Dr. Williford Funds New Distinguished Visiting Professorship

The Department of Ophthalmology is the proud recipient of a new Distinguished Visiting Professorship, generously donated by William N. Williford, M.D. (medical school, '70; residency, '75). This Professorship will compliment the already existing Kambara Distinguished Visiting Professorship and will allow us to invite another outstanding scientist to the University, to instruct and inspire students, residents, faculty and community ophthalmologists.

Dr. Williford's contribution to the Department is yet another example of his continuing service to the University and the community. A native of Tennessee, born and raised in Knoxville, Dr. Williford received his undergraduate training at UT Knoxville, and his medical degree from UT Memphis. Following an internship at Baptist Memorial Hospital and Ophthalmology residency at UT Memphis, Dr. Williford practiced Ophthalmology briefly in Bristol, before establishing his practice in Knoxville, which he continues to the present.

A highly experienced and regarded anterior segment and cataract surgeon, Dr. Williford is a Fellow of both the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the Knoxville Academy of Medicine, the Tennessee Medical Association, the American Medical Association and the Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology.

A long-standing member of the UT College of Medicine Alumni Association and Alumni Council, Dr. Williford was recently elected President for the 1996 to 1998 term, and undoubtedly the Council will flourish under his leadership.

The Department of Ophthalmology is extremely appreciative of Dr.
Williford's gift, and looks forward to the selection of the first Williford Distinguished Visiting Professor.

New Ophthalmology Suite Opens at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

New Suite Instrumental in Expanding Scope of Surgical Care

Ophthalmology entered a new phase at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital with the opening of a new examination and diagnostic suite in the internationally renowned center dedicated to the care of children with devastating disease. This suite, equipped with state-of-the-art equipment for the evaluation and testing of children with both eye cancers and ophthalmic complications of radiation and chemotherapy, opened in August and is staffed by Drs. Barrett G. Haik, Gregory S. Carroll, Natalie C. Kerr, R. Christopher Walton, and Richard D. Drewry, Jr.

Equally exciting was the opening of two new operating rooms at St. Jude, to allow comprehensive definitive treatment of these patients within the hospital's grounds. The operating rooms are equipped with an extensive array of ophthalmic instrumentation including an ophthalmic operating microscope with assistant and observation tubes for instruction, and a sophisticated lensectomy/vitrectomy instrument for intraocular surgery.

These suites are instrumental in expanding the scope of surgical care available to St. Jude patients, thus enhancing and expediting the delivery of ophthalmology services.

Dr. Richard Drewry discusses treatment options with St. Jude patient and his mother

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plastic surgery has already been recognized by the community

Gregory S. Carroll, M.D.

It's a long journey from the wheat plains of North Dakota to the Mississippi Delta, but one that has been extremely productive for the Department in the recruitment of Dr. Gregory S. Carroll as Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology in July of 1995.

Dr. Carroll attended the University of North Dakota in Grand Forks as an undergraduate, and received his medical degree from that University's School of Medicine. Following a transitional residency at St. Luke's Hospital in Fargo, North Dakota, he completed his Ophthalmology residency at Tulane University Medical Center in New Orleans. Dr. Carroll continued his sub-specialty training in New Orleans as a fellow in ophthalmic oncology, orbital disease and oculoplastic surgery under the direction of Drs. Barrett Haik and Thomas Naugle. He was invited to join the Ophthalmology faculty of UT Memphis immediately upon completion of his fellowship.

Dr. Carroll is experienced in the management of ophthalmic and facial trauma, and thus, has added depth to both supervision and instruction of the residents at the Regional Medical Center and the Veterans' Affairs Medical Center. His interest and expertise in ophthalmic reconstructive and plastic surgery has already been recognized by the community, and he was responsible for conducting two courses this past winter on the use of the CO2 laser for blepharoplasty and facial resurfacing.

Dr. Carroll has presented two posters at recent meetings of the American Academy of Ophthalmology: "MRI Analysis of Orbital Dermoid Cysts" and "Delayed Vascularization of Hydroxyapatite Implants following Orbital Irradiation", and lectured at the Pan American Association of Ophthalmology in Quito, Ecuador and the Southern Medical Association Section of Ophthalmology in Kansas City, Missouri. He has been an invited lecturer at many Grand Rounds and Departmental Seminars at both UT and affiliated institutions, including LeBonheur Children's Hospital, Baptist Memorial Hospital and St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

As a result of his interest and training in ophthalmic oncology, Dr. Carroll holds a weekly clinic at our new facility in St. Jude, and hopes to conduct research to refine treatment protocols for patients with both retinoblastoma and ocular malignant melanoma utilizing hyperthermia with chemotherapeutic agents and to develop better local chemotherapy delivery system for intraocular application.

Faculty Notes

Stephen V. Scoper, M.D. was recently appointed to a two-year term as the Vice-Chair of the Accreditations Committee of the Eye Bank Association of America (EBAA). The Accreditations
Committee is responsible for setting operational standards for all Eye Banks in the United States and inspecting the centers for compliance.

**Gregory S. Carroll, M.D.** was a guest speaker for a Course and Workshop in Facial Resurfacing, held at the Miller Eye Center of the Erlanger Medical Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Dr. Carroll spoke on "Laser Blepharoplasty."

**Barrett G. Haik, M.D.** co-authored a paper entitled "Gadolinium Enhancement: Improved MRI Detection of Retinoblastoma Extension into the Optic Nerve", appearing in the most recent issue of the journal NEURORADIOLOGY.

**Natalie C. Kerr, M.D.** has been elected a Fellow of the American College of Surgeons. This election recognizes Dr. Kerr's surgical experience and expertise. She joins Dr. Haik, Dr. Drewry and Dr. Fleming as a member of this distinguished assembly.

**Clinical Offices in East Memphis Expanded**

The second phase of our clinical expansion program was completed when a new Ophthalmology office opened in East Memphis at 756 Ridgelake Boulevard on July 1st, 1996.

The new office, located in Suite 206, is designed for comprehensive ophthalmology services, housing six fully equipped examination lanes, a contact lens fitting and instruction area, and a dedicated diagnostic area for fundus and slit lamp photography, diagnostic ultrasound, and visual field testing. Specular microscopy, potential visual acuity and computerized corneal topography are also available. The suite also features a spacious and fully equipped minor surgery room, complete with operating table, lights and microscope, which will allow our physicians to increase the volume and complexity of their office procedures.

This suite, adjacent to our already existing office in the same building at suite 228, expands the availability of our services to the patients and physicians of the East Memphis area.

**Mid-South Eye Bank Celebrates 50th Anniversary**

The Mid-South Eye Bank celebrated its fiftieth anniversary of operation this fall, commemorating a half-century of service to the physicians and patients of the community. Eye banks provide an essential service by receiving, testing and arranging for distribution of organ donor eye tissues to patients in need of corneal transplants.

The Mid-South Eye Bank recently received Category I certification following review by the Accreditation Committee of the Eye Bank Association of America. "This is the highest level of certification granted," said Dr. Stephen Scoper, Vice-Chair of the Committee, "and is due in great part to the dedication and effort of both the new Executive Director, Lee Williams and the new Technical Director Yvette Friedhoff."

The Mid-South Eye Bank is responsible for receiving and processing eyes from organ donors in this region, testing for compatibility and safety, and coordinating tissue availability for recipients. Most recently, they have assumed responsibility for scheduling all
Ophthalmic Pathology Main Topic During Visiting Professorship

"Current Topics in Ophthalmic Pathology" was one of the talks presented by Dr. Darryl J. Ainbinder during his Visiting Professorship at the Department, September 19th and 20th, 1996. Dr. Ainbinder is a Major in the United States Army, stationed at Madigan Army Medical Center in the state of Washington, following completion of a two year fellowship at the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology (AFIP) in Washington, D.C. His presentation highlighted clinical entities under investigation at the AFIP, and informed the faculty, residents and guests of new developments in treatment regimens.

On Saturday, September 20th, Dr. Ainbinder presented "Pediatric Orbital Trauma and Reconstructive Surgery" which summarized pertinent concepts in the management and visual rehabilitation of children who have suffered massive injury to the eye and periocular structures.