



# American Retina Forum National Meeting 2024

August 7 – August 11, 2024 | Carlsbad Sheraton | 10 CME

This 10 CME credit program is designed to provide practicing retina surgeons an update on advanced techniques and complication management of retina conditions.

## Objectives:

- To present an overview of the latest surgical techniques and technologies available for different areas of retina surgery.
- Discuss new modalities for the treatment of diabetic retinopathy and macular edema.
- Review evidence-based management of diabetic macular edema.
- Discuss the various techniques for macular hole closure, both acute and chronic.
- Review the role of vitreoretinal surgeons in secondary IOL techniques.
- Review of evidence-based management of submacular hemorrhages.
- Review efficient retina surgical techniques to improve patient outcomes.

## Faculty:

<b>Albert Lin, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist Assistant Professor University of Mississippi Medical Center	<b>Mitul C. Mehta, MS MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist Associate Professor Gavin Herbert Eye Institute, University of California, Irvine School of Medicine
<b>Hemang K. Pandya, MS FACS</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist	<b>Masumi Asahi, DO</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist
<b>Gareth Lema, MD PhD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist Associate Professor Mt. Sinai School of Medicine	<b>Sid Puri, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist Assistant Professor LSU Ochsner School of Medicine
<b>Austin Fox, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist	<b>Zack Oakey, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist
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<b>Nora Khatib, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist	<b>Jessica Weinstein, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist
<b>Beth Richter, MD PhD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist	<b>Russ Richardson, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist



<b>Pooja Doshi, DPT</b> Pediatric Physical Therapist	<b>Ankit Desai, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist
<b>Sean Adrean, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist	<b>Andrew Browne, MD PhD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist
<b>Alex Barash, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist	<b>Mohammad Riaz, MD</b> Retina Specialist and Ocular Oncologist
<b>Sarwar Zahin, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist	<b>Vivienne Hau, MD</b> Ophthalmologist/Retina and Vitreous Specialist
<b>David Merriott, MD</b> Ophthalmology Resident Mt. Sinai School of Medicine	

**Schedule of Events:**

Day	Time	Topic	Presenter(s)
August 8	7:00 AM	<b>Exhibit Hall Opens – Breakfast</b>	
	8:00 AM	What is this? Diagnostic Conundrums	Jessica Weinstein, MD
	8:30 AM	Lymphoma	Zack Oakey, MD
	8:45 AM	Purtscher’s Retinopathy	Sid Puri, MD
	9:00 AM	Geographic Atrophy and Complement Inhibition	Zack Oakey, MD
	9:30 AM	Wet AMD Treatment Conundrum	Masumi Asahi, DO
	10:00 AM	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
	10:30 AM	Too Thicc: DME and Diabetic Retinopathy	Hemang Pandya, MD
	11:00 AM	Retflix and Not So Chill: When Things Go Wrong	Sarwar Zahid, MD & Zack Oakey, MD
	11:30 AM	To the Window! To the Wall! Get Low: Hypotony	Austin Fox, MD
	1:00 PM – 5:30 PM	<b>Poster Session</b>	
August 9	8:00 AM – 2:00 PM	<b>Carlsbad Lagoon</b>	
	4:00 PM	<b>Exhibit Hall Opens – Appetizers and Beverages</b>	
	5:00 PM	In Office Retinal Surgery	Omar Shakir, MD
	5:30 PM	Practice Efficiency, Discussion moderated by Ankit Desai, MD	Russ Richardson, MD
	6:00 PM	Advocacy	Sarwar Zahid, MD
	6:30 PM	Solo Practice While Still Having a Life	Nora Khatib, MD



	6:45 PM	The Great Debate: Where Should I Work?	Albert Lin, MD, Vivienne Hau, MD PhD, Jessica Weinstein, MD, Beth Richter, MD PhD
	7:15 PM	Trial by Fire: How to Start Clinical Trials in Your Practice	Chirag Jhaveri, MD
	7:30 PM	<b>Reception – Dessert &amp; Drinks</b>	
August 10	7:00 AM	<b>Exhibit Hall Opens - Breakfast</b>	
	7:00 AM	Yoga and Ergonomics	Pooja Doshi, DPT
	8:00 AM	You Got that Fire? Integrating Uveitis into a Retina Practice	Jessica Weinstein, MD
	8:30 AM	CRAO Management and how to implement it in your Practice	Gareth Lema, MD PhD, David Merriott, MD
	9:00 AM	Holey Macula Batman! What Would You Do?	Sean Adrean, MD
	9:30 AM	3D Ultrasound	Andrew Browne, MD PhD
	10:00 AM	<b>Coffee Break</b>	
	10:30 AM	Battle of the LOLs: The Craziest Cases	Alex Barash, MD
	11:00 AM	The Kids Will be Alright: Considerations for Pediatric Vitreoretinal Surgery	Mohammad Riazi, MD
	11:30 AM	Dr. Worldwide Presents: International Retina Work	Hardeep Dhindsa, MD
	1:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>Golf Tournament</b> <a href="https://thecrossingsatcarlsbad.com/">https://thecrossingsatcarlsbad.com/</a>	
	7:00 PM – Late	<b>Farewell Dinner Party – Dinner &amp; Dancing</b>	

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