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Faculty Host:  
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Professor of Ophthalmology

SCHEDULE:  
8:45 AM  Lecture:  Medicare and Ophthalmology  
9:30 AM  Case Presentations and Discussions  
10:00 AM  Break  
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12:00 PM  Lunch – Melrose Dining Rooms (Pomerantz Family Pavilion, Elevator L/K, Level 5)  
1:30 PM  Lecture:  Initial Retinal Studies in IRIS  
2:30 PM  ADJOURN

Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationships:  Nothing to disclose

George A. Williams, MD, is Chair, Department of Ophthalmology and Director of the Beaumont Eye Institute at Beaumont Health in Royal Oak, Michigan. He is Professor and Chair of Ophthalmology at Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine and a partner with Associated Retinal Consultants. He is Professor at the European School for Advanced Studies in Ophthalmology in Lugano, Switzerland.

An Alpha Omega Alpha graduate of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, Dr. Williams completed his residency in ophthalmology and his fellowship in vitreoretinal surgery at the Eye Institute of the Medical College of Wisconsin where he was an associate professor until 1988.

Dr. Williams has published more than 250 articles and book chapters in the field of vitreoretinal surgery. He has participated as principal investigator or co-investigator in more than 20 clinical trials sponsored by the National Eye Institute and industry. He served on the Board of Trustees of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) from 2008 to 2012. He is a recipient of the Special Recognition Award, the Secretariat Award and the Lifetime Achievement Award of the AAO. He has delivered 20 named lectureships, including the 2013 Gertrude Pyron Lecture at the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS), the 2014 Yasuo Tano, MD, Lecture at the Club Jules Gonin, the 2015 Taylor Smith, MD Lecture at the Aspen Retinal Detachment Society and the 2017 B. Thomas Hutchinson, MD Lecture at the New England Ophthalmology Society. He is a recipient of the ASRS Crystal Apple Award for teaching excellence and has trained over 100 clinical and research vitreoretinal fellows.

Dr. Williams is past chair of the AAO Retina Ophthalmic Technology Assessment Committee. He was Secretary for Federal Affairs from 2014 through 2017. On January 1, 2018, he became AAO President-elect. Since 2006, he
has represented the AAO at the Relative Value Update Committee (RUC) of the American Medical Association. He is past president of the ASRS and the Michigan Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. He is Chair of the Board of Directors of the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company.

Dr. Williams is an Associate Editor for Surgical Techniques for the journal RETINA, and serves on the editorial boards of Retinal Cases & Brief Reports and Current Opinion in Ophthalmology. He is a recertified Diplomate (2005, 2016) of the American Board of Ophthalmology and a member of the Retina Society, Macula Society, ASRS, Association of University Professors in Ophthalmology and Club Jules Gonin. He is an elected Fellow of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.

Purpose: The series of clinical conferences sponsored by the Department of Ophthalmology presents updated information on a broad spectrum of clinical issues and approaches that are of value and interest to the practicing ophthalmologist.

Objectives: Upon completion of this conference, participants should be able to:

- Describe payment mechanisms in Medicare and understand how such mechanisms affect health policy.
- Understand the transition to Quality Payment Program and the effect upon ophthalmology.
- Explain the potential clinical benefits of big data analysis in IRIS (Intelligent Research in Sight) Registry.
- Describe the present and future capabilities of IRIS for clinical studies.

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Physicians are encouraged to bring patients to the clinical conferences for presentation and discussion. To be sure there is time available, please schedule your patient with Jennifer Carpe, BSN, RN, MBA, CNML, at 319-356-7218 or FAX the information (319-356-0363) prior to the conference. Please inform your patients of the need to register at the Registration Desk in the main lobby of the Pomerantz Family Pavilion before coming to the Eye Clinic Reception Desk so that a formal record can be established. There will be no physician’s fee for consultation; however, if special laboratory tests are necessary, charges will be made after consulting the patient.

Joe Schmidt, Director of Clinical Conferences, welcomes your comments and suggestions. He can be reached at 319-384-8529 or via e-mail joe-schmidt@uiowa.edu. For further conference information, contact Tonya Looker at 319-356-8161 or via e-mail tonya-looker@uiowa.edu.

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