



From the Chair

A Message From Jonathan B. Rubenstein, MD



Welcome to the Department of Ophthalmology at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago. Our department is dedicated to both outstanding resident education, relevant clinical research and state-of-the-art clinical care for our patients. We are very proud to be part of Rush University Medical Center, which is ranked 17th in the nation by *U.S. News and World Report*.

At Rush, we pride ourselves in excellent clinical training both in the resident clinic and in the operating room. Our beautifully designed Eye Center is equipped with state-of-the-art diagnostic and therapeutic equipment for both the anterior and posterior segment. Our operating rooms also have cutting-edge surgical equipment including femtosecond laser assisted cataract surgery and a 3-D heads up display - high definition operating microscope.

We have over 35 clinically active faculty members who span all subspecialties within ophthalmology. Our faculty members are renowned leaders and teachers in the major ophthalmic organizations and societies both locally and nationally. For example, **Sohail Hasan, MD**, is the current president of the Illinois Society for Eye Physicians and Surgeons (ISEPS), and **Nina Goyal, MD**, is the incoming president of ISEPS. **Steven Brown, MD**, is a board member of the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company; **Parag Majmudar, MD**, is a board member of the Cornea Society, and John Pollack, MD, is the emeritus director of the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS). Lastly, **Tamara Fountain, MD**, is the president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) for 2021.

I hope that you enjoy reading this, our inaugural Rush Department of Ophthalmology newsletter. As the new chair, I have inherited an excellent, well-functioning department, thanks to the leadership of our previous chair, **Kirk Packo, MD**. We will also highlight our faculty members who were recently named as Top Doctors by *Chicago* magazine, review our current research and finally present our case of the quarter, a regular feature of the newsletter.

Best regards,

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