Deborah Ferrington, PhD, was a featured speaker at the University of Wisconsin George Kambara Vision Science Symposium on April 7, in Madison, Wisconsin. Ferrington’s talk was titled, *Bioenergetic crisis in the retinal pigment epithelium: A potential link to age-related macular degeneration*.

Andrew Harrison, MD, gave an invited talk, *Update on Thyroid Eye Disease*, at The Optometric Clinical Update 2017 in Edina, Minnesota on April 7. He gave an update on Thyroid Eye Disease at the Houston Ophthalmological Society on April 13, and was also a visiting professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, University of Texas Houston, and Baylor Medical School Department of Ophthalmology where he had a fantastic time meeting with the residents from all programs and speaking at each institution. Harrison also gave an international webinar talk, *Periocular Skin Cancer: Diagnosis and Management*, for CyberSight, a division of the flying eye hospital, Orbis on April 27.


Collin McClelland, MD, attended the 2017 North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society Meeting in Washington, D.C., April 1-6 where he moderated the morning session of the Frank B. Walsh meeting, led a one-hour discussion session at the Forum for New and Future Neuro-ophthalmologists, and presented a poster abstract, “Overdiagnosis of optic neuritis,” in addition to his poster abstract listed above.

Sandra Montezuma, MD, was a speaker at the 2017 Design of Medical Devices Conference on April 12 during the Ophthalmology session organized by Erik van Kuijk, MD, PhD. Dara Koozekanani, MD, PhD, also spoke at the conference. Montezuma also gave a Spanish interview on retina prosthesis and gene therapy for Voc’zes, the University of Minnesota Spanish and Portuguese language podcast. Listen to the interview here: [https://soundcloud.com/user-749661530/episode-23](https://soundcloud.com/user-749661530/episode-23)

The University of Minnesota Health Cosmetic Center, present at Maple Grove Clinics and the Clinics and Surgery Center (CSC) (pictured, right), is the only multi-specialty cosmetic center in the Twin Cities area. The team, comprised of specialists from dermatology, facial plastics, oculoplastic surgery, plastic surgery, vascular surgery and interventional radiology, takes a comprehensive approach to diagnosis and best treatment options. These options include cosmetic, laser, and both nonsurgical and surgical procedures.

Combining medical and cosmetic expertise allows patients the unique opportunity to receive a range of consultations and treatments from one care team in one location. “Medical supervision of cosmetic treatments and procedures is a significant benefit to our patients,” said Program Lead Ronda Farah, MD. “Alternatively, it’s equally as valuable to offer cosmetic expertise for patients who have needs as the result of a medical issue.”

Fairview Maple Grove Ambulatory Surgery Center and the Surgery and Procedure Center at the CSC offer state-of-the-art settings for this program, while a freestanding reimbursement model allows the program to offer competitive pricing for procedures and treatments that might not be covered by insurance.

Dr. Farah works alongside Andrew Harrison, MD, Umar Choudry, MD, Sofia Lyford-Pike, MD, and Ali Mokhtarzadeh, MD, to provide direction and clinical input for the policies and processes to provide a clear and consistent experience for patients seeking cosmetic services at University of Minnesota Health.

Next up for the center is the finalization of a program that will allow patients to pick up recommended creams and topical treatments in the same location as their appointment or procedure.

For more information about the center, a comprehensive list of care services and the care team, visit [MHealth.org](http://MHealth.org).

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SPRING VISION RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Spring Vision Research Symposium was held April 21 at the McNamara Alumni Center on the University of Minnesota campus.

Matthew Thurtell, MBBS, MSc, (University of Iowa) and Vallabh Das, PhD, (University of Houston) were guest speakers. Other presenters included Stephen Engel, PhD, and Geoffrey Ghose, PhD.

Pictured l-r, Luai Eldweik, MD (Neuro-Ophthalmology fellow), Benjamin Chaon, MD (3rd year resident), Brandon McCafferty, MD (2nd year resident), Laura Bagdonaite-Bejarano, MD (pediatric ophthalmology fellow), Jared Murray, BS (medical student, incoming ophthalmology resident 2018).

RECENT EVENTS

Tankenoff Foundation Donation

The Tankenoff Foundation's donation has provided a fifth surgical station to the Microsurgery Lab within the Department. This generous donation has allowed the department to have a complete complement of microscopes for resident education.

Pictured l-r, Jordan Gross, MD, at scope while Michael Jordan, MD, readies his surgical instruments.

2017 Microsurgery Course

The 2017 Microsurgery Course was held on April 1 for first year residents under the direction of Drs. Joshua Olson, MD, and Amy Maltry, MD.

Pictured l-r, Caroline Halbach, MD, Sarah Maki, MD (seated), and Joshua Olson, MD.

LIONS EYE INSTITUTE

The latest project supported by the Minnesota Lions Vision Foundation. Details to follow in the May edition of E-Vision.

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