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Daniel A. Anaya
M.D., F.A.C.S.



Associate Professor
Division of Surgical Oncology
Chief, General Surgery &
Surgical Oncology Section;
Director, Liver Tumor
Program
Director, Virtual Tumor Board
Program in Southeastern
Region
Investigator, Behavioral Health
& Implementation Program,
Houston VA Health Services
Center of Excellence
Michael E. DeBakey VA
Medical Center

Specialty
Surgical Oncology

Education
Medical School (M.D.):
Pontificia Universidad
Javeriana, Bogota, Colombia

Residency: General Surgery,
University of Washington,
Seattle, Washington
Fellowship: Surgical
Oncology, The University of
Texas-MD Anderson Cancer
Center, Houston, Texas

**“The thing I like best
about working with
Veterans is that I am
happy to return the
favor to those who have
served our country.”**

Sam Awad
M.D.



Specialty
Surgical Critical Care & Acute
Care Surgery

Education
College: Jefferson Medical
College, Thomas Jefferson
University, Philadelphia, PA

**“The best part about
working at MEDVAMC is
the ability to provide
evidence based, state of
the art care to Veterans.”**

Elizabeth F. Baze,
M.D.



Assistant Professor of
Ophthalmology

Michael E. DeBakey VA
Medical Center

Education
College: Princeton University,
Princeton, New Jersey,
Bachelor of Arts, 1991-1995.

Medical School: University of
Texas Southwestern Medical
School, Dallas, Texas, Doctor
of Medicine, 1995-1999.

Internship: Transitional,
Baylor College of Medicine,
Houston, Texas, 1999-2000.

Residency: Ophthalmology,
Baylor College of Medicine,
Houston, Texas, 2000-2003.

David H. Berger,
M.D., M.H.C.M.



Professor of Surgery
Vice President and Chief
Medical Officer - Baylor
College of Medicine Medical
Center

Specialty
Surgical Oncology

Board Certification
National Board of Medical
Examiners
American Board of Surgery

Education
Medical School: State
University of New York Health
Science Center, Brooklyn,
New York

Residency: State University of
New York Health Science
Center, Brooklyn, New York

Fellowship: The University of
Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer
Center

Carol Bodenheimer
M.D.



Specialty
Fellow, American Academy of
Physical Medicine and
Rehabilitation
Subspecialty: ABMS certified
in Spinal Cord Injury Care
Line

Education
Medical School: Temple
University School of Medicine
Philadelphia, PA

**“I take pride in working
at the MEDVAMC and
providing world-class
health care to the many
brave individuals who
served in the military and
are now our patients.”**

Timothy Boone
M.D., Ph.D.



Senior Member
The Methodist Hospital
Research Institute
Co-Director, Institute for
Academic Medicine
Chairman, Department of
Urology
The Methodist Hospital
Professor of Urology
Weill Cornell Medical College
of Cornell University
Clinical Professor of Urology
Scott Department of Urology
Baylor College of Medicine

Education
B.S. Southwestern University,
Georgetown, Texas
Ph.D. University of Texas
Graduate School of Biomed-
ical Sciences, Houston, Texas
M.D. University of Texas
Medical School at Houston,
Houston, Texas

Internship: General Surgery,
University of Texas
Southwestern Medical School,
Dallas, Texas
Residency: General Urology,
University of Texas
Southwestern Medical School,
Dallas, Texas

Biykem Bozkurt
M.D., Ph.D.,
F.A.C.C., F.A.H.A.



Specialty:
Cardiology

Education
Medical School: University of
Istanbul

**“I love the ability to
provide the best care for
our veterans in an
environment enriched
with outstanding
academic expertise,
educational excellence,
and research and
innovation.”**



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Anthony E. Brissett
M.D.



Blase Carabello
M.D.



Petros Carvounis
M.D.



Peter T. Chang,
M.D.



Michael Coburn
M.D.



Joseph S. Coselli
M.D.



Clifford C. Dasco
M.D.



Specialty
Facial Plastic Surgery

Education
Medical School: Wayne State
School of Medicine

“What I like most about working for the MEDVAMC, is caring for the men and women that have protected our nation.”

Specialty
Cardiology/Internal Medicine

Education
Medical School: Temple
University

“I like working at MEDVAMC because the VA is the last bastion of real medicine, where the only consideration is the best care for the patient.”

“The most memorable experience I’ve had at MEDVAMC is during all the hurricanes and tropical storms. The amazing way we cared, not only for our patients, but also those living in Harris County and New Orleans. We demonstrated our expertise, agility as an organization and our dedication to humanity. Others talked but we DID.”

Specialty
Ophthalmology
Vitreoretinal Diseases and
Surgery

Education
Medical School: University of
Oxford (Christ Church),
Oxford, UK

Residency: The George
Washington University,
Washington, D.C.

Associate Professor of
Ophthalmology

Specialty
Cataract
Glaucoma

Education
Medical School: University of
Alabama School of Medicine,
Birmingham, AL

Internship: Baptist Health
System, Birmingham, AL

Residency: Ophthalmology,
Baylor College of Medicine,
Houston, TX

Professor and Russell and
Mary Hugh Scott Chair in
Urology
Director of Residency Training
Program
Chief of Urology Service at
Ben Taub Hospital

Specialty
Urology

Board Certification
American Board of Urology

Education
Medical School: New York
University School of
Medicine, New York City, NY

Residency: Urology, Baylor
College of Medicine, Houston,
TX

Fellowship: Male Reproduc-
tive Medicine and Surgery,
Baylor College of Medicine,
Houston, TX

Professor of Surgery
Chief of Adult Cardiac Surgery
at the Texas Heart Institute
Chief of the Adult Cardiac
Surgery Section at St. Luke’s
Medical Center
Associate Chief of the
Cardiovascular Service at St.
Luke’s Medical Center

Specialty
Vascular Surgery
Cardiothoracic Surgery
Adult Cardiac Surgery

Education
Medical School: The
University of Texas Medical
Branch, Galveston, TX

Professor of Molecular and
Cellular Biology

Specialty
General Internal Medicine

Education
Medical School: Baylor
College of Medicine, Houston,
TX

Residency: Internal Medicine,
Baylor College of Medicine,
Houston, TX



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Maria Dajoyag-Mejia
M.D.



Specialty

Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Subspecialty

Spinal Cord Medicine

Education

Medical School: University of the East, Philippines

“Working at the VA is a calling. I have family members who are veterans. My grandfather was a Purple Heart recipient following the Bataan Death March during WWII. He never talked to me about this dark time in our history but I remember playing with his medal when I was young, not knowing the significance of it. Serving at the VA is my way of honoring him, and giving back to those ‘who shall have borne the battle’.”

Rabih Darouiche
M.D.



Specialty:

Triple-board certified in Medicine, Infectious Disease, and Spinal Cord Injury Medicine

Education

Medical School: American University of Beirut

“I like working with Veterans because they are generally very thankful for what we do for them, whereas, in reality, it is us, the healthcare providers, who should be greatly grateful for serving them.”

“My most memorable experience at MEDVAMC was my first internship day in July 1984. I met a Veteran for the first time in my life and he taught me what Veterans stand for. I never left the MEDVAMC since then.”

Donald T. Donovan
M.D.



Professor of Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery
Senior Associate Dean of Student Affairs

Specialty

Otolaryngology - Head and Neck Surgery

Education

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Residency: Otolaryngology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX
Surgery, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Jane Edmond
M.D.



Specialty

Gastroenterology

Education

Medical School: American University of Beirut

“I enjoy working at the VA because it is an organization that is patient centered and quality driven. I love being able to focus on my patients and not the finances of medicine. The patients are very appreciative and a joy to work with. Every day I know that I will be treating some of the finest individuals I would ever meet. Most of them have been through a lot but never miss an opportunity to say “thank you” or crack a joke to make you smile.”

Bruce L. Ehni
M.D.



Specialty

Neurological Surgery

Education

Medical School: Baylor Medical School

“What I like best about working at MEDVAMC is my role in the Baylor Department of Neurosurgery Residency training program, where we involve PGY 1,2, and 6 years. The VA rotation has become one of the most meaningful rotations in their training, and the veterans’ understanding of MEDVAMC as a training and teaching institution can’t be understated.”

Hashem B. El-Serag
M.D., M.P.H.



Specialty

Gastroenterology and Hepatology

Education

Medical School: Al-Arab Medical University, Benghazi, Libya

“The VA system has allowed me to practice evidence based, patient centric medicine, and conduct clinical and translational research on the causes and treatment of diseases that affect Veterans.”

John A. Goss
M.D.



Chief of Abdominal Transplantation and Hepatobiliary Surgery Division
Professor of Surgery

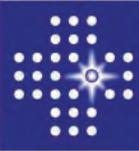
Specialty

Transplant Surgery

Education

Medical School: Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, NE

Residency: Surgery, Barnes-Jewish Hospital, St. Louis, MO



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Martin Grabois
M.D.



Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Specialty
Pain Management

Education
Medical School: Temple University Medical School, Philadelphia, PA

Internship: Pediatrics, University of Wisconsin Hospital, Madison, WI

Residency: Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Temple University Medical School, Philadelphia, PA

David Y. Graham
M.D.



Professor of Medicine

Specialty:
Gastroenterology/Internal Medicine

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Residency: Internal Medicine, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Fellowship: Gastroenterology, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

“I enjoy working at MEDVAMC because the Veteran population is appreciative of the care they receive and they show it. It is an honor to serve them.”

Richard J. Hamill
M.D.



Specialty
Internal Medicine & Infectious Diseases

Education
Medical School: Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Residency: Wayne State University, Detroit, MI

Fellowship: Infectious Disease, University of Wisconsin

“I appreciate the fact that these individuals sacrificed a lot for our country and I think we owe them something for that sacrifice.”

Jennifer Harrison
M.D.



Associate Professor of Physical Medicine & Rehab

Specialty
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Internal Medicine, and Spinal Cord Injury Medicine

Education
Medical School: University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston

Helene Henson
M.D.



Specialty
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Education
Medical School: UT Houston Health Science Center

“My favorite part about working with Veterans is that I get to serve a hero every day!”

Sally Holmes
M.D.



Associate Professor

Specialty
Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation

Education
Medical School: University of Tennessee College of Medicine, Memphis, TN

Internship: Baptist Memorial Hospital, Memphis, TN

Residency: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Sylvia Hsu
M.D.



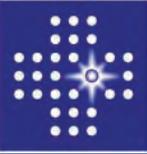
Professor of Dermatology
Chief of Dermatology Service at Ben Taub Hospital

Specialty
Dermatology

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Internship: University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, Philadelphia, PA

Residency: Dermatology, Jefferson Medical College of Thomas Jefferson University, Philadelphia, PA



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Jeffrey A Jones
M.D., M.S., F.A.C.S.,
F.A.C.P.M., F.A.S.M.A.



Specialty
Urologic Surgery
Urologic Oncology
Aerospace Medicine

Education

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

Residency and Fellowship: General Surgery, Urology, Urologic Oncology, Indiana University Hospitals, Indianapolis, IN; Aerospace/Preventive Medicine, UT Medical Branch-Galveston and NASA-Johnson Space Center

“The best part about working at MEDVAMC is the opportunity to work with outstanding health care providers and surgeons from BCM and other institutions, to care for my fellow Veterans.”

“My most memorable experiences at MEDVAMC are sharing war, aircraft and ship stories with my US Navy and Marine Corps brothers in arms here.”

Dan B. Jones
M.D.



Sid W. Richardson Professor
Distinguished Service Professor
Margarett Root Brown Chair

Specialty

Cornea and External Eye Disease

Education

Medical School: Duke University, Durham, NC, Doctor of Medicine

Residency: Ophthalmology, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL

Fellowship: Cornea and External Disease, Moorfields Eye Hospital, London, England

Biswajit Kar
M.D.



Assistant Professor of Medicine, Michael E. DeBakey Medical Center

Specialty:

Medicine and Cardiology

Education

Medical School: Armed Forces College, Pune, India

Residency: Baylor College of Medicine

Fellowship: St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Texas Heart Institute, Baylor College of Medicine

Douglas Koch
M.D.



The Allen, Mosbacher, and Law Chair of Ophthalmology
Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty

Cataract
Laser Vision Correction

Education

Medical School: Harvard Medical School, Boston, MA

Internship: Internal Medicine, St. Luke’s Episcopal Hospital, Houston, TX

Residency: Ophthalmology, Baylor College of Medicine-Cullen Eye Institute, Houston, TX

Thomas Kosten
M.D.



Professor of Psychiatry, Neuroscience, Pharmacology, and Immunology
Jay H. Waggoner Endowed Chair
Deputy Chair of Psychiatry for Research
Director, Division of Alcohol & Addiction Psychiatry
Co-Director, Dan L. Duncan Institute for Clinical and Translation Research

Specialty

Psychiatry
Sub-specialty: Addictions

Education
Medical School: Cornell Medical School, New York, NY

“In my 7 years at MEDVAMC, what strikes me most profoundly in working with our veterans is their fundamental sense of concern and commitment to their fellow veterans. Their voluntary participation in the various research programs, including my research program for the treatment of addictive disorders, all with the intent of benefitting veteran populations overall.”

Mark Kumik
M.D.



Professor Psychiatry Research

Specialty

Geriatric Psychiatry

Education

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

“My work at MEDVAMC has allowed me to touch the lives of so many Veterans who gave so much for our country. I am also grateful for the education and research that takes place at MEDVAMC. The education mission allows me to have a role in training the next generation of health care providers to take care of veterans. The research mission allows me to develop new treatments for veterans with dementia and the wider community. Being able to do clinical work, education, and research to advance the health of our veterans is a gift and privilege.”

Glenn Landon
M.D.



Assistant Professor of Orthopedic Surgery

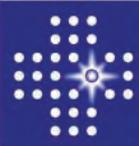
Specialty

Orthopedic Surgery
Orthopedics

Education

Medical School: Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine

Internship/Residency: Mayo Graduate School of Medicine, Orthopedic Surgery



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Laura Marsh
M.D.



Sanjay J. Mathew
M.D.



Brian J. Miles
M.D.



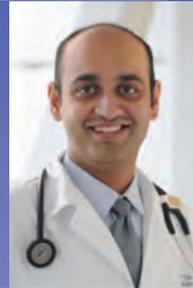
Eli M. Mizrahi
M.D.



Daniel Musher
M.D.



Vijay Nambi
M.D.



David Netscher
B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch.



Specialty
Psychiatry
Geriatric Psychiatry
Neuropsychiatry

Education
Medical School: Ohio State University College of Medicine

“My favorite thing about working with Veterans is that all share the life experience of having provided service to others.”

“My most memorable experience at MEDVAMC occurred recently when I met for the first time with the men and women Veterans we hired as full-time Peer Support Specialists with the Mental Health Care Line. These individuals, who have personal experience with mental health conditions, are a testimony to the work of our Mental Health Care Line staff and that mental health treatment works and people recover from psychiatric disturbances.”

Specialty
Psychiatry

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

“It is truly an honor and privilege to work with our veterans as a clinician and a researcher. The resources and facilities at MEDVAMC are among the very best in the nation, and the clinical staff is second to none. Through our research efforts, we have the opportunity to help not only our current veterans, but also to make a difference in the lives of the next generation of veterans in Houston and beyond.”

Professor of Urology at Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University and Baylor College of Medicine
Medical Director of Robotic Surgery at the Methodist Hospital

Specialty
Urologic Oncology

Education
Medical School: University of Michigan

Internship: Urology, Georgetown University, Washington, DC

Residency: Urology, Walter Reed Army Medical Center, Washington, DC

Chair of Neurology
Professor of Neurology
Professor of Pediatrics
Chief of Neurophysiology Service at St. Luke’s Medical Center
Director of Clinical Neurophysiology Residency Program

Specialty:
Neurology

Education
Medical School: University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL

Specialty
Internal Medicine
Infectious Diseases

Education
Medical School: Columbia

“The thing I like best about working with Veterans is that they are just very nice folks. They are appreciative of the care we give them.”

Assistant Professor
Staff Cardiologist, Ben Taub Hospital

Specialty
Cardiology/Prevention

Education
Medical School: Madras Medical College, India

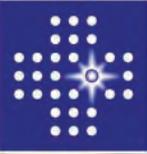
“My favorite part about working at MEDVAMC is that I get the opportunity and honor to serve those who have served the nation.”

Clinical Professor of Surgery
Professor of Orthopedic Surgery
Program Director, Hand and Microsurgery Fellowship

Specialty
Plastic Surgery
Pediatric hand surgery
Congenital hand surgery

Education
Medical School: University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Residency: University of Louisville Affiliated Hospitals



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Thomas F. Newton
M.D.



Ida Orengo
M.D.



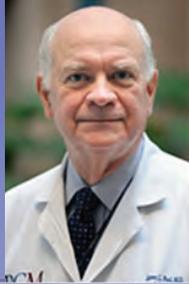
Silvia Orengo-Namias
M.D.



Robert B. Parke
M.D., M.B.A.



James Pool
M.D.



Charles Reitman
M.D.



Theodore Rosen
M.D.



Specialty
Psychiatry
Addiction Research

Education
Medical School: Yale

Director of the Mohs Surgery Center
Professor, Department of Dermatology
Assistant Professor, Department of Otorhinolaryngology

Specialty
Dermatology

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

Internship: Baylor College of Medicine

Residency: Dermatology, Baylor College of Medicine

“The best part about working with Veterans is being able to serve the Veterans who have served us so that we can live a country that is based on freedom, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”

“The most memorable part about working at MEDVAMC is all the cute gifts and advice Veterans have given me. I have been at the VA since I was a med student in 1987.”

Professor of Ophthalmology
Specialty:
Glaucoma
Cataract

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

“Helping Veterans see better with the latest, state-of-the-art techniques is why I enjoy working at MEDVAMC.”

Chief Otolaryngology/Head & Neck Surgery

Specialty
Operative Care Line
MEDVAMC

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

“I feel that the physicians and staff at the MEDVAMC are leading the way for medicine in the United States. We provide care for our veterans in an atmosphere of safety and high quality medical practice. They have earned the right to be treated in a system with the best outcomes, and in one that strives for continued improvement and personal care. I am proud that I can give back to these men and women, with what skills I can bring, to repay them for what they have given us.”

Professor of Medicine and Pharmacology

Specialty
Medicine - Hypertension

Professor of Orthopedic Surgery
Chief of Orthopedic Surgery Service at Ben Taub Hospital

Specialty
Orthopedic Surgery
Spinal Disorders
Adult Spinal Surgery
Spine Trauma

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

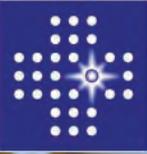
Residency: Baylor College of Medicine

Chief of the VA Dermatology Clinic
Professor, Department of Dermatology

Specialty
Dermatology

Education
Medical School: University of Michigan

Residency: Baylor College of Medicine



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Yasser H. Shaib
M.D., M.P.H.



Associate Professor of Medicine
Chief of Endoscopy, MEDVAMC
Associate Director, GI Fellowship

Specialty:
Gastroenterology

Education
Medical School: American University of Beirut

“I enjoy working at the VA because it is an organization that is patient centered and quality driven. I love being able to focus on my patients and not the finances of medicine. The patients are very appreciative and a joy to work with. Every day I know that I will be treating some of the finest individuals I would ever meet. Most of them have been through a lot but never miss an opportunity to say “thank you” or crack a joke to make you smile.”

Andrea Stolar
M.D.



Associate Professor
Director of Residency Education
Director of Forensic Psychiatry
Medical Director, Veterans Treatment Court Program

Specialty
Psychiatry
Forensic Psychiatry

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

“The thing I like best about working with Veterans is that I get to serve those who served us; especially being able to reach those whose selflessness contributed to their heroism but as well to their injuries, and being given the opportunity to bring them back.”

George Taffet
M.D.



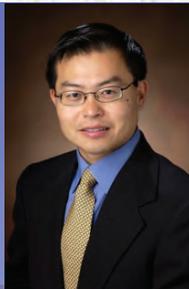
Chief of Geriatrics
Associate Professor of Medicine - Geriatrics

Specialty
Geriatrics

Education
Medical School: Brown University, Rhode Island

“Working at the VA is repaying a debt to those who risked it all for us.”

Mas Takashima
M.D.



Specialty:
Otolaryngology - Head & Neck Surgery

Secondary: Neurosurgery

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

“It is an honor and pleasure to work with our Veterans who have worked so hard for the service of our country.”

Robert S. Tan
M.D., M.B.A.



Associate Professor
Geriatrics Section
Department of Medicine

Specialty
Geriatric Medicine
Family Medicine

Education
National University of Singapore

Royal Postgraduate Medical School (UK)

Fellowship: Case Western Reserve University

“I enjoy working at MEDVAMC because the VA, in general, has a very comprehensive Geriatrics program, which is unparalleled in the community. We have extensive services that cover several programs, ranging from home care to institutional care. There is a sense of national pride and honor working with veterans who have needs.”

Marcelo F. Vela
M.D.



Associate Professor of Medicine

Specialty
Gastroenterology
Gastrointestinal Motility

Education
Medical School: Francisco Morroquin University in Guatemala

Residency: MCP-Hahnemann in Philadelphia, PA

Fellowship: Cleveland Clinic in Cleveland, OH

“The best part about working at MEDVAMC is that I really enjoy taking care of our Veterans.”

Matthew J Wall Jr.
M.D.



Deputy Chief of Surgery

Specialty
Cardiothoracic Surgery

Education
Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX

“I enjoy working with Veterans because it is an honor to care for those who have served.”

“My most memorable experience at MEDVAMC is visiting with Veterans who were involved in some of the most famous battles, and being able to thank them for their service.”



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Mitchell P. Weikert
M.D.



Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:

Ophthalmology
Laser Vision Correction
Cataract
Cornea and External Eye Disease

Education

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

John Wolf
M.D., M.A.



Professor and Chair of Dermatology

Specialty

Dermatology

Education

UTMB, Galveston - MA, Anatomy & MD with High Honors

“The most memorable part about working at MEDVAMC is that I have run Dermatology Grand Rounds for at least 25 years and I have seen many memorable patients.”

David Yawn
M.D.



Professor of Pathology

Specialty

Anatomic and Clinical Pathology with a special interest in Hematopathology and Transfusion Medicine

Education

Medical School: Baylor College of Medicine

“Most memorable was helping start Therapeutic Apheris at the VA decades ago. I am a Vet myself and proud to be a consultant for the Michael E DeBakey VA Hospital.”

Michael T. Yen
M.D.



Associate Professor of Ophthalmology

Specialty:

Ophthalmology
Cosmetic Surgeries of the Eyelid and Face
Ocular Oncology
Oculoplastics

Education

Medical School: University of Michigan Medical School, Ann Arbor, MI

Internship: Oakwood Hospital and Medical Center, Dearborn, MI

Residency: Ophthalmology, University of Miami School of Medicine - Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, Miami, FL

**Thank You ALL
for Your
Hard Work
and
Dedication!**