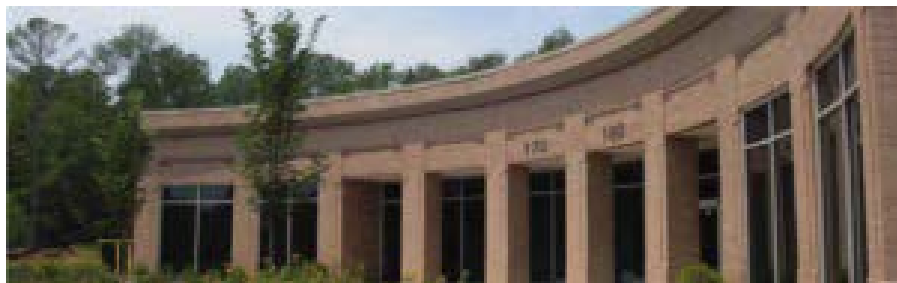
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Dr. Daniel Oh is a board-certified ophthalmologist specializing in the medical and surgical treatment of retinal diseases. He graduated from Harvard University with a Bachelors and Masters degree in chemistry. He received his medical degree from Harvard Medical School, in the Harvard-MIT Health Sciences and Technology track. During medical school, he completed a Howard Hughes Medical Institute research fellowship focusing on diabetic

retinopathy. He completed his internal medicine internship at the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center in Boston and his ophthalmology residency at the Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary of the University of Illinois at Chicago. During his final year of residency, he was selected as a chief resident. He also completed a premier vitreoretinal fellowship in New York City through a combined program with Columbia University, NYU, Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, and the Vitreous, Retina, Macula Consultants of New York.

Dr. Daniel Oh decided to pursue a career in ophthalmology because of the impact he could make on patients' quality of life. He enjoys forming meaningful and long-term relationships with his patients and is committed to providing each of them with compassionate care. His subspecialty of retina often draws challenging cases, including those referred by other physicians. He regularly collaborates with other physicians through his active memberships in the American Society of Retinal Specialists and the American Academy of Ophthalmology, in addition to his work as a reviewer for several ophthalmology journals. His research has been featured in major journals including the American Journal of Ophthalmology and JAMA Ophthalmology.

Practice News: Two Georgia Retina offices have relocated.



The Conyers office has moved to 1501 Milstead Rd, Suite 180 Conyers, GA 30012 and the Douglasville Office has moved to 6095 Professional Parkway,

Suite B-102, Douglasville, GA 30134. Both offices are fully equipped to provide cutting-edge care to patients with retinal conditions. In addition to state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment, the offices are equipped to provide patients with retinal procedures such as intravitreal injections, laser retinopexy, cryosurgery, and pneumatic retinopexy.

Georgia Retina remains proud to serve the Conyers and Douglasville communities. Dr. Hyung Cho and Dr. Yogin Patel practice in the Conyers office. Dr. Atul Sharma, Dr. John Miller, and Dr. Yogin Patel practice in the Douglasville office.



Clinical Trial Update

Georgia Retina has a long tradition of commitment to and participation in clinical trials in order to provide our patients access to new, state-of-the-art preventative, or therapeutic treatments. We partner with the National Eye Institute, some of the nation's top pharmaceutical companies, and other clinical practices to explore the causes and cures for many retinal conditions. Georgia Retina has a dedicated Clinical Research division with an experienced staff that assists patients in enrollment and participation in clinical trials. Through our participation, Georgia Retina has helped pave the way for many new therapies to make it to clinical practice and advance treatment strategies for blinding retinal conditions.

We take special care to ensure that our study patients experience the best medical care possible.

This past year we have been active in twenty-six clinical trials for wet age-related macular degeneration, geographic atrophy secondary to dry age-related macular degeneration, retinal vein occlusion, diabetic macular edema, and non-proliferative diabetic retinopathy.

We hope that as you consider where to refer your patients for retinal care, you will keep in mind that Georgia Retina not only provides exceptional care but can also offer your patients the opportunity to enroll in clinical trials thereby offering them new vision-saving treatments. If you have any questions about whether your patient might be eligible to participate in one of our ongoing clinical trials, please call any one of our doctors or contact our Clinical Research Director, Leslie Marcus (lmarcus@garetina.com).

Current Recruiting Clinical Trials:

- Wet AMD: Amgen Inc. 20170542, Notal Vision Home OCT
- Geographic Atrophy: Genentech GR40973 GAllego, Gyroscope Therapeutics GTSCOPE
- Diabetic Macular Edema: Alimera 01-20-005 The New Day, Kodiak Sciences KS301 GLIMMER
- Diabetic Retinopathy: Novo Nordisk NN9535-4352 FOCUS
- Branch Retinal Vein Occlusion: Roche GR41984 BALATON
- Central Retinal Vein Occlusion: Roche GR41986 COMINO

Spotlight with a Georgia Retina Doctor:

Dr. Greg Lee

In this edition of Spotlight with a Georgia Retina Doctor, we sit down with Dr. Greg Lee. Dr. Lee joined Georgia Retina after working as a Clinical Assistant Professor at New York University's Department of Ophthalmology. In addition to possessing outstanding clinical and surgical skills, he is very active in clinical research. He recently presented at the American Society of Retina Specialists Annual Meeting regarding data for surgical techniques to treat chronic and refractory macular holes.



Dr. Greg Lee

Dr. Lee practices in the Gainesville and Northside offices.

LightPipe: What made you choose retina?

Dr. Lee: Ophthalmology was a field I didn't know much about until late in medical school. I was immediately interested based on the precise and delicate surgical techniques used to improve or save patients' vision. More than that, I was amazed to see the impact that the field could have on patients' lives and quality of life. Within ophthalmology, the retina was even more of those things I loved about ophthalmology. Patients often come to the retina clinic with vision loss or are at high risk for vision loss, and the medicines and surgeries in modern-day retina are able to often restore and manage a lot of conditions that were previously untreatable and thus permanently blinding. Additionally, of particular interest to me, surgery has gotten even more intricate and delicate over the last 20 years with the ability to treat more conditions with less invasive methods and better outcomes.

Lightpipe: How did you end up at Georgia Retina?

Dr. Lee: Most of my training was in the Northeast, but I ventured south for retina-specific fellowship training in Lexington, Kentucky where I learned from incredible mentors, some of whom are the most innovative experts in our field. I went back to practice in New York City and taught at NYU-Langone, but I found the opportunity to join Georgia Retina too appealing to pass up. The other physicians and practice ethics were exactly in line with the type of practice I had dreamed of joining from when I first started in

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Spotlight with a Georgia Retina Doctor: Dr. Greg Lee

medicine – that is: do the best thing for the patients we treat, work hard, respect everyone you work with, and treat each other like a family/team. It was the best career decision, and I'm joyful every day that I come to work to be able to be part of this group.

Lightpipe: What do you do for fun?

Dr. Lee: I'm enthusiastically active. I've played competitive sports for most of my life from tennis, basketball, baseball, soccer, skiing, and golf. Since moving to Atlanta, I've been enjoying the great golf scene here and have seen a drop in my handicap to single digits, and have been involved with the tennis community through ALTA. Running can be difficult when it's hot but I enjoy going for runs along the belt line often. Lastly, I tell my friends the closest thing to surgery for me is cooking. I love to work with my hands and create dishes and try to stay as close to authentic as possible. My favorite dishes to make are a 2-day slow braised Korean short rib, and simple but delicious Italian dishes such as cacio e pepe and carbonara.

Lightpipe: Where was your last vacation?

Dr. Lee: My last vacation was to Tel Aviv followed by the Maldives with a long layover in London for 12 hours. It was a delayed honeymoon for my wife and me since we got married during the COVID pandemic and had delayed taking the vacation until travel restrictions from COVID had mellowed out.

Lightpipe: Where do you want to visit for your next vacation?

Dr. Lee: I hope to visit Thailand, Switzerland, and Japan on upcoming trips in the future. Many of my friends and family have already gone but I haven't had the time to do so with school, training, and work. Also, I'm looking forward to getting in several golf trips over the upcoming years to North Carolina, Wisconsin, Oregon, and Arizona to knock off some bucket list courses.



Thank you for reading our Fall 2022 Light Pipe Newsletter!

If you have time, please take a moment to answer a few questions about this year's publication.

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