The eyes are our windows to the world. When they are impaired by disease or injury, our connection to the world is deeply affected. The UT Hamilton Eye Institute continually advances the frontier of ophthalmic medicine to make a positive difference in people's lives.

None of this would be possible without your support. Our most significant strides are made through the generosity of private donors. The return on a philanthropic investment is seen in the vast number of people whose vision is restored or improved, the lives that are saved, and the cases of eye diseases and disorders that will never occur due to advances in the science of prevention.

We invite you now to enjoy this issue of Hamilton Eyelights, where you will learn about some of our most recent advances in ophthalmic research, patient care, and academic excellence. As always, if you would like to know more about anything in this publication, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Warmest regards,

Barrett G. Haik, MD, FACS
Hamilton Professor and Chair
Director, Hamilton Eye Institute
The UT Hamilton Eye Institute was proud to welcome our thirteenth annual William N. Williford, MD, Distinguished Visiting Professor, George J. Florakis, MD, Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, Columbia University Medical Center, Director of Cornea Clinic, Edward S. Harkness Eye Institute, New York. His first presentation was a lecture to the HEI residents, who then presented Dr. Florakis with a plaque in appreciation for sharing his corneal expertise. A few hours later, the evening’s main event took place. Following introductions by R. Christopher Walton, MD, MHA, and Andreea E. Partal, MD, Dr. Florakis presented the Williford Lecture, “Evolution of Endothelial Keratoplasty.” Next, Dr. William N. Williford presented him with a custom-designed plaque, etched with an artistic rendering of the Hamilton Eye Institute. We were delighted to have Dr. Florakis with us and sincerely appreciate his outstanding expertise as the thirteenth Williford Distinguished Visiting Professor.

A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and an alumnus of the UT Health Science Center, Dr. Williford recognized a need for enriching the education of future ophthalmic specialists, and established this professorship in 1997. A highly experienced anterior segment and cataract surgeon, Dr. Williford has always demonstrated exceptional skills, knowledge, and dedication to his patients. Consequently, the visiting ophthalmologist selected for this professorship always possesses these same qualities, providing a unique educational experience with a world-renowned ophthalmologist who encompasses expert knowledge in clinical practice, academic excellence, and the highest ethical values.

Dr. Williford is a fellow of both the American Academy of Ophthalmology and American College of Surgeons. He is a member of the Knoxville Academy of Medicine, 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 president from 1996 to 1998. His ongoing contribution through this professorship brings national experts from all specialties to the Hamilton Eye Institute, sharing their knowledge for providing optimal care to patients with ophthalmic diseases and injuries. The example that Dr. Williford set by establishing this program has inspired four successive professorships, fostering a tradition of shared knowledge and academic excellence that has helped make the UT Hamilton Eye Institute one of the top ten ophthalmic institutions in the United States.
The 2010 Methodist Healthcare Foundation Living Award was presented to Mrs. Barbara H. Hamilton at an awards benefit held August 24, 2010, at the Peabody hotel. This annual award recognizes those who have a profound impact on healthcare locally, nationally and globally through leadership and commitment to the mission of Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare.

For over 41 years, Mrs. Hamilton has been a dedicated volunteer at Methodist Le Bonheur Healthcare and significantly contributed to the advancement of their mission. The generosity of Mrs. Hamilton and her husband of 58 years, Ralph S. Hamilton, MD, was instrumental in the founding and construction of the UT Hamilton Eye Institute.

Sarwat Salim, MD, FACS

Recently, HEI associate professor of Ophthalmology, Dr. Sarwat Salim, received multiple honors. Memphis Business Journal named her a “Health Care Hero” in the category of Community Outreach at their 12th Annual Health Care Heroes Awards. The American Academy of Ophthalmology has also selected Dr. Salim as Glaucoma section editor for Eyewiki, a vast online eye encyclopedia with content written by ophthalmologists on topics of eye disease, diagnosis and treatment.

The minister of health of Iraq, Dr. Salih Mahdi Al-Hasnawi, invited Dr. Salim to Baghdad to participate in the International Scientific Conference of Health Research. Attendees were mostly physicians from Iraq, United Kingdom, the United States, and various Middle Eastern countries, as well as delegates from the World Health Organization, the United States Agency for International Development, and the International Medical Corps. This conference was designed to improve health care for Iraqi citizens through evidence-based medicine and promotion of research. Dr. Salim was the only ophthalmologist invited from the United States. She was recognized by Dr. Al-Hasnawi for her invaluable contributions.
New Publication from HEI Clinical Faculty

Congratulations to Drs. Steven T. Charles and Jorge I. Calzada on the publication of *Vitreous Microsurgery* (5th edition). Throughout his career, Dr. Charles has been a pioneer and innovator in vitreoretinal surgery. As an outstanding ophthalmic surgeon, Dr. Calzada possesses particular expertise in complex retinal detachment repair, pediatric retina surgery and management of uveitis and inflammatory eye diseases. With more than 170 full-color Illustrations by medical artist, Byron Wood, the clinically proven methods described in this book impart knowledge of vitreoretinal surgery to ophthalmologists throughout the world. Previous editions of *Vitreous Microsurgery* have been translated to Chinese, Turkish, Portuguese and Spanish languages.

HEI Annual “Student Day” Event

Once each year at the Hamilton Eye Institute, our clinics are opened to the entire second-year class of UT medical students. This “Student Day” is organized annually by Dr. William R. Morris, associate professor of ophthalmology, in cooperation with Dr. Gail Beeman, associate professor of pediatrics.

Following an introductory lecture, the event moved to the HEI clinics, where students separated into groups, joined ophthalmologists in examination rooms, and received instruction in ophthalmic evaluation techniques. More than 30 UT and regional private ophthalmologists and several ophthalmology residents participated in this event, which was attended by 152 students.
Innovative Symposium at HEI

The HEI oculoplastic service recently participated in an exceptional oculoplastic ophthalmology event, “Facial Trauma for the Oculofacial and Orbital Surgery Fellow,” sponsored by Synthes CMF and held at HEI. This symposium was the first of its kind, bringing together 30 oculoplastic fellows from across the United States with 10 expert oculoplastic surgeons from some of the nation’s most respected eye centers and medical colleges for an intensive, two-day course of lectures and hands-on lab exercises designed to train oculoplastic fellows in techniques for repairing orbital fractures and facial trauma.

30 major ophthalmic institutions were represented. The event chairs were Dr. James C. Fleming, the Philip M. Lewis professor of Ophthalmology and vice-chair of the UTHSC Department of Ophthalmology; Dr. Michael Grant, assistant professor of Ophthalmology and Plastic Surgery from the Wilmer Eye Institute in Baltimore, MD; and Dr. William R. Nunery, clinical associate professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences from the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

Earlier this year, another oculoplastic surgery event was hosted at the Medical Education and Research Institute (MERI) in Memphis. Drs. James C. Fleming, Alan Oester and Brian Fowler worked on a project at this event utilizing surgical techniques for treating retrobulbar hemorrhages. Drs. Fleming and Oester also conducted an orbital dissection lab at the MERI event.

Bloody Tears Investigation

Caivino Inman, a young man with bloody tears, or “haemolacria,” was featured earlier this year on local news affiliate WREG-TV Channel 3. Dr. Barrett G. Haik, director of the Hamilton Eye Institute, and Dr. James C. Fleming, director of the HEI Orbit Center, have been searching for answers to the cause of Inman’s condition.

As the story gained worldwide media attention, a reporter from Fantastico, a Brazilian news program similar to 60 Minutes, spoke with Drs. Haik and Fleming about the young man. Fantastico has over 40 million viewers in Brazil, and it is broadcast by Globo TV, Brazil’s largest television network. Globo TV broadcasted the show via satellite to 48 countries worldwide.
New Corneal Transplant Technique Restores Child’s Sight

Andreea E. Partal, MD, a cornea specialist at HEI, performed Descemet’s stripping automated endothelial keratoplasty (DSAEK) on an 8-year old child with juvenile rheumatoid arthritis. Over time, inflammation caused by the disease had completely clouded the child’s eyes by destroying the endothelial layer of both corneas. Dr. Partal introduced healthy donor cells into the endothelial layer of the child’s cornea through a small incision. The cells successfully adhered to the child’s cornea, and the results have been so effective that the same procedure is planned for the child’s other eye.

In this surgery, only part of the cornea is transferred from donor eye to recipient. This type of transplant usually results in faster recovery of vision than with traditional corneal transplants. This sophisticated procedure was not available anywhere 5 years ago. It is now routinely performed on adult patients, but rarely used on children. Pediatric corneal problems are usually more complex than in adults, requiring full-thickness transplants and more invasive corneal surgery than DSAEK.

“I am very happy to be able to offer this new procedure,” said Dr. Partal. “We are now able to repair the cornea in a much safer and less invasive way.”

Decorative Contacts Without Prescription: Illegal to Sell and Dangerous to Wear

Jess M. Wesberry, Jr., MD, second-generation cataract and anterior segment surgeon at HEI, recently appeared on the WHBQ Fox13 television show Good Morning Memphis to explain that contact lenses are becoming available to more people for more purposes than ever. For example, recent advances enable a single set of multifocal, toric contact lenses to correct farsightedness, astigmatism and presbyopia all in one; a medicine to increase tear film now enables older patients with dry eyes to use contact lenses; and a growing number of people are using decorative contact lenses to change the appearance of their eyes. For example, one new type of fashion lens popular among young women in Asian countries creates a dramatic doll’s-eye appearance.

Echoing recent concerns from the American Academy of Ophthalmology about the growing popularity of these decorative lenses, Dr. Wesberry warns that contact lenses should not be purchased or worn without first seeing a professional. When the physical parameters of the eye are ignored for aesthetics, serious eye injury can occur. “If people are not made aware, cornea surgeons are going to see a lot more of these kinds of injuries,” said Wesberry.
Welcome to Jessica A. Knowlton, MS, CRA, the new clinical research coordinator for the UT Hamilton Eye Institute. Jessica has previously done extensive work in cornea research at the University of Michigan’s Kellogg Eye Center, where she coordinated 18 studies. Her research background also includes molecular biology with an emphasis in proteomics, DNA repair, and the application of nanotechnology in mucosal vaccines.

In her new role at the Hamilton Eye Institute, Jessica will facilitate the initiation, progress and conduct of research studies for our clinical research faculty. She will help design studies, ensure the scientific integrity of collected data, and protect the rights, safety and well-being of human study subjects. One of her first projects now getting underway is a multicenter study to determine which drug is best for reducing inflammation after pediatric cataract surgery.

Eldon E. Geisert, Jr., PhD, director of the UT HEI Center for Vision Research, has been appointed to the editorial review board of Molecular Vision. This review board is an international panel of 59 distinguished scientists who review articles submitted to the journal. Molecular Vision is dedicated to the dissemination of research results in molecular biology, cell biology, and the genetics of the visual system.

Dr. Geisert also recently received a grant supplement from the National Eye Institute for his ongoing project to investigate retina’s response to injury. The ultimate goal of this research is to define genetic networks that control susceptibility and resistance of the retina to optic nerve damage. Greater understanding of these genetic mechanisms may lead to improved treatments for these types of injuries in the future. We congratulate Dr. Geisert on his continued achievements.

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Advances in Prevention of Diabetic Retinopathy

In the research labs on the seventh floor of the UT Hamilton Eye Institute, Jena J. Steinle, PhD, has been developing a novel new drug that may hold the key to safely preventing diabetic retinopathy. Previously, a drug called isoproterenol has effectively prevented and even reversed damage caused by diabetic retinopathy, but it causes cardiovascular side effects. Dr. Steinle, in collaboration with Drs. Duane Miller and Ryan Yates in the UT Department of Pharmacy, has taken the general catecholamine structure of isoproterenol and chemically modified it into two brand new novel molecules. Studies show that administering these new compounds as an eye drop prevents diabetic retinopathy without reaching systemic circulation, eliminating the cardiovascular side effects seen with isoproterenol.

The drug is expected to work in both pediatric and adult patients. Steinle’s team is now collecting samples to determine whether these compounds also reverse damage caused by diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Steinle hopes to see clinical trials begin within the next 5 years.

“With the strong collaborators I have here at UT, moving to the HEI has been instrumental in enabling me to carry out this study, and instrumental to my career,” said Dr. Steinle, who began this project 10 years ago at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and moved to HEI in 2007.

This research is funded by the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation (JDRF), the International Retinal Research Foundation, Research to Prevent Blindness, the National Institutes of Health, the University of Tennessee Research Foundation, and private donors of the UT Hamilton Eye Institute.

UT HEI Postdocs Awarded

Congratulations to the following postdoctoral researchers, who were recently awarded Neuroscience Postdoctoral Research Support Awards: Christina Winborn, PhD, (Dr. Edward Chaum’s lab) and Liyuan Li, PhD, (Dr. Monica M. Jablonski’s lab).
Outreach Programs

HEI Surgeons Change Lives in Panama

Ernesto A. Calvo, MD, UT clinical professor of ophthalmology, is an ophthalmic surgeon based in the Republic of Panama. His colleagues, Felix Ruiz, MD, and Jorge Arrue, MD, working together with J. Thomas Ford, as coordinators of Niños Sanos, Niños Felices, began to seek surgeons from the United States to help correct strabismus (misaligned eyes) and ptosis (drooping eyelids) in 180 prescreened children in Panama. As a former oculoplastics fellow of HEI director, Barrett G. Haik, MD, FACS, Dr. Calvo has collaborated with Dr. Haik on numerous mission trips over the years volunteering their skills on complex pediatric cases. In turn, he offered this opportunity to the fellows and residents at HEI.

Oculoplastic fellow, David F. Jones, MD, along with second-year resident, Brian T. Fowler, MD, appreciated the chance to participate. “I knew it would be a great trip,” said Fowler, “I thought it was a really good cause, helping the kids there. I also thought it would be a great opportunity for me to get some surgical experience.” Through Thomas Fowler at Johnson & Johnson and Steve Machado at Beaver Visitec International, medical supplies valued at nearly $20,000 were donated for this cause.

For all that these volunteer surgeons gave, they got so much back. “The amount of congenital ptosis cases on this trip was equal to the amount I would do as a primary surgeon in one year of fellowship, or more,” said Dr. Jones of the experience.

Dr. Calvo remarked on the impact that Drs. Jones and Fowler have made on the lives of these children: “Repairing their crossed eyes and droopy eyelids increases their self-esteem and changes their lives. This was all done thanks to the help of Dr. Haik and his team at HEI. David and Brian were incredible. It was a pleasure to have them, and they are welcome back any time.”

Dr. Calvo also provided a site visit of the retinoblastoma outreach center in Panama City for Drs. Jones and Fowler, who expressed profound respect for the hard work and dedication Dr. Calvo and his colleagues have invested in this program. Much gratitude is owed to the kind generosity of Mr. Dan Haeuser, President, Chief Executive Officer, Coastal Cargo Company, Inc., and Mr. Gary Solomon, Board Chair, Crescent Bank and Trust, who made the center possible by enabling the medical community to come together and provide the best care possible for children with this disease.
Ralph S. Hamilton, MD, has been exceptional all his life. After graduating high school at the age of 16, he received his medical degree from the UT Health Science Center in 1952 at the remarkable age of 23. After a rotating internship at John Gaston Hospital, he headed to Philadelphia for a fellowship at Wills Eye Hospital at the University of Pennsylvania under the renowned ophthalmologist Edmond B. Spaeth, MD. Then, Dr. Hamilton spent two years serving as southern area command consultant for the U.S. Army in Augsberg, Germany. Upon his return, he completed a residency at Wills Eye Hospital, finally returning to Memphis in 1959. Led by successive department chairmen Philip M. Lewis, MD, and Roger L. Hiatt, MD, Dr. Hamilton rose through the ranks at the UT Dept. of Ophthalmology. From assistant instructor in 1959, he ascended through the positions of instructor, assistant professor, associate professor, and finally professor in 1979. He has maintained a private practice in Memphis for over 50 years. The Memphis Business Journal awarded Dr. Hamilton the Lifetime Achievement Award in Health Care in 1999, and he and his wife, Barbara, have each received the Methodist Healthcare Foundation Living Award for the profound impact they have made to healthcare locally, nationally, and globally. Dr. Hamilton was president and program chair of the Memphis Eye Society, as well as president of the Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology. He is also a current member of the prestigious American Ophthalmological Society, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and numerous other professional societies.

The Hamiltons are truly benevolent humanitarians who have given so much and touched so many lives. Dr. Hamilton has had an exponential effect on the present and future of ophthalmology. HEI director, Dr. Barrett G. Haik, remarked, “He has taught young ophthalmologists how to master the art and science of medical and surgical ophthalmology. Through his compassion, quick wit, and unwavering ethical standards, he has made many of us better physicians, scientists and individuals. And so many of those he has taught have become outstanding teachers themselves, impacting yet another generation of ophthalmic physicians and paving the way for the future of ophthalmic medicine.” The son of an eye doctor himself, Dr. Hamilton is succeeded by two sons in the same field and a grandson in medical school: four generations of the Hamilton family, in honor of whom the UT Hamilton Eye Institute is named with deepest gratitude for their significant legacy and momentous impact on our posterity. “It’s truly a privilege to practice medicine,” said Dr. Hamilton. “I’ve walked on the shoulders of a lot of great people.”

He has made many of us better physicians...
The end of each academic year at the HEI is marked by a celebration. As new residents and fellows are welcomed, seasoned graduates of our program move to the next level of their careers in ophthalmology. In honor of this matriculation, faculty, alumni and residents convene for Alumni/Residents’ Day, an annual event that includes research presentations, a graduation reception, and the invitation of the George K. Kambara, MD, Distinguished Visiting Professor.

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The 39th Annual Alumni/Residents’ Day took place on Friday, June 25, and was webcast live to a worldwide audience. Following case and research presentations by our residents, the Kambara Lecture was presented by Michael A. Kass, MD, professor and chair of the Department of Ophthalmology & Vision Sciences at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, Missouri. Dr. Kass discussed the management of patients with ocular hypertension, sharing results and observations gathered from the Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study. During breaks in the program, attendees were welcomed to view 16 research posters displayed in the auditorium while their authors stood by for discussion. To conclude the program, several of our faculty members presented discussions of some of their recent research.

We offer our sincere thanks to Dr. Kass, the 20th Kambara Distinguished Visiting Professor, for his participation in the 39th Annual Alumni/Residents’ Day.

After a day filled with engaging presentations and discussion, the evening of Alumni/Residents’ Day commenced with a reception in celebration of our graduating residents, Drs. Steven R. Ballard, John D. Hyatt, David F. Jones, and Aaron N. Waite. At the ceremony, HEI Residency Program director, Natalie C. Kerr, MD, FACS, awarded diplomas to the graduating residents. “This has been a very special group,” said Dr. Kerr. “They all brought amazing talents, unique skill sets, and have all worked so well together. They have made this a better residency program and a better Hamilton Eye Institute.”

The graduating residents then presented special awards to three of their faculty mentors who they felt deserved particular honors: Kathryn L. Reed, MD, received the Philip M. Lewis Award for outstanding contributions to resident instruction in clinical service, R. Christopher Walton, MD, MHA, received the Roger L. Hiatt, MD, Award for outstanding contributions to resident instruction in academic development, and Dr. Ivan Marais received a special recognition award for his unflagging dedication to outstanding teaching service. Special awards were also presented by HEI faculty members to fellows Alan Oester, MD, and Heather Hancock, MD.
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Events Calendar

HEI GRAND ROUNDS WORLDWIDE WEBCAST
First and third Monday of the month, 1:00 P.M. central time
Visit www.eye.uthsc.edu/mediasite for more information.

October 23
THIRD MEMPHIS VISIONWALK
Foundation Fighting Blindness Mid-South Chapter of Memphis
9:00 A.M. registration, Overton Park, East Parkway Pavilion
281 East Parkway North, Memphis, TN 38112
Visit www.eye.uthsc.edu/visionwalk2010 for more information.

November 18
MAGICAL MIRACLES IN MEMPHIS
7:00 P.M., Bryan Campus Life Center, Rhodes College,
2000 North Parkway, Memphis, TN, 38112
Presented by St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital and Mid-South Lions
For tickets, call 901-543-5466 or 888-546-6042
Visit www.midsouthlions.org for more information.

November 20
CHAPTER MEETING
Foundation Fighting Blindness Mid-South Chapter of Memphis
9:00 A.M. registration, 9:30 A.M. presentation
Hamilton Eye Institute Freeman Auditorium, Third Floor
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For more information, call 888-546-6042

December 11
FOURTEENTH ANNUAL CLINICAL UPDATE FOR THE
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Emory Eye Center, Atlanta, Georgia
and
Quang H. Nguyen, MD
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Special Announcements!

Congratulations to the following HEI faculty and staff:
Dr. Andreea E. Partal, on the birth of her second daughter, Mayra Sophie, born April 15, 2010
Dr. Alan “Chip” Oester, on the birth of his son, Oliver, born August 31, 2010
Dr. Mary Ellen Hoehn, on the birth of her son, George Thomas, born September 9, 2010
Dr. Jena J. Steinle, for her wedding to Mr. Jamie Smith on September 11, 2010