

The 10th Annual Glaucoma 360

The 2021 New Horizons Forum Launches Global Conversation on Glaucoma Innovation

From MIGS to brand new classes of glaucoma drugs to progress toward vision restoration and even a cure—the last decade has seen a revolution in glaucoma science and care. On January 30, 2021, vision professionals, industry executives, ophthalmic leaders, entrepreneurs, and venture capitalists from around the world will celebrate that progress and look to the future at Glaucoma Research Foundation's 10th annual Glaucoma 360 New Horizons Forum.

Every year since 2012, Glaucoma 360 has brought the vision community together in San Francisco to share solutions and preview, discuss, and catalyze breakthroughs in glaucoma care. The 2021 meeting will be no exception, with one major difference: This year, New Horizons will go all-virtual via a new online platform that addresses COVID-19 concerns and makes it possible to join in across time zones and geographies. To make the forum even more accessible and inclusive, this year there will be no registration fee, and attendees will be encouraged to donate to support Glaucoma Research Foundation's scientific initiatives and patient education programs.

With a focus on global innovation, 2021 forum speakers will initiate the first global conversation on glaucoma care during a pandemic. Early in 2020, many ophthalmology practices were closed due to health concerns, leaving patients wondering about the progress of their disease. Opening safely, for patients and health care professionals, brought new challenges. "We have all analyzed our care protocols and found creative ways to serve our patients well," says glaucoma specialist Ruth D. Williams, MD, who will co-moderate a panel on health care delivery during and



Figure 1. Ruth D. Williams, MD, will co-moderate the virtual panel along with Anup K. Khatana, MD, to highlight innovations in health care delivery.



Figure 2. George A. Cioffi, MD, will deliver the Drs. Henry and Frederick Sutro Memorial Lecture, the opening keynote at the 10th anniversary of the Glaucoma 360 New Horizons Forum.

beyond COVID-19 (Figure 1). "Which new practices should we keep in place beyond the pandemic? And what have we learned about the role telemedicine can

play in treatment and education for our glaucoma patients? I look forward to exploring questions like these with people from around the world." Additional panels will share industry perspectives and look at the latest diagnostic and therapeutic breakthroughs. Because panelists will be live, not recorded, organizers anticipate informative and thought-provoking discussions with plenty of opportunities to ask questions and offer input.

Other forum highlights include a keynote address by internationally recognized glaucoma scientist and clinician George A. Cioffi, MD, of Columbia University Medical Center—a fitting kickoff since Dr. Cioffi addressed the very first forum in 2012 (Figure 2). Continuing the event's global theme, the H. Dunbar Hoskins, Jr., MD, International Innovation Award, which includes a financial prize, will be presented to three high-impact glaucoma care solutions.

"Our hope is that, with no travel required, more people will be able to take part, creating a truly global event," says Thomas Brunner, President and CEO of Glaucoma Research Foundation, which sponsors the New Horizons Forum as part of its annual Glaucoma 360 series of events. "A diverse array of participants means more learning and sharing about new technologies and approaches available around the world."

To register free of charge for the New Horizons Forum, or to learn more about events that are part of 2021 Virtual Glaucoma 360, including the 25th Glaucoma Symposium CME, 6th Annual Optometric Glaucoma Symposium, and Annual Gala, visit www.glaucoma360-2021.org. ■