

MOA 2020 Fall Meeting

Speaker Biographies

Jafar Hasan, MD

Dr. Hasan is fellowship trained in pediatric ophthalmology and adult strabismus with expertise in the medical and surgical care of eye diseases in children and adults. He specializes in strabismus (eye muscle misalignment) and performs strabismus surgery on adults with eye muscle problems. He is also a specialist in amblyopia (lazy eye), tear duct obstruction and other pediatric conditions. Dr. Hasan sees children and adults for routine eye examinations and welcomes new patients.

After completing his ophthalmology residency, Dr. Hasan received specialty training in pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus at Baylor College of Medicine – Texas Children's Hospital, which is consistently ranked one of the top pediatric hospitals in the country. He has also authored several articles concerning pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus and has lectured extensively to primary care doctors, optometrists and other ophthalmologists.

He also volunteers his time and talent to help the disadvantaged and runs a free community eye clinic.

Mohammad Rafieetary, OD, FAAO

Dr. Rafieetary is a consultative optometric physician who has been in practice at the Charles Retina Institute (CRI) since 1996. He is a graduate of Boston University and received his Doctor of Optometry from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. Dr. Rafieetary completed a residency in Primary Care Optometry and Ocular Disease at the Southern College of Optometry (SCO) and the Memphis Health Center. Upon completion of his residency in 1989, Dr. Rafieetary joined SCO's faculty and served as an Associate Professor and the Chief of Advanced Ocular Disease Service and at the Southern College of Optometry until he joined CRI.

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 such as the Church Health Center and the American Diabetes Association.

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.

Justin Schweitzer, OD, FAAO

Dr. Schweitzer is a fellowship-trained optometrist specializing in the treatment of glaucoma, anterior segment pathology and cataracts in Sioux Falls, SD. It was during his advanced anterior segment surgery care, pathology, and glaucoma fellowship at Vance Thompson Vision in 2013 when Dr. Schweitzer decided to practice full time at our facility. Now an adjunct clinical professor at The Illinois College of Optometry, Dr. Schweitzer is a national leader in the arenas of glaucoma, anterior segment surgery, anterior segment pathology and lectures to his colleagues nationwide. Dr. Schweitzer has multiple articles published in scientific journals and actively conducts research on minimally invasive glaucoma surgery, biomechanical properties of the cornea as it relates to glaucoma, cataract surgery care, and anterior segment pathology.

In Dr. Schweitzer's free time, he enjoys spending time with wife Nissa and their two children, Paige and Luke. Dr. Schweitzer very much enjoys the great outdoors, and some of his favorite pastimes include camping, spending time at the lake, running, biking, and swimming. He enjoys competing in road races, triathlons, and iron man competitions. A Minnesota Vikings fan, Dr. Schweitzer loves following his team throughout their NFL football seasons and counts down to their season opener year-round. Dr. Schweitzer remains focused on advancing his knowledge of optometry, placing great emphasis on keeping current with the evolving technologies and techniques which could one day transform the eye care industry.

LEONID SKORIN, Jr., OD, FAAO, DO, MS, FAAO

Dr. Skorin is a Consultant in the Department of Surgery, Community Division of Ophthalmology at the Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea, MN and is an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology, Mayo Clinic College of Medicine.

He completed his OD at the Illinois College of Optometry and his DO at the Chicago College of Osteopathic Medicine. He did his medical/surgical internship in Tulsa, OK and his ophthalmology residency at Michigan State University/Metropolitan Hospital. He did a neuro-ophthalmology fellowship at the University of Illinois Eye & Ear Infirmary.

Dr. Skorin is a Past-President of the Minnesota Osteopathic Medical Society. He is a Costin Institute Scholar in osteopathic medical education and received the Presidential Achievement Certificate for his medical and surgical mission work in Ukraine from the American Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology. In 2006 he was awarded the Distinguished Clinician of the Year Award from the Mayo Clinic Health System in Albert Lea.

In 2007 Dr. Skorin was named Distinguished Practitioner of the National Academies of Practice in the Osteopathic Medical Academy and had served as its Chair. In 2016 he was named Mayo Clinic School of Health Sciences NP/PA Emergency Medicine Fellowship Program - Educator of the Year. In 2017 the American Osteopathic College of Ophthalmology awarded him the Governor's Achievement Certificate.

Dr. Skorin completed the Mayo Clinic Leadership Development Program in 2010 and a Master's of Science in Medical Education Leadership through the University of New England College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2011. He completed the American Osteopathic Association Health Policy Fellowship in 2012.

He enjoys cruising the country lanes in his 1956 Chevrolet Bel-Air convertible and is an amateur herpetologist specializing in chelonian.

