



“The world is moving so fast these days that the man who says it can’t be done is generally interrupted by someone doing it.” So said Elbert Hubbard, an American writer, publisher, and artist who lived more than 100 years ago. It is amazing that these words still ring true today.

Also amazing is that, if you want to get specific and drill down to the microcosm of retina, this sentiment applies just as well. It is no wonder: Innovations abound in this industry and profession. And, when you and the immediate world around you are busy, life tends to advance at breakneck speed. These days, unless I am on vacation, which is rare, my weeks are jam-packed—but they fly by. The weekends are not always so predictable. Sometimes it feels as though I have something scheduled every minute of my Saturday and Sunday, and then Monday rears its ugly head all too soon. But on those blissfully rare weekends when my calendar is blank and I am free to do whatever I want whenever I want, life definitely seems to take on a slower pace. Such weekends are great. They give us time to unwind, relax, and recharge. Progress is necessary, however, and in order to have progress we need forward movement.

And this takes us back to the field of retina, catapulting into tomorrow with innovations that may lead to treatments for conditions that have remained untreatable for too long. Among the many brilliant minds in this field, some have set their sights on the uncommon, while others have tasked themselves with tackling disease states that the average retina specialist sees on a daily basis. It is humbling to work with members of a profession dedicated to delivering the best care to patients and intent on making the future a better place.

Indeed, the world is moving fast these days. Embrace it and welcome it, for in these fast-paced times there is great opportunity. ■

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