

FOCUS 20/21

VISION
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THE VISION INSTITUTE OF CANADA
**2021 VIRTUAL
EDUCATION**

SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021
9:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

SPEAKERS

Dr. Paul C. Ajamian, OD

Dr. Richard Maharaj, OD, FAAO

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2021
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Dr. Suzanne M.J. Fleiszig, OD, PhD, FAAO

Dr. Baseer Khan, MD

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PRESIDENT'S WELCOME

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2021 marks the 40th Anniversary of the Vision Institute of Canada as a vision care charity! While we all hope that by the fall of 2021, the pandemic will cease to impact our lives, we need our generous colleagues and peers to continue your support by registering for our virtual education events. Money raised through your registration goes to support the charity vision care we provide at the clinic and remotely.



I also want to acknowledge and thank the speakers, suppliers, and Education Champions for supporting Focus 20/21.

When we surveyed 2020 virtual conference attendees, the majority said they preferred shorter blocks of interactive on-line learning. This is why we've scheduled two, four-hour education events in 2021.

Our clinic appreciates your support and is proud to participate in the care of your patients.

The heart of the Vision Institute is our clinic where the clinic team and many interns (myself included when I was studying Optometry) deliver care to patients with special needs, including children, seniors, residents of special facilities, and those with cognitive and physical disabilities. We're pleased that on-site care has resumed to long-term care homes and that pop-up street clinics are scheduled to resume.

On behalf of the board of directors and the Vision Institute team, I invite you to join your colleagues and register for our 2021 virtual education events.

Stay well,



Mira Acs, OD, FAAO
President

PROGRAM SUNDAY, JUNE 6, 2021

9:55 a.m.	Welcome – <i>Dr. Mira Acs, President, Vision Institute of Canada</i>
10:00 a.m.–11:00 a.m. (1-hour COPE #71458-PO)	The Future of Cataract Surgery – <i>Dr. Paul C. Ajamian, OD</i>
11:00 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	BREAK
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. (1-hour COPE #71458-PO)	The Future of Cataract Surgery (conclusion) – <i>Dr. Paul C. Ajamian, OD</i>
12:15 p.m. – 12:45 p.m.	LUNCH
12:45 p.m. – 1:45 p.m. (1-hour COPE #71808-AS)	The Tear Film: A Superhero in All of Us – <i>Dr. Richard Maharaj, OD, FAAO</i>
1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	BREAK
2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. (1-hour COPE #71813-PM)	The Future of Dry Eye Disease is NOW – <i>Dr. Richard Maharaj, OD, FAAO</i>
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(2-hours COPE #71458-PO)

This course will explore modern day cataract surgery, including advances that are available now, along with future technology. Specifically, we will review the cataract evaluation, the OD's role in educating and advising patients, the relationship with your surgeon, and the diagnostic instruments and intraocular lenses that contribute to successful outcomes. Dropleess surgery and MIGS will also be covered.

Dr. Paul C. Ajamian, is Board Certified by the American Board of Optometry and is a graduate of the University of Vermont and the New England College of Optometry. He co-founded Omni Eye Services, the first Optometric Co-management Center in the country, and has served as Center Director since 1984. He is author of two textbooks and is the editor of Review of Optometry's popular monthly column "Clinical Quandaries". He is a past president of the Georgia Optometric Association, and as Legislative Chairman, orchestrated the passage of Georgia's Glaucoma and Narcotic bills, and recently assisted by testifying for Georgia's injection bill. He then successfully completed the injection certification course.



Dr. Paul C. Ajamian, O.D.

He is a well-known speaker and has served as General Chairman of the Education Committee for SECO International since 2002. In 2014 he was the recipient of the AOA's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award for Lifetime Achievement. In 2015, he was inducted into the National Optometry Hall of Fame. In 2017, he received Review of Optometry's Career Achievement Award.

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(1-hour COPE #71808-AS)

Not all heroes wear capes. In fact, the 7 microlitres of fluid between the eyelid and ocular surface is the perfect disguise for a superhero because it is transparent, fluid, and unassuming but ultimately a vital part of the local immunity of the ocular surface. This talk will cover current concepts in diagnosing and managing dry eye disease in everyday practice. This will include details on the comprehensive approach to using pharmacotherapy, in-office techniques, and supportive products to successfully manage all types of DED. Just like Clark Kent, it's time for optometrists to take their collective glasses off and optimize vision by saving the tear film.

Dr. Richard Maharaj, OD, FAAO is the current medical director for eyeLABS Center for Ocular Surface Disease a leading specialty eye care and research facility in Brampton, Ontario. He obtained his Doctor of Optometry from the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and is an active Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry.



Dr. Richard Maharaj

He is a clinical adjunct faculty for the University of Waterloo School of Optometry, the Canadian Association of Optometrists Section Chair for Ocular Surface Disease, Editorial Board Member for The Journal of Dry Eye and Ocular Surface Disease, and Chief Education Officer at MyDryEye.ca and co-founder for the Canadian Dry Eye Summit - a national conference dedicated to educating eye doctors in the area of dry eye disease management. In 2018, he was honoured as one of the Top 40 Canadian Optometrists under 40 by Johnson and Johnson Vision Care. As a published international speaker and clinical scientist on diseases of the ocular surface and the psychology of health care, he remains an active member of both national and international professional associations.

1:45 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. **BREAK**

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. **The Future of Dry Eye Disease is NOW** – *Dr. Richard Maharaj, OD, FAAO*
(1-hour COPE #71813-PM)

The evolution of scientific understanding of the tear film and ocular surface has been exponential. Despite the evidence base, practices have stumbled on integrating DED services due to multiple reasons including fear of the unknown, and cannibalism of retail revenue. But what if adding a DED specialty could not only bolster your practice, but improve the quality of vision for patients of all ages and set you apart as a truly comprehensive eye care provider? This talk will cover planning, adding and integrating a DED specialty to your practice and will give you tools to reduce the fear allowing you to embrace change.

3:00 p.m. **Closing remarks** – *Dr. Mira Acs*

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10:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. **Glaucoma**– *Dr. Baseer Khan, MD*
(2-hours non-COPE)

This lecture begins with a review of glaucoma medications of all classes. Mechanism of action, adverse effects and limitations, dosage, efficacy, tolerability, and contraindications for each class will be discussed. Followed by a lecture on the glaucoma laser therapy and surgical advancements and postop care.

Dr. Baseer Khan completed his medical school and residency in ophthalmology at the University of Toronto. He was honoured with the distinction as the “top cataract surgeon” of his graduating class. He then went on to do a fellowship in Glaucoma and Anterior Segment surgery. Dr. Khan is currently on staff at Southlake Regional Health Centre, North York General Hospital, Mount Sinai Hospital, Stevenson Memorial Hospital and Kensington Eye Institute. Dr. Khan was instrumental at establishing a leading glaucoma and anterior segment program in the Central LHIN. Dr. Khan is an Assistant Professor and the University of Toronto, where he educates fellows, residents, and medical students. In 2016, he completed the Physician CEO program at the Kellogg School of Management and Business.



Dr. Baseer Khan

Dr Khan is the founder and medical director of Clarity, a full scope clinical, surgical and refractive practice in Vaughan, ON and takes great pride in providing patients with the most advanced solutions for various eye conditions. Due to his extensive experience and ability to handle complex cases he is often sought out by his colleagues to perform surgery on the most difficult cases. Dr. Khan is an innovator and researcher and has been a principal investigator in more than 15 clinical trials and has designed a number of surgical instruments. Outside of his clinical and surgical practice, Dr. Khan is also highly involved in humanitarian work, performing multiple surgical and teaching missions in Jordan, Vietnam, Haiti and Jamaica.

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(2-hour COPE #70376-SD) - *Dr. Suzanne Fleiszig, OD, PhD, FAAO*

Drawing on basic science knowledge and experimental results, this lecture will consider why infection management outcomes can be unpredictable. Attendees will learn about new discoveries related to how the ocular surface resists infection, how bacterial adaptations to their environment can help them overcome our defenses, and why commonly used management strategies might have unexpected consequences or variable outcomes.

Dr. Suzanne Fleiszig received her OD and PhD degrees from the University of Melbourne in Australia before completing a postdoctoral fellowship at Harvard Medical School. Currently, Professor of Optometry and Vision Science at Berkeley Optometry, she holds joint appointments in the Infectious Disease & Immunity and the Microbiology programs at UC Berkeley, and the Proctor Foundation at UCSF. Dr. Fleiszig's research program integrates her unique multidisciplinary expertise to study the pathogenesis of contact lens-related infection. She has served as President of the International Society for Contact Lens Research (ISCLR), and as the Vice-President of the Tear Film and Ocular Surface Society (TFOS). Currently she is Chair of the Council on Microbial Sciences for the American Society for Microbiology. In that role Dr. Fleiszig organized an international summit to set urgent priorities for COVID-19 research early in the pandemic.



Dr. Suzanne Fleiszig

Dr. Fleiszig has also served the NIH through participation in multiple grant review panels, currently as a permanent member of the Bacterial Pathogenesis Panel. She has been a recipient of the Borish and the Glenn Fry Awards of the American Academy of Optometry and the American Optometric Foundation and received the Ruben Medal from the International Society for Contact Lens Research. Dr. Fleiszig teaches ocular anatomy and physiology to students in the OD and PhD programs at UC Berkeley.

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3:00 p.m. **Closing Remarks** - *Dr. Mira Acs*

REGISTRATION FORM 2021

Sunday, June 6, 2021 **\$150.00** \$ _____
 9:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m

Sunday, October 24, 2021 **\$150.00** \$ _____
 9:55 a.m. to 3:00 p.m

SAVE when you register for both events June 6 & October 24 **\$260.00** \$ _____

TOTAL PAYMENT **\$ _____**
 (ONE FORM PER REGISTRANT PLEASE)

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