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# ENVISION

LSU School of Medicine - Department of Ophthalmology

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## Message from LSU Eye Center Director:



The LSU Department of Ophthalmology and Eye Center are thriving. We are continuing to train and graduate exceptional residents year after year. We are also attracting clinicians and researchers who are passionate about their contributions to the field of ophthalmology. I am

excited to be a part of the amazing team that comprises the LSU Department of Ophthalmology and I am proud of the efforts they make to move us forward. I am also delighted to share our accomplishments with you, our loyal supporters and benefactors.

- Jayne S. Weiss, MD

*“Everyone at the LSU Eye Center on St. Charles Avenue was excellent, very pleasant and helpful but most of all caring”*

-Eileen Culotta

## Faculty News:



Welcome to Lena Al-Dujaili, MD a glaucoma specialist joining us in August 2017. She completed LSU Medical School in June 2012, Ophthalmology Residency at LSU in June 2016 and will complete a Glaucoma Fellowship at Tulane in July 2017. To make an appointment call 504.412.1200 for our 3700 St. Charles Clinic location.

*“I love Dr. Reinoso and her staff in Ophthalmology. They are taking great care of me.”*

## Faculty Accolades:

Aravinda Rao, MD was chosen to participate in the American Association of Medical Colleges Leadership and Development Certificate Program.

Jayne S. Weiss, MD was invited to speak at the *Italian Society of Stem Cells and Ocular Surface* in June 2017 and at the *6th China Ocular Microcirculation Society Annual Meeting-International Ophthalmology Conference* in August 2017 on her work in corneal dystrophies.

Maria Reinoso, MD—LSU Residency Program Director

Christine Connolly, MD—Assistant Residency Program Director

Best Wishes to Marie Acierno, MD who is departing LSU as Residency Program Director to join Mayo Clinic in Phoenix, Arizona.

-Vicki Johns

## Residency & Fellow News:

### American Academy of Ophthalmology 2017 Mid Year Forum

Four LSU Ophthalmology residents, Drs. Jennifer Gallagher, Asghar Haider, Ronak Patel and Austin Pharo attended the forum held in Washington, DC.

Austin Pharo, MD received a travel award to attend Mid Year Forum as the winner of the American Academy of Ophthalmology 2016 EyeWiki residents and fellows in training contest.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2017 GRADUATES!

### Residents:

- Brian Bodnarchuk, MD**—joining the Ophthalmology Group in Paducah, KY
- Curtis Brown, MD**—joining Lawrence Eye Care Associates in Lawrence, KS
- Sarah Covey, MD**—joining Eye Consultants of Texas in Grapevine, TX
- Nick Frisard, MD**—joining Eyecare Associates in Metairie, LA
- Jessica Weinstein, MD**—entering a Uveitis Fellowship at the University of Washington in Seattle, WA

### Retina Fellow:

- Eduardo Gonzalez, MD**—entering private practice in Puerto Rico

## Research News:

### Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) 2017

ARVO met in Baltimore, Maryland in May 2017 with representation from 75 countries and 11,000 attendees. LSU Department of Ophthalmology was very well represented at ARVO with 24 presentations on research discoveries.



LSU Medical Student Jonathan Fuerst and Chief Resident Dr. Jessica Weinstein with faculty members Drs. William Gordon and Minghao Jin at ARVO 2017

## LSU Eye Center is chosen as a site for the multi center National Eye Institute funded Zoster Eye Disease Study (ZEDS)

Reactivation of shingles, caused by the varicella zoster virus, can involve the eye and lead to visual loss in herpes zoster ophthalmicus. Possible complications are inflammation of the front of the eye, leading to corneal scarring and loss of corneal sensation. Oral antiviral medication administered within 72 hours of symptom onset is known to greatly reduce the risk of subsequent postherpetic neuralgia. The goal of the multi center National Eye Institute funded ZEDS study is to determine whether complications of herpes zoster ophthalmicus can be reduced with prolonged suppressive oral antiviral treatment with valacyclovir. Patient enrollment will begin in late 2017—more information will be made available by study coordinator, Cara Rowe. Principal Investigator is Jayne S. Weiss, MD and Co-Investigators are Bruce Barron, MD and Maria Bernal, MD.

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