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Distinguished Guest Speaker

JOHN T. THOMPSON, MD, FASRS

How to Find Your Forever Job and Avoid a Nightmare Job

Saturday, January 27
11:30 AM

John T. Thompson, MD, FASRS is Assistant Professor at the Wilmer Eye Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, Associate Clinical Professor at the University of Maryland, and a Partner at Retina Specialists in Baltimore. He received his medical degree from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in 1980 followed by an ophthalmology residency and retina fellowship at the Wilmer Eye Institute. He was assistant chief of Service at Wilmer in 1986 before going to the Yale University Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science where he was the director of the Retina Section and Associate Professor. He returned to Baltimore in 1991 in private practice. Dr. Thompson has served a number of roles for The American Academy of Ophthalmology. He has been director of Retina Subspecialty Day in 2007, chair of the Annual Meeting Program Subcommittee for Retina, Vitreous, Uveitis, and Intraocular Inflammation from 2010–2013, and councilor representing Maryland from 2009–2014. He received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Life Achievement Honor Award in 2009 and Secretariat Awards in 2014 and 2019.

Dr. Thompson has been an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology since 2001 and became an advisor to the AMA Relative Value System Update Committee (RUC) representing ASRS in 2013. He was president of the Maryland Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons from 2003–2004, president of the Baltimore City Medical Society in 2008, president of the American Society of Retina Specialists from 2012–2014. He was President of The Johns Hopkins Medical and Surgical Association from 2017-2019. Dr. Thompson has been a co-author on more than 120 papers in peer-review journals and book chapters with a focus on vitreoretinal surgery. He is a member of the Editorial Boards of Retina, Ophthalmology, Ophthalmology Retina and Associate Editor-in-Chief of The Journal of Vitreoretinal Diseases.

Friday

January 26

11:30 AM – 2:00 PM

Registration

12:00 – 12:30 PM

Lunch (open to all registrants)

12:30 – 1:30 PM

Vabysmo: The First and Only Dual-Pathway-Inhibiting Therapy in nAMD and DME (fellows and faculty only)

Veeral Sheth, MD, MBA

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1:30 – 2:00 PM

Break

1:30 – 10:00 PM

Exhibits

2:00 – 2:15 PM

Introduction

Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

2:15 – 3:15 PM

Surgical Video Panel

Sunir J. Garg, MD, FASRS

3:15 – 3:30 PM

Oh no – A Patient with Uveitis! Dos and Don'ts When You're the Attending

Sunil K. Srivastava, MD

3:30 – 3:55 PM

Emerging Therapies for AMD Panel

Adrienne W. Scott, MD, FASRS

3:55 – 4:18 PM

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AbbVie

3:58 – 4:02 PM

Alimera Sciences

4:02 – 4:06 PM

OCULUS Surgical, Inc.

4:06 – 4:10 PM

REGENXBIO, Inc.

4:10 – 4:14 PM

Vortex Surgical

4:14 – 4:18 PM

ZEISS

4:18 – 4:35 PM

The Retina Games: Audience and Panel Participation

Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

4:35 – 5:00 PM

Break

5:00 – 5:05 PM

Announcements

Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

5:05 – 5:35 PM

Societies, Clubs, Ad Boards, and More: How to get Started and How to Succeed Panel

Sunir J. Garg, MD, FASRS

5:35 – 6:00 PM

FELLOWS' CASE PRESENTATIONS: SURGICAL RETINA

Moderators:

Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS

& Sunil K. Srivastava, MD

5:35 – 5:39 PM

Introduction

Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS &

Sunil K. Srivastava, MD

5:39 – 5:46 PM

Double Trouble

Leanne Clevenger, MD

5:46 – 5:53 PM

Bilateral Rhegmatogenous Retinal Detachment in a 30-Year-Old

John K. Lippincott, MD, MS

5:53 – 6:00 PM

Scleral Buckle Extrusion

Boonkit Purt, MD

6:00 – 6:20 PM

News You Can Use

David R. Chow, MD, FASRS

6:20 – 6:53 PM

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Alcon

6:27 – 6:34 PM

Apellis Pharmaceuticals

6:34 – 6:41 PM

EyeCare Partners

6:41 – 6:45 PM

Bausch + Lomb

6:45 – 6:49 PM

Beyeonics

6:49 – 6:53 PM

Coherus BioSciences

6:53 – 7:25 PM

Trauma

Dean Elliott, MD, FASRS

7:25 – 7:55 PM

Retina Practice Models: Strengths and Limitations Panel

Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

7:55 – 8:05 PM

Announcements

Carl C. Awh, MD, FASRS

8:05 – 10:00 PM

Welcome Dinner

Saturday

January 27

6:45 – 7:30 AM

Breakfast

6:45 AM – 4:00 PM

Exhibits

7:30 – 7:45 AM

Introduction

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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 – 9:19 AM

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8:57 – 9:04 AM

Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Inc.

9:04 – 9:11 AM

Retina Consultants of America

9:11 – 9:15 AM

**DORC Intl / Dutch
Ophthalmic USA**

9:15 – 9:19 AM

FCI Ophthalmics

9:19 – 9:41 AM

**FELLOWS' CASE PRESENTATIONS:
MEDICAL RETINA**

Moderators:

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Sunil K. Srivastava, MD

9:19 – 9:20 AM

Introduction

Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS &
Sunil K. Srivastava, MD

9:20 – 9:27 AM

Mystery Case

Rusdeep S. Munda, MD

9:27 – 9:34 AM

A Little Eye's Big Adventure

Jacob T. Cox, MD

9:34 – 9:41 AM

Hot Spots

Clayton Kirk, MD

9:41 – 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 – 10:35 AM

Tumors/Oncology:

What not to miss!

Amy C. Scheffler, MD, FASRS

10:35 – 10:55 AM

Current Management of DME Panel

Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

10:55 – 11:15 AM

Current Management of PDR Panel

Aleksandra V. Rachitskaya,
MD, FASRS

11:15 – 11:35 AM

**MAJOR SPONSOR PRESENTATION
Genentech, Inc.**

11:35 – 11:40 AM

Introduction of

John T. Thompson, MD, FASRS

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11:40 AM – 12:20 PM

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and Avoid a Nightmare Job**

Distinguished Guest Speaker:

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12:20 – 1:30 PM

**Lunch and Faculty
Discussion Tables**

1:30 – 1:40 PM

**The Retina Games: Audience
and Panel Participation**

Tarek S. Hassan, MD, FASRS

1:40 – 2:05 PM

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

Alan J. Ruby, MD, FASRS

2:05 – 2:29 PM

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2:05 – 2:09 PM

EyePoint Pharmaceuticals

2:09 – 2:13 PM

Janssen Pharmaceuticals

2:13 – 2:17 PM

MedOne Surgical, Inc.

2:17 – 2:21 PM

Norlase

2:21 – 2:25 PM

Notal Vision

2:25 – 2:29 PM

Harrow, Inc.

2:29 – 2:50 PM

Instrumentation Panel

David R. Chow, MD, FASRS

2:50 – 3:30 PM

Surgical Case Panel

Dean Elliott, MD, FASRS

3:30 – 4:00 PM

Break

4:00 – 4:10 PM

Relocate to the Astor Room

4:10 – 4:20 PM

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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

**Closing Dinner and
Awards at 10Pin
18th Annual Fellows Forum
Bowling Tournament**

Sunday

January 28

7:30 – 9:00 AM

**Breakfast
Hotel Lobby**

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