

MEDIA ALERT • MEDIA ALERT • MEDIA ALERT

Third Annual Alcon Retina Fellows Institute Goes Virtual to Train Next Generation of Leaders in Ophthalmology

November 19, 2020

Alcon, the global leader in eye care dedicated to helping people see brilliantly, will host the third annual Alcon Retina Fellows Institute – a unique educational experience which gathers 40 first-year Retina fellows for surgical training and mentorship from many leading ophthalmologists in the field across the United States. The Institute is convening virtually this year from November 19-21 as Alcon continues its ongoing commitment to educating Retina surgeons.

The Retina Fellows Institute aims to expand the traditional surgical teaching paradigm, offering small group learning and one-on-one expert guidance from world-class faculty on the latest Alcon technologies. Participants, who are nominated by their fellowship program directors, will rotate through and engage in a mix of virtual live and pre-recorded sessions on a variety of topics to prepare them for real-world ophthalmological practice, including macular survey, vitrectomy fluidics, surgery for eye trauma, diabetic surgery, 3D visualization and more.

“We know the Retina Fellows Institute meets a real need by offering advanced professional development to Retina surgeons early in their careers,” said Josh Anderson, Head of Retina Sales & Marketing, US Surgical, Alcon. “We’re thrilled to bring our Retina Fellows Institute into the virtual world, allowing us to continue connecting the Retina community and building on our legacy of providing training to up-and-coming Retina fellows from across the U.S.”

Alcon continues to evolve and improve the structure and content of the Retina Fellows Institute. This year builds on the success of the 2019 program, where 85% of attendees surveyed rated the program as very good or excellent and 100% responded they would attend the meeting again. Based on other participant feedback, Alcon has added more topics of interest to the didactic presentations – such as scleral buckle surgery – as well as extended the amount of time allocated for the small group classes, ensuring quality time for faculty and fellows and further enhancing the learning experience.

“I’ve been part of the faculty in the Alcon Retina Fellows Institute since its inception, and it’s amazing to see how the program continues to get stronger each year. I’m thrilled Alcon pivoted to deliver the program virtually this year, adapting to address the needs of the fellows and faculty,” said Yannek I. Leiderman, MD, PhD, Course Director, Alcon Retina Fellows Institute. “The 1:1 dialogue and best-practice sharing during the program is so vital for building relationships in this community, and it enables us as faculty to use the education, mentorship and training we have received throughout our careers to invest in the next generation of ophthalmology leaders.”

Alcon has a long-standing history of delivering educational training programs for ophthalmologists. As meetings and events have moved into the virtual space, Alcon continues to deliver world-class virtual training and education through the Alcon Experience Academy (AEA). In the Retina space, Alcon adapted multiple programs to a virtual setting this year, including the two Retina LIVE! Broadcasts, the annual Retina Film Festival and the Retina Fellows Institute, underscoring the commitment to providing meaningful educational resources and opportunities to the Retina community.

For more information about the Alcon Retina portfolio, visit www.surgicalretina.com and follow Alcon on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#).

About Alcon

Alcon helps people see brilliantly. As the global leader in eye care with a heritage spanning more than seven decades, we offer the broadest portfolio of products to enhance sight and improve people's lives. Our Surgical and Vision Care products touch the lives of more than 260 million people in over 140 countries each year living with conditions like cataracts, glaucoma, retinal diseases and refractive errors. Our more than 20,000 associates are enhancing the quality of life through innovative products, partnerships with eye care professionals and programs that advance access to quality eye care. Learn more at www.alcon.com.

Disclaimer

This press release contains "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the safe harbor provisions of the United States Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements can be identified by words such as: "anticipate," "intend," "commitment," "look forward," "maintain," "plan," "goal," "seek," "believe," "project," "estimate," "expect," "strategy," "future," "likely," "may," "should," "will" and similar references to future periods.

Forward-looking statements are neither historical facts nor assurances of future performance. Instead, they are based only on our current beliefs, expectations and assumptions regarding the future of our business, future plans and strategies, and other future conditions. Because forward-looking statements relate to the future, they are subject to inherent uncertainties and risks that are difficult to predict. Some of these factors are discussed in our filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, including our Form 20-F. Should one or more of these uncertainties or risks materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results may vary materially from those anticipated. Therefore, you should not rely on any of these forward-looking statement.

Forward-looking statements in this press release speak only as of the date of its filing, and we assume no obligation to update forward-looking statements as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.

Connect with us on



Media Relations

Lisa Gilbert

+ 1 817 615 2666 (Office)

+ 1 682 321 3615 (Mobile)

lisa.gilbert@alcon.com