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Dr. Clara Chan

Dr. Chan is a specialist in cornea, cataract and refractive surgery. She is an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Toronto and the former Chair of the Resident Surgical Teaching Committee. She teaches fellows as part of the Cornea fellowship program at the Toronto Western Hospital and is the Medical Director of the Eye Bank of Canada, Ontario Division. She has published more than 60 papers and abstracts, and has taught courses and lectured at international meetings. She received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Award in 2015, serves on the Cornea

Clinical Committee of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, and is a Cornea Section Editor for the Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology and the Cornea Editor for Eyeworld magazine.



Dr. Kelly Nichols

Kelly K. Nichols received her Doctor of Optometry degree from the University of California at Berkeley, completed a residency in ocular disease at Omni Eye Specialists of Colorado, and earned her MPH in biostatistics and PhD in vision science at Ohio State University. In 2014, Dr. Nichols was named Dean of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry. Prior to that appointment, Dr. Nichols was a professor at the University of Houston, College of Optometry, where she co-founded and served as Executive Director for the Ocular Surface Institute, a translational research institute focused on bench-to-

bedside research on ocular surface conditions. Earlier, Dr. Nichols was faculty at the Ohio State University College of Optometry. She currently serves as a medical advisor to the Sjögren's Syndrome Foundation, has been an executive board member for the Tear Film and Ocular Surface Society, and a founding member of Ocular Surface Society of Optometry. A leading expert in dry eye disease, Dr. Nichols is or has been on the editorial boards of the journals Optometry and Vision Science, and The Ocular Surface, and is extensively published. Her research interests encompass meibomian gland dysfunction, dry eye in menopause, dry eye diagnostics and therapeutics, and tear proteomics and lipidomics.



Dr. Vishakha Thakrar

Dr. Vishakha Thakrar is residency-trained in cornea, contact lenses and refractive surgery. She currently owns a specialty contact lens practice in Vaughan, Ontario where she primarily sees patients with corneal and ocular surface disease. She previously held the role of Director of the Contact Lens Service at the Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, Ohio, and has spoken on contact lenses throughout Canada and the U.S. She has been a contributing editor for Contact Lens Spectrum, Eye Care Review, and Optometric Management, and has written numerous articles for Canadian and American journals.