

2011-2012 Medical Directors

Illinois Eye-Bank

Joel Sugar, M.D.

Dr. Sugar graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1969. Then, in 1972, he completed his residency in Ophthalmology at Washington University in St. Louis. He completed his fellowship in Cornea and External Diseases at the University of Florida in 1973. Dr. Sugar's research interests include mechanisms involved in the development of keratoconus and the treatment and prevention of herpes simplex eye disease. He is currently a Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at University of Illinois at Chicago.

Elmer Tu, M.D.

Dr. Tu is a graduate of the University of Miami School of Medicine. He completed his residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1992. Then, in 1993, he completed his fellowship in Cornea and External Disease at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Miami. Dr. Tu is currently an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at University of Illinois at Chicago, where he also serves as the Director of the Cornea Service, which sees patients with corneal infections, keratoconus, cataracts, tumors of the front portion of the eye, blepharitis, dry eyes, eyelid and conjunctival problems, and many other disorders.

Illinois Eye-Bank, Watson Gailey

Catharine Crockett, M.D.

Dr. Crockett graduated from the Indiana University School of Medicine in 1986, and completed her Ophthalmology residency at the Wills Eye Hospital in 1990. After her residency she continued her education with Fellowship training in cornea and external disease at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Currently, she is an ophthalmologist with Eye Surgical Associates in Bloomington, Illinois, where she sees both adult and pediatric patients.

Gregory Halperin, M.D.

A native of Chicago, Dr. Halperin attended Rush University Medical College in Chicago, where he received his medical degree in 1997. He completed his residency in Ophthalmology at Rush University St. Luke's Medical Center, and, in 2001, participated in a one year fellowship in cornea and external disease at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics. Dr. Halperin is currently an ophthalmologist at the Gailey Eye Clinic. He has a special interest in the latest techniques of cataract surgery and intraocular lens implantation, as well as laser and surgical treatment of glaucoma.

Michigan Eye-Bank

Alan Sugar, M.D.

In addition to volunteering his time as a Medical Director for the Michigan Eye-Bank, Dr. Sugar is also on Midwest Eye-Banks' Board of Directors. Dr. Sugar's areas of specialization include corneal transplantation, cataract and refractive surgery (LASIK, PRK, Intacs, conductive keratoplasty), and management of diseases of the cornea and conjunctiva. He graduated from the University of Michigan Medical School in 1969; then, in 1974, he completed his residency in Ophthalmology at Washington University in St. Louis. He completed his fellowship in Cornea and External Diseases at the University of Florida in 1975.

Qais Farjo, M.D.

Dr. Farjo is a graduate of the University of Michigan Medical School. He also completed his Ophthalmology Residency and a Fellowship in Corneal and Refractive Surgery at University of Michigan, where he also spent five years as an assistant professor. He is currently an assistant professor at the University of Toledo/ Medical University of Ohio. Dr. Farjo performs a variety of surgeries to reduce his patient dependence on glasses (LASIK, LASEK, CK and Intacs), as well as routine and complex cataract surgery and lens implant surgery, but he specializes in the repair of traumatized eyes.

Mark L. McDermott, M.D., M.B.A.

Dr. McDermott is a professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at the Wayne State University School of Medicine Kresge Eye Institute. He went to medical school at the University of Wisconsin, where he also completed his Ophthalmology Residency. He did his corneal fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin, and has an M.B.A. from University of Michigan. Dr. McDermott's clinical interests include complex cataract extraction and corneal transplantation.

Shahzad I. Mian, M.D.

In addition to volunteering his time as a Medical Director for the Michigan Eye-Bank, Dr. Mian also serves on Midwest Eye-Banks' Board of Directors. Dr. Mian's ophthalmological specialties include corneal transplantation, cataract and refractive surgery (LASIK, IntraLASIK, LASEK, PRK, CK), treatment of diseases and infections of the cornea, amniotic membrane grafts and limbal stem cell transplantation. His research interests include clinical studies in refractive surgery techniques and outcomes, corneal infections and dry eye disease. A 1996 graduate of Emory University, Dr. Mian completed his residency in Ophthalmology at the Wills Eye Hospital, Thomas Jefferson University, in 2000. He completed a fellowship in Cornea and Refractive Surgery at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard University, in 2002.

Douglas Shearer, M.D.

Dr. Shearer is an ophthalmologist at U.P. Eye Specialists in Marquette. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin Medical School, after which he was an intern at the Naval Regional Medical Center in San Diego. He did his residency at Naval Hospital in Oakland, California and completed a fellowship in Cornea and External Ocular Disease at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota.

H. Kaz Soong, M.D.

Dr. Soong is a graduate of the Columbia University Medical School and did his residency in ophthalmology at Johns Hopkins University. He completed a fellowship in Cornea and External Diseases at Harvard University. Dr. Soong also has a Master of Science in Biomedical Engineering from Cornell University. He is currently a Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at the University of Michigan. His specialty interests include corneal and conjunctival diseases, high-risk cornea transplants, posterior (deep) lamellar keratoplasty, LASIK, PRK and refractive surgery.

Lions Eye-Bank of New Jersey

David Shu-Chih Chu, M.D.

Dr. Chu has served as an Assistant Professor at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey (UMD-NJ), and as a Clinical Instructor/Resident Coordinator at New York Medical College. He is an attending physician at both UMD-N University Hospital and the East Orange Veterans Affairs Medical Center. In 1999, the Pan American Congress of Ophthalmology honored Dr. Chu with an award for his study of intracorneal precipitates among HIV+ patients. He resides in Morristown, New Jersey.

William Constad, M.D.

In addition to his faculty appointment as a Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-New Jersey Medical School, Dr. Constad has been in private practice with Hudson Eye Physicians and Surgeons since 1985. He has served on multiple committees for the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA) and Jersey City Medical Center, and has been named among the New York Metro Area's Top Doctors by Castle Connolly Medical, LTD. Dr. Constad has been directly involved with the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey since 1988, and has served as its Medical Director from 1992-95 and from 1997-present. He also serves on the Board of Directors for both the Lions Eye Bank of New Jersey and Midwest Eye-Banks.

Mark Lister, M.D.

Among his hospital appointments, Dr. Lister is Director of Cornea, External Disease and Ophthalmic Surgery at Metropolitan Hospital in New York City. He serves as an attending physician at Ocean County Medical Center in Brick, NJ, the Clara Maas Medical Center in Belleville, NJ and St. Mary Hospital in Jersey City.