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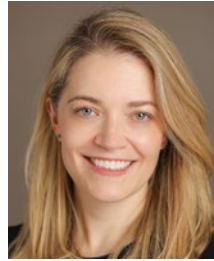
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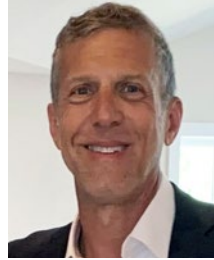
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*Distinguished Guest Speaker*

DAVID S. BOYER, MD, FASRS

## Lessons Learned to be Successful in Private Practice

Saturday, December 3  
11:30 AM

David S. Boyer, MD, FASRS is a Board-certified ophthalmologist specializing in the treatment of diseases of the retina and vitreous. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree from the University of Illinois at Champaign, IL, after which he completed a medical degree at the Chicago Medical School. In 1976, he finished his residency at the Los Angeles County-USC County Medical Center. A year-long retinal surgery fellowship at the Wills Eye Hospital, in Philadelphia, completed his training.

He is Senior Partner at Retina-Vitreous Associates Medical Group with offices in Los Angeles, Beverly Hills, North Hollywood, Torrance, Pasadena, Tarzana and Glendale, California.

Dr. Boyer is an Adjunct Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology with the University of Southern California/Keck School of Medicine in Los Angeles, CA.

He has an extensive research background and is currently an investigator for various clinical trials. He is one of the leading retinal clinical researchers in the country for new treatments in macular degeneration and diabetic macular edema.

A widely-published author and avid lecturer, Dr. Boyer lectures nationally and internationally on retinal research and the innovative approach to the treatment of retinal diseases.

# Friday

Dec 2

9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
**Registration**

9:30 – 11:30 AM  
**Suprachoroidal Injection  
Training Wet Lab**  
*(fellows and faculty only)*  
*Sponsored by Bausch + Lomb*

12:00 – 12:30 PM  
**Lunch**

12:30 – 1:15 PM  
**Vabysmo: The First and Only  
Dual-Pathway-Inhibiting  
Therapy in nAMD and DME**  
*(fellows and faculty only)*  
Aleksandra V. Rachitskaya,  
MD, FASRS  
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1:15 – 1:45 PM  
**Break**

1:15 – 10:00 PM  
**Exhibits**

1:45 – 2:00 PM  
**Introduction**  
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

2:00 – 2:45 PM  
**Surgical Video Panel**  
Sunir J. Garg, MD, FASRS

2:45 – 3:05 PM  
**Uveitis: What not to miss!**  
Thomas A. Albin, MD, FASRS

3:05 – 3:30 PM  
**Emerging Therapies for AMD Panel**  
Christina Y. Weng, MD, MBA, FASRS

3:30 – 3:55 PM  
**SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS**

3:30 – 3:40 PM  
**Alcon Vision, LLC**

3:40 – 3:47 PM  
**Bausch + Lomb**

3:47 – 3:51 PM  
**Coherus BioSciences**

3:51 – 3:55 PM  
**REGENXBIO, Inc.**

3:55 – 4:10 PM  
**THE RETINA GAMES:  
Audience and Panel Participation**  
Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

4:10 – 4:40 PM  
**Break**

4:40 – 4:45 PM  
**Announcements**  
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

4:45 – 5:15 PM  
**Societies, Clubs, Ad Boards,  
and More: How to get Started  
and How to Succeed Panel**  
Sunir J. Garg, MD, FASRS

5:15 – 5:45 PM  
**FELLOW CASE PRESENTATIONS**  
*Moderator: Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS*

5:15 – 5:17 PM  
**Introduction**  
Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS

5:17 – 5:24 PM  
**Peripapillary Retinal Whitening  
Causing Acute Scotoma**  
Chang Sup Lee, MD

5:24 – 5:31 PM  
**Severe Intraretinal Silicone  
Oil Migration: Clinical and  
OCT Characteristics**  
Carl Shen, MD

5:31 – 5:38 PM  
**Stenotrophomonas  
Maltophilia Endogenous  
Endophthalmitis Treated with  
Intravitreal Trimethoprim  
and Sulfamethoxazole**  
Mercy Kibe, MD

5:38 – 5:45 PM  
**Fulminant Posterior Placoid  
Chorioretinopathy After  
Immunosuppression**  
Robert Gokey, MD

5:45 – 6:05 PM  
**News You Can Use**  
David R. Chow, MD, FASRS

6:05 – 6:37 PM  
**SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS**

6:05 – 6:15 PM  
**Apellis Pharmaceuticals**

6:15 – 6:22 PM  
**Iveric Bio**

6:22 – 6:29 PM  
**Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.**

6:29 – 6:33 PM  
**EyePoint Pharmaceuticals**

6:33 – 6:37 PM  
**The Clinical Trials Network**

6:37 – 6:57 PM  
**Uncommon Medical Retina:  
What not to miss!**  
Dean Elliott, MD, FASRS

6:57 – 7:22 PM  
**Trauma**  
Dean Elliott, MD, FASRS

7:22 – 7:52 PM  
**Retina Practice Models:  
Strengths and Limitations Panel**  
Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS

7:52 – 8:00 PM  
**Announcements**  
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

8:00 – 10:00 PM  
**Welcome Dinner**

# Saturday

Dec 3

6:45 – 7:30 AM  
**Breakfast**

6:45 AM – 4:00 PM  
**Exhibits**

7:30 – 7:35 AM  
**Introduction**  
Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

7:35 – 7:45 AM  
**THE RETINA GAMES:  
Audience and Panel Participation**  
Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

7:45 – 8:30 AM

**Vits, Buckles, and Pneumatics:  
The Retinal Detachment Panel**

Alan J. Ruby, MD, FASRS

8:30 – 8:50 AM

**Avoiding and Managing  
Surgical Complications Panel**

Aleksandra V. Rachitskaya, MD, FASRS

8:50 – 9:17 AM

**SPONSOR PRESENTATIONS**

8:50 – 8:54 AM

**EyeCare Partners**

8:54 – 8:58 AM

**Allergan, an AbbVie Company**

8:58 – 9:05 AM

**Retina Consultants of America**

9:05 – 9:09 AM

**Alimera Sciences**

9:09 – 9:13 AM

**Dutch Ophthalmic USA**

9:13 – 9:17 AM

**ZEISS**

9:17 – 9:47 AM

**FELLOW CASE PRESENTATIONS**

*Moderator:* Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS

9:17 – 9:19 AM

**Introduction**

Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS

9:19 – 9:26 AM

**Unusual Inflammation after  
Retinal Detachment Repair**

Hong-Uyen Hua, MD

9:26 – 9:33 AM

**Bilateral Coats' Disease?**

Ethan Sobol, MD

9:33 – 9:40 AM

**Why not a Little Bit?**

Hadi Kaakour, MD, MS

9:40 – 9:47 AM

**Infusion-Assisted Evacuation  
of Submacular Hemorrhage**

Jong Park, MD

9:47 – 10:10 AM

**Break**

10:10 – 10:30 AM

**Tumors/Oncology:**

**What not to miss!**

Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS

10:30 – 10:50 AM

**Current Management of DME Panel**

Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

10:50 – 11:10 AM

**Current Management of PDR Panel**

Aleksandra V. Rachitskaya, MD,  
FASRS

11:10 – 11:30 AM

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11:30 – 11:35 AM

**Introduction of David S.  
Boyer, MD, FASRS**

Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

11:35 AM – 12:15 PM

**Lessons Learned to be  
Successful in Private Practice  
Distinguished Guest Speaker:**

David S. Boyer, MD, FASRS

12:15 – 1:25 PM

**Lunch and Faculty  
Discussion Tables**

1:25 – 1:35 PM

**THE RETINA GAMES:  
Audience and Panel Participation**

Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

1:35 – 2:00 PM

**Billing, Buying, and Balance Sheets:  
The Business of Retina Panel**

Alan J. Ruby, MD, FASRS

2:00 – 2:28 PM

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2:00 – 2:04 PM

**FCI Ophthalmics**

2:04 – 2:08 PM

**Iridex Corporation**

2:08 – 2:12 PM

**Janssen Pharmaceuticals**

2:12 – 2:16 PM

**Norlase**

2:16 – 2:20 PM

**Notal Vision**

2:20 – 2:24 PM

**OCULUS Surgical, Inc.**

2:24 – 2:28 PM

**Vortex Surgical**

2:28 – 2:48 PM

**Instrumentation Panel**

David R. Chow, MD, FASRS

2:48 – 3:38 PM

**Fellows Fighting at the Forum  
– A Surgical Competition**

David R. Chow, MD, FASRS and  
Kourous A. Rezaei, MD, FASRS

3:38 – 4:00 PM

**Break**

4:00 – 4:10 PM

**Relocate to the Astor Room**

4:10 – 4:20 PM

**THE RETINA GAMES:  
Audience and Panel Participation**

Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

4:20 – 6:20 PM

**Starting Your Career:  
The Real World**

Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

6:20 – 6:30 PM

**Wrap Up**

7:20 PM

**Depart for 10Pin Bowling  
Lounge from Hotel Lobby**

7:30 – 11:00 PM

**Dinner and Awards at 10Pin  
16<sup>th</sup> Annual Fellows Forum  
Bowling Tournament**

# Sunday

*Dec 4*

7:30 – 9:00 AM

**Breakfast**

Hotel Lobby



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