

Advance Your Practice With Glaucoma 360

Attend the 11th Annual Glaucoma 360 in San Francisco in February 2022.

Glaucoma Research Foundation (GRF) will host the Glaucoma 360 New Horizons Forum at the Grand Hyatt Union Square in San Francisco on February 11, 2022. In addition to the in-person meeting, attendees can also join virtually to learn the latest innovations in glaucoma.

Now in its 11th year, this unique annual meeting was founded by Adrienne Graves, PhD, a member of the GRF board and Andrew G. Iwach, MD, director of the Glaucoma Center of San Francisco and chairman of GRF's board, with the goal to highlight innovations in glaucoma and bring together key clinical, scientific, industry, financial, and regulatory leaders from across the United States and around the world. See Figures 1 and 2 for past meeting highlights.

"For both doctors and patients, the glaucoma landscape has changed dramatically since GRF started Glaucoma 360. This unique meeting serves as an important catalyst to spotlight new technologies and provide an opportunity to connect all the important elements needed to advance a promising idea into clinical use," said Dr. Graves.

"For our 2022 New Horizons Forum," said Dr. Iwach, "there will be a special focus on the opportunities in telemedicine and remote patient monitoring as well as new developments in glaucoma devices, drugs, and drug delivery. As a clinician, it is very encouraging to learn about so many promising options for our patients." Dr. Iwach added, "We are also delighted to gather together safely in person for networking so critical to our attendees. And for those unable to travel to San Francisco, a virtual program will be available."

Ranya Habash, MD, Medical Director of Technology Innovation at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, will deliver the Drs. Henry and Frederick Sutro Memorial Lecture, the Forum's keynote address. At the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Habash was identified to lead telehealth implementation for the medical community. Her training sessions and materials were embraced nationally, and her work was cited in a Senate Committee hearing for telehealth expansion in all medical specialties. Dr. Habash has combined her medical and technology backgrounds to work with Microsoft's health care team, working to build a global collaborative network for data sharing.

Glaucoma 360 Steering Committee member Ruth Williams, MD, stresses the importance of clinician participation at the meeting. "Attending the New Horizons Forum provides the opportunity to network with individuals who are committed to bringing



Figure 1. Glaucoma 360 Co-Chairs Adrienne Graves, PhD, (left) and Andrew G. Iwach, MD, (right) present the Perfect Pitch Award to Thurein Htoo (center), CEO of Qlaris Bio, Inc., at the 2020 New Horizons Forum for the most promising new technology.



Figure 2. Daria Lemann-Blumenthal, CEO of BELKIN Laser Ltd., represented one of 35 presenting companies at the 2020 New Horizons Forum.

new glaucoma therapies to our patients. Each year, I take away new ideas for my practice and a great sense of hope and excitement about the future."

New Horizons Forum is the centerpiece of Glaucoma 360, GRF's signature 3-day series of events planned for February 10 to 12, 2022. Additional activities include the Annual Gala to benefit GRF's research and patient education programs, the 26th annual Glaucoma Symposium CME, and the 7th Annual Optometric Glaucoma Symposium. ■

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