

16TH ANNUAL MASS EYE AND EAR
Vitrectomy Course
FOR FIRST-YEAR RETINA FELLOWS
July 10-11, 2026



Course Directors: Jose Davila • Matt McKay • John Miller • Lizzy Rossin • Nimesh Patel

Founders: John Loewenstein • Demetrios Vavvas

Honorary Founder: Dean Elliott • **Honorary Chair:** Shizuo Mukai

Friday, July 10 - Boston Marriott Cambridge, 50 Broadway, Cambridge, MA

10:00 AM	Registration	2nd Floor, Grand Ballroom Foyer
10:00 AM	Exhibits	2nd Floor, Grand Ballroom 4-7
11:15 AM	Welcoming Remarks	Nimesh Patel
11:25 AM	Pneumatic Retinopexy Pearls	Ines Lains
11:35 AM	Scleral Buckling for RD	Lucy Young
11:55 AM	Vitrectomy for Primary RD	Thanos Papakostas
12:10 PM	Intraocular Tamponades and PFO	Yasha Modi
12:20 PM	Q & A	<i>Moderator:</i> Matt McKay
12:30 PM	Introduction of the Founders' Awardee: Don D'Amico	Paul Chan & John Miller
12:35 PM	PANEL 1 - Retinal Detachment Repair - Donald D'Amico (<i>Moderator</i>) <i>Panelists:</i> Audina Berrocal, Steve Charles, Yewlin Chee, John Kitchens, Bill Mieler	
1:20 PM	Lunch	2nd Floor, Grand Ballroom 4-7
2:20 PM	Ergonomics	Robert Bhisitkul
2:30 PM	Vitrectomy Fluidics and Instrumentation	Steve Charles
2:45 PM	Giant Retinal Tear	Sandra Montezuma
3:00 PM	PVR	Sophie Bakri
3:15 PM	Surgical Diabetic Retinopathy	Maria Berrocal
3:30 PM	Q & A	<i>Moderators:</i> Will Foulsham & Szilárd Kiss
3:35 PM	PANEL 2 - Surgical Diabetic Retinopathy - Maria Berrocal (<i>Moderator</i>) <i>Panelists:</i> Raymond Iezzi, Anton Orlin, Archana Seethala, Dimitra Skondra, Nicolas Yannuzzi	
4:05 PM	Break	2nd Floor, Grand Ballroom 4-7
4:35 PM	Introduction to Industry Talks	
4:39 PM	Alcon	
4:42 PM	Retina Consultants of America	
4:45 PM	Endophthalmitis	Luis Haddock
4:55 PM	ERM	Mario Romano
5:05 PM	Macular Hole	Christina Weng
5:15 PM	IOLs in VR	John Kitchens
5:25 PM	Vitreous Biopsy and Surgical Uveitis Basics	Sumit Sharma
5:35 PM	Basics of Pediatric Retina Surgery	Eric Nudleman
5:45 PM	Q & A	<i>Moderator:</i> Aleksandra Rachitskaya
5:55 PM	Closing Remarks	Lizzy Rossin
6:00 PM	Networking Reception	2nd Floor, Grand Ballroom 4-7
7:15 PM	Fellow Dinner & Networking Mixer <i>Sponsored by YoungMD Connect</i>	Row 34

Saturday, July 11 - Mass Eye and Ear, 243 Charles Street, Boston, MA

7:00 AM	Registration & Breakfast	3rd Floor
7:30 AM	Welcome Remarks	John Miller
7:35 AM	Prep for Surgery	Yannek Leiderman
8:00 AM	PANEL 3 - IOLs - John Kitchens (<i>Moderator</i>) <i>Panelists:</i> Mohammad Dahrouj, Jose Davila, Miin Roh, Andre Witkin, Jeremy Wolfe	
8:30 AM	Overview of Labs and Small Groups	Jose Davila & John Miller
8:35 AM	Transition to Stations (See badge for Individual Assignments)	
8:45 AM	Morning Wet Labs, Dry Labs, and Small Groups (3rd Floor & 6th Floor, Based on Individual Assignments)	
11:45 AM	Lunch	7th Floor, Lank Dining Room
1:00 PM	PANEL 4 - Surgical Approach to PVR and Complex RD - Sharon Fekrat (<i>Moderator</i>) <i>Panelists:</i> Xi Chen, Karen Jeng-Miller, Leo Kim, Szilárd Kiss, Aleksandra Rachitskaya	
1:30 PM	PANEL 5 - Macular Surgical Techniques for ERM and Mac Hole - Katherine Talcott (<i>Moderator</i>) <i>Panelists:</i> Will Foulsham, Steve Houston, Deeba Husain, Mehnaz Khan, Ivana Kim, Marisa Tieger	
2:00 PM	Transition to Stations (See badge for Individual Assignments)	
2:15 PM	Afternoon Wet Labs, Dry Labs, and Small Groups (3rd Floor & 6th Floor, Based on Individual Assignments)	
5:15 PM	Transition to General Session	3rd Floor, Meltzer Auditorium
5:25 PM	Closing Remarks, Survey & Group Photo	Matt McKay
5:45 PM	Travel To Dinner on Own	
6:00 PM	Reception & Dinner	Hampshire House
7:00 PM	Top 10 Things to Keep Your Attending AND YOU Happy	Ronald Gentile
7:15 PM	Remarks by MEE Vit Course Directors	
9:00 PM	Adjourn	

Thank you to our amazing faculty:

Sophie Bakri, MD – Mayo Clinic

Audina Berrocal, MD – Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Maria Berrocal, MD – Drs Berrocal & Associates

Robert Bhisitkul, MD, PhD – UC San Francisco

R.V. Paul Chan, MD, MSc, MBA – University of Illinois Chicago

Steve Charles, MD – Charles Retina Institute

Yewlin Chee, MD – University of Washington

Xi Chen, MD, PhD – Duke Eye Center

Donald D'Amico, MD – Weill Cornell Medical College

Mohammad Dahrouj, MD, PhD – Mass Eye and Ear

Jose Davila, MD – Mass Eye and Ear

Sharon Fekrat, MD, FASRS – Duke Eye Center

William Foulsham, MD, PhD – Mass Eye and Ear

Ronald Gentile, MD – NYU Langone

Luis Haddock, MD – Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

Steve Houston, MD – Florida Retina Institute

Deeba Husain, MD – Mass Eye and Ear

Raymond Iezzi, MD – Mayo Clinic

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Mehnaz Khan, MD – Atrius Health

Ivana Kim, MD, MBA – Mass Eye and Ear

Leo Kim, MD, PhD – Mass Eye and Ear

Szilárd Kiss, MD – Weill Cornell Medical College

John Kitchens, MD – Retina Associates of Kentucky

Ines Lains, MD, PhD – Mass Eye and Ear

Yannek Leiderman, MD, PhD – Duke Eye Center

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John Miller, MD – Mass Eye and Ear

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Sandra Montezuma, MD – University of Minnesota

Eric Nudleman, MD, PhD – UC San Diego

Anton Orlin, MD – Mid Atlantic Retina/Wills Eye Hospital

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Nimesh Patel, MD – Mass Eye and Ear

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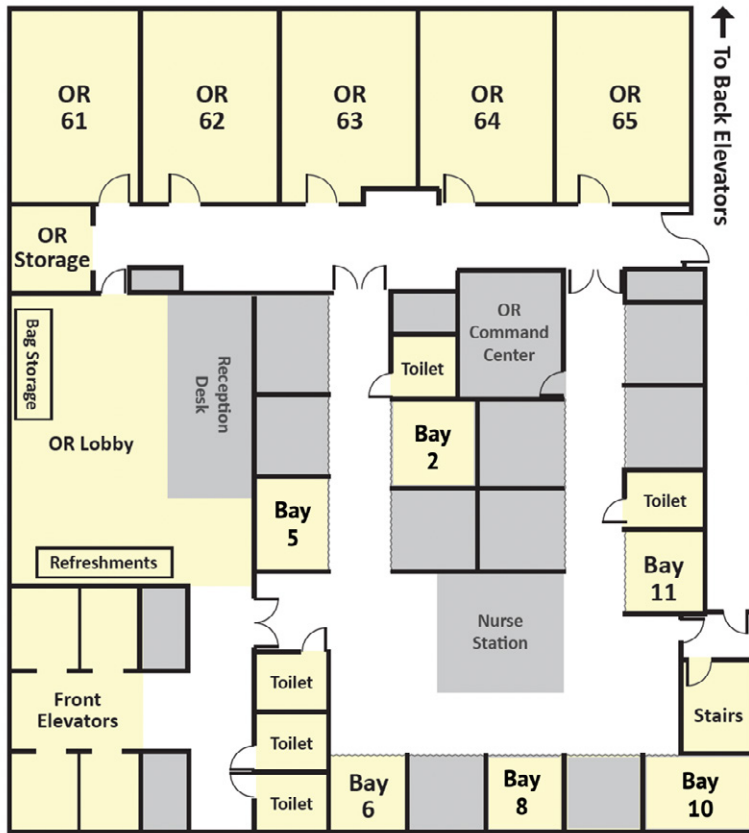
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Mass Eye and Ear VR Fellowship Graduating Class of 2026



(left to right) Isaac Bleicher: Tufts, Caroline Awh: Cleveland Clinic,
Ricky Woodward: Manhattan Eye and Ear, Stephanie Zhang: Univ. of Washington



6th Floor Map

Wet Labs

OR Storage – Scleral Buckle

OR 61 – Vitrectomy

OR 62 – Membrane Peel & IOFB

OR 63 – Vitrectomy

OR 64 – Vitrectomy

OR 65 – Vitrectomy

Bay 2 – Scleral Buckle

Bay 5 – Membrane Peel & IOFB

Bay 6 – Scleral Buckle

Bay 8 – Membrane Peel & IOFB

Bay 10 – Scleral Buckle

Bay 11 – Membrane Peel & IOFB

3rd Floor Map

Dry Labs & Small Groups

Meltzer Auditorium

Mentoring

Sloane Teaching Room

Surgical Cases

Trainee Lounge

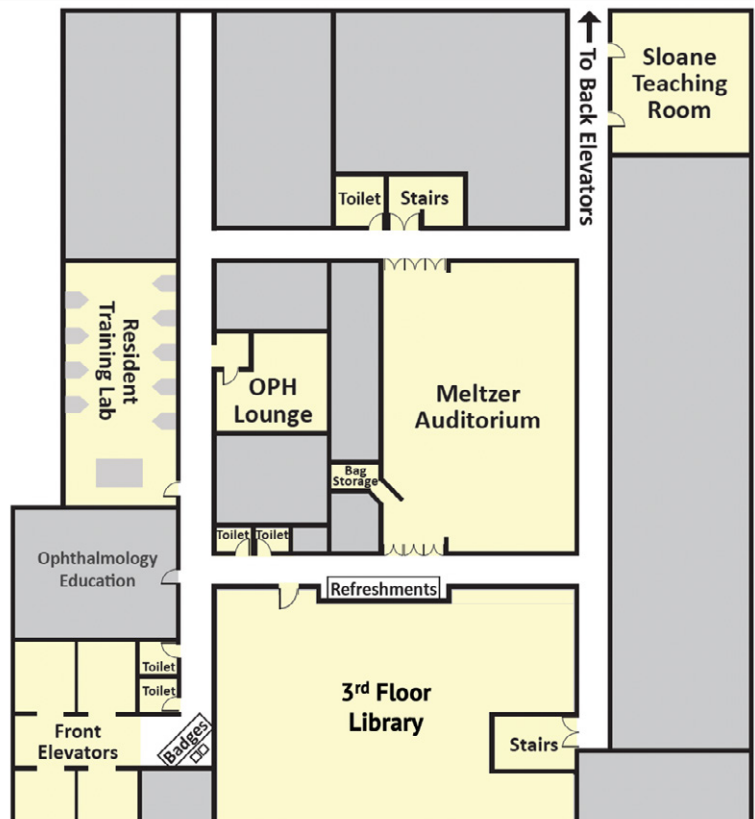
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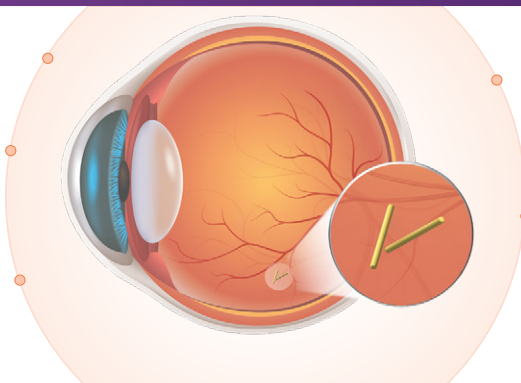
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