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Ike Ahmed, MD

Dr. Ahmed is a board-certified ophthalmologist who specializes in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of complex eye diseases, including glaucoma and cataract. He is globally renowned for his leading-edge cataract surgery treatments, as well as his involvement in the latest designs in intraocular lens implants. In 2010, Dr. Ahmed was selected as one of Canada's "Top 40 Under 40," a prestigious national award. Dr. Ahmed earned his Doctorate of Medicine at the University of Toronto Faculty of Medicine. He then fulfilled his ophthalmology residency at the University of Toronto Hospitals. Dr. Ahmed completed a subsequent fellowship in glaucoma, and anterior segment disease and surgery at the John Moran Eye Center at the University of Utah. He currently serves as assistant professor at the University of Toronto and clinical assistant professor at the University of Utah. Dr. Ahmed is research fellowship director at the University of Toronto Department of Ophthalmology, and director of the university's Glaucoma and Advanced Anterior Surgical Fellowship. Dr. Ahmed sits on the editorial boards of numerous ophthalmology journals, including the Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and Ocular Surgery News, among many others. He is also a member of the Canadian Ophthalmological Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and numerous other organizations.



Joy Gibb, ABOC

Joy L. Gibb, ABOC began her optical career in 1986 and has managed an independent retail opticianry and owned a mobile optical service. She currently oversees the optical dispensary for Daynes Eye and Lasik in Bountiful, Utah. In addition, she often consults practices about their dispensaries and improving customer service and sales. Patients often seek her help with the difficult to fit prescription, progressive lenses, and children's eyewear. Joy is also a contributor to Vision Care Product News, a spokesperson for The Vision Council, and has participated in the writing of several industry guides and publications. She also served as a member of the Better Vision Institute.



Wes McCann, O.D.

Dr. Wes McCann has two Honors Bachelor degrees in Biology and Kinesiology from Western University in London, Ontario and a third Bachelor degree in Vision Science from Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, Florida. He completed his Doctorate of Optometry at the NSU College of Optometry in Fort Lauderdale, Florida along with an accelerated MBA. Dr. McCann owns two practices in London Ontario at which he frequently hosts students from the University of Waterloo in their final year for their Primary Care Externship rotation. He also lectures as a Professional Consultant for Johnson & Johnson Vision Care on contact lenses and business management. He has a passion for ocular disease and has enjoyed sculpting his practices into medically focused optometric clinics over the past four years.



Mohammad Rafieetary, O.D., F.A.A.O.

Dr. Mohammad Rafieetary is a consultative optometric physician who has been in practice at the Charles Retina Institute (CRI) since 1996. Dr. Rafieetary is a graduate of Boston University and received his Doctor of Optometry from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. He has completed a residency in Primary Care Optometry and Ocular Disease at the Southern College of Optometry (SCO) and the Memphis Health Center. Before joining CRI, Dr. Rafieetary was on faculty and served as an Associate Professor the Chief of Advanced Ocular Disease Service and at the Southern College of Optometry where he currently serves as Adjunct Faculty. Dr. Rafieetary has received several awards including the SCO Faculty of the Year, American Diabetic Association's National Achievement of Distinction Award, and the Tennessee Associations of Optometric Physician's Optometrist of the Year. Dr. Rafieetary has served on the board of several professional organizations including the Advisory Board of the Kentucky College of Optometry at University Pikeville. Dr. Rafieetary is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and Optometric Retina Society. He is board certified by the American Board Optometry as well as the American Board of Certification in Medical Optometry. Dr. Rafieetary is licensed to practice Optometry in the states of Tennessee, Mississippi, Arkansas, Kentucky, and Texas. Dr. Rafieetary is published in numerous professional publications and lectures extensively on the subject of diseases of the eye with emphasis on conditions of the retina and vitreous.



James Thimons, O.D, FAAO

Dr. Thimons is a 1978 graduate of Ohio State University College of Optometry. He completed his hospital residency at the Chillicothe, VA Medical Center in 1979 and then served as Chief, Optometry Service until 1985. He then accepted the position of Center Director at Omni Eye Services, Fairfax, Virginia and served in that role until 1989 when he became Chairman, Department of Clinical Sciences at the State University of New York. While at SUNY he developed The Glaucoma Institute, a clinical research center, and served as its first Director. In 1998, he accepted the position of Executive Director of TLC and served in that role until 2002 when he co- founded the Ophthalmic Consultants of Connecticut. A multidisciplinary referral practice providing secondary and tertiary level care! Dr. Thimons has received numerous awards for his service to the profession and has over 200 hundred publications in Glaucoma, Dry Eye, Cornea and External Disease as well as Refractive Surgery and New Technologies. He is a nationally and internationally acclaimed Speaker and Educator and an acknowledged leader in ophthalmic clinical education. He serves in professorial appointments at several universities in the US and has been a clinical investigator in over 20 NIH, NEI and Post Release Clinical Trials. In 1999 he was awarded Optometry's Top Educator and was selected as one of the Top Ten Clinician's of the decade. In 2002 he founded the National Glaucoma Society, a NFP with Executive offices in Andover, Massachusetts, that provides educational and clinical development services to primary care clinicians worldwide in the area of glaucoma management. In 2005 he was inducted into the Optometry Hall of Fame and has recently served as President, Connecticut Association of Optometrists. Dr. Thimons was selected as the Top Eye Doctor in Fairfield County in 2013.