

## IN IT TOGETHER

ne of the fondest memories of my medical career is my first day as a resident. When I met the doctors who would train me, I realized that I was part of something bigger than myself. These doctors would hand down their knowledge to me, as it was handed down to them, so that I could one day hand it to others. Each of us was doing our part to advance our knowledge and create a brighter future. If I'm being honest, it made me feel kind of like a Jedi.

It is an incredible honor for me to be named Chief Medical Editor of *GT*. I want to thank Steve Vold, MD, for everything he did to make this publication the premier source for the latest on glaucoma diagnosis and treatment. Once again, I find myself a part of something bigger, carrying on a tradition of excellence and shaping it for the future. And the future of glaucoma has never been more exciting.

It wasn't too long ago that glaucoma was a footnote of eye care—an afterthought for the final sessions of conferences. The development of new treatments and technology has changed how we view glaucoma, ... and this is just the beginning. The technologies we will see come to reality in the next decade will revolutionize treatment. They will allow more providers than ever before to treat patients in ways that were once thought impossible. They will empower patients to collaborate with their provid-

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ers to be true partners in their own care.

I am grateful to be a part of this revolution, sharing, discussing, and collaborating with *GT* readers as we discover the future together. As a resident, one of the greatest lessons I learned was that medicine is much more than science; it is a personal journey. It is only when we share that personal journey that we can really learn from one another.

I want to bring that same philosophy to *GT*. I want to make this a personal journey with our readers so that we can truly learn from each other, make our craft better, and support each other to build a better, brighter future for eye care. Thank you for taking the journey with me.



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