

**1999-2000
SUMMARY OF SCHOLARLY ACTIVITIES
DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY**

I. ARTICLES PUBLISHED IN BOOKS AND JOURNALS

A. Full length published articles.

M.S. Brown and A.M. Putterman. The Effect of Upper Blepharoplasty on Eyelid Position When Performed Concomitantly With Muller's Muscle Conjunctival Resection. *Ophthal. Plast. Reconstr. Surg.* 16(2):94-100 (2000).

M.S. Brown, I.M. Siegel, and R.D. Lisman. Prospective Changes in Corneal Topography and Refraction Following Upper Eyelid Surgery. *Ophthal. Plast. Reconstr. Surg.* 15(6):378-83 (1999).

M.S. Brown, K. Willy, and R.D. Lisman. Concomitant Ocular Injuries With Orbital Fractures. *J. Cranio-Maxillofac. Trauma* 5(3):41-49 (1999).

L.S. Rich. Learning Disorders. **IN:** Richard K. Parrish II (Ed.) Atlas of Ophthalmology. 72:535-538 (2000).

E.L. Massey and B.C. Weston. *Vibrio Vulnificus* Corneal Ulcer: Rapid Resolution of a Virulent Pathogen. *Cornea* 19(1):108-9 (2000).

B. Articles in press.

E.L. Wylen, M.S. Brown, L.S. Rich, and R.J. Hesse. Supernumerary Orbital Muscle in Congenital Lid Retraction. *Ophthal. Plast. Reconstr. Surg.* (2000).

M.S. Brown, V. Jindal, and P. Rubin. Digital Photography for the Ophthalmic Plastic Surgeon: Should You Abandon Your Polaroid? *Ophthal. Plast. Reconstr. Surg.* (2000).

II. PUBLISHED ABSTRACTS

D.A. Dean, K. Blair-Parks, X. Yan, R.N. Lausch, and B.C. Weston. Gene Delivery to the Cornea by Plasmid Injection and Electroporesis. *ARVO Annu. Mtg. Invest. Ophthal. Vis. Sci.* 41S264 (2000).

III. BOOKS PUBLISHED

None.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

M.S. Brown. Focus on Your Eyes: Eyelift. Thomas Hospital, Fairhope AL (1999).

M.S. Brown. (1) Digital Photography Made Ridiculously Simple!; and (2) Lacrimal Endoscopy, Balloon Dacryoplasty. Am. Acad. Ophthal. Annu. Mtg., Orlando, FL (1999).

S.L. Hupp. Visual Disturbances of Migraine. Am. Acad. Ophthal. Annu. Mtg., Orlando, FL (1999).

L.S. Rich. Vitamins, Nutrition and the Eye: Alternative Ophthalmology. (1) Am. Acad. Ophthal. Annu. Mtg., Orlando, FL (1999); and (2) Orange Beach Lions Club Mtg. Orange Beach, AL (2000).

L.S. Rich. Thyroid Ophthalmopathy. Eye Center South 2000 Seminar, Dothan, AL (2000).

Y.K. Weaver. Digital Photography Made Ridiculously Simple! Am. Acad. Ophthal. Annu. Mtg., Orlando FL (1999).

B.C. Weston. Iridocorneal Endothelial Syndrome. Assn. For Technical Personnel in Ophthal., Annu. Mtg., Orlando FL (1999).

B.C. Weston. Substance Abuse and the Eye. JCAHPO Annu. Mtg., Orlando FL (1999).

V. NATIONAL PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION

Saunders L. Hupp, M.D., is a member of the Diabetes 2000 National Operations Committee of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. He also serves on the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

Leonard S. Rich, M.D., serves on the Board of Directors of the Helen Keller Eye Research Foundation in Birmingham and the United States Eye Injury Registry Committee.

Bonnie C. Weston, M.D., serves on the Board of Directors of the Alabama Academy of Ophthalmology. She received an Award of Appreciation from the Alabama Eye Bank (2000).

VI. BRIEF SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT ACTIVITIES AND PROGRESS

Over the last few academic years, the Department of Ophthalmology has seen increased interest by our medical students in pursuing a career in Ophthalmology. Two years ago, five USA medical students entered the match program. Last year, one USA medical student matched an eye residency program; and, this year, there have been a number of interested students. Medical students are encouraged to take electives within our Department, and our faculty are available for career counseling. Faculty members within the Department of Ophthalmology include: Dr. Leonard S. Rich, Professor and Chairman and Director of Pediatric Ophthalmology; Dr. Saunders L. Hupp, Professor and Vice Chairman and Director of the Division of Neuro-Ophthalmology; Dr. Mark S. Brown, Assistant Professor and Director of Oculoplastic and Reconstructive Surgery; and Dr. Yaffa K. Weaver, Assistant Professor and Director of Glaucoma. Dr. Murray Glusman and Dr. Duane Schrock are members of the Optometric staff who provide patient support services within the Department of Ophthalmology. The resident staff includes a second-year resident and a third-year resident from our affiliated academic institutions: the Ochsner Foundation and LSU Eye Center. The Department has played a supportive role in basic research through the Lions/USA Eye Research Institute. Dr. Robert Lausch is the Director of this research endeavor, and his group is performing outstanding basic eye research at the University of South Alabama.

On Monday evenings at the Health Services Building Media Resource room, the Department sponsors an education video conference with LSU and Ochsner. These lectures are performed not only by our faculty but also by the combined faculties of Ochsner and LSU. This provides continuity of didactic lectures to the Ophthalmology residents in all geographical locations of the Residency Programs.

The Department of Ophthalmology sponsored its annual meeting for the regional ophthalmic assistants, technicians, and nurses. Over 100 individuals from Mississippi, Alabama, and Florida attended this day-long seminar. The staff and faculty work hard to ensure a successful program.

The Department of Ophthalmology continues to see patients at their main campus facility, the Mastin Eye Clinic, and our Baldwin County/Fairhope office. Support services within the Department include ophthalmic photography, an A- and B-scan, an ocular laser center, and complete optical and contact lens facilities.

This year, the Department upgraded their website, www.USAEye.com, which is linked with the American Academy of Ophthalmology's site so that our patients and referring doctors can obtain basic information on eye diseases. In addition, our website outlines our Department's faculty and resources.

In May 2000, Dr. Bonnie Weston announced her resignation from the Department, to move to the Chicago area and continue her academic endeavors at Northwestern University. She was an outstanding faculty member and friend, and will be missed. Dr. Steven Roesch announced his resignation in April 2000, to enter private practice in Mobile. Dr. Roesch was with us for over seven years and will also be missed.