

AIO Fellowships



ANTERIOR SEGMENT FELLOWSHIP

STAYING AHEAD OF THE CURVE

INTRODUCTION

The Anterior Segment Fellowship Program at Associates in Ophthalmology in Pittsburgh, PA, is a one-year surgical/medical fellowship that offers comprehensive training in the surgical and medical management of anterior segment diseases. Associates in Ophthalmology is a high volume, multi-specialty private practice, performing over 3,000 anterior segment surgeries.

The fellow is expected to develop independent judgment skills, as well as excellent technical skills in a patient-focused, fast-paced environment. The fellow will be supervised by three anterior segment specialists and will be directly involved in the evaluation of patients, interpretation of corneal topographies, wavefronts, a-scans, visual fields, OCTs, GDx, HRTs, and pachymetry as well as corneal,

refractive, cataract, and glaucoma surgeries. Surgeries will be performed in our practice-owned outpatient ambulatory surgery center. Several opportunities also exist for research opportunities dealing with the anterior segment. AIO is a site for numerous national and international clinical trials.

Please refer to the SFMatch Website to register for the match and read about the new process for applying to Ophthalmology Fellowship Training in 2010. Once registered, you can view our program listing on the SFMatch directory website for all required documents at <http://www.sfmatch.org>.



SURGERY

The fellow will have direct involvement in the pre-operative evaluation, as well as intra-operative decision making, and be responsible for the post-operative management of most surgical patients. The case mix will include various cataract extraction techniques with the implantation of standard and lifestyle or premium lens. Trabeculectomies, various shunting procedures, ECPs, ALTs, and YAGs are included. PKPs, pterygium removal, and other surface procedures are performed. Refractive procedures include LASIK, PRK, LTK, RK, AK, RLE, and ICL.

MEDICAL

The fellow will have exposure to both diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to all types of medical anterior segment problems. This may include cataract, glaucoma, cornea, anterior segment, and refractive disorders.

Because of Associates in Ophthalmology's high anterior segment volume, there will be extensive experience with various imaging techniques. Ample opportunities will exist for the fellow to interpret and assist in the reporting of all of these modalities. The fellow will help organize the imaging conference.

RESEARCH

Associates in Ophthalmology has a dedicated research department with three full-time clinical coordinators to assist with the management of multi-center clinical trials, as well as investigator-initiated trials.

AFFILIATED HOSPITALS

- Associates Surgery Centers
- UPMC Monroeville Ambulatory Surgery Center
- Ohio Valley General Hospital
- UPMC Presbyterian

STAFF

AIO has a full staff of RNs, COTs and COAs dedicated to the care of its patients both in the clinic and operating room. A "scribe" system has been in place for decades to maximize efficiency, and the clinic space is equipped with electronic medical records and video monitors for computerized patient education.

AMBULATORY SURGERY CENTER

Associates Surgery Centers, LLC is a private practice ambulatory surgery center with state-of-the-art equipment. The highest technology of anterior segment instruments for surgeries will be available to the fellow, as well as the latest model of Zeiss operating microscopes with assistant and video attachments.

APPOINTMENTS

- Fellowship appointments run from July 1 to June 30 over a one-year period.
- The stipend will be \$50,000.
- The fellow will take emergency/triage calls with staff surgeon support.
- A cell phone will be provided.
- A library and references including current journals will be available.



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- RETINA
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- LASER VISION CORRECTION

ANTERIOR SEGMENT SURGEONS AT ASSOCIATES IN OPHTHALMOLOGY



Daniel V. Zimmer, MD, FACS is a board certified, fellowship-trained cornea and refractive surgeon. He is the Medical Director of Associates in Ophthalmology and a Preceptor for the Pennsylvania College of Optometry's externship program. He is also a Clinical Instructor at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center. Dr. Zimmer received his medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio. His ophthalmology residency was completed at Tulane Medical Center, followed by a corneal and refractive fellowship at the prestigious Wake Forest Medical Eye Center. As a recognized authority on corneal and refractive procedures, Dr. Zimmer has devoted his personal and professional activities to sharing his expertise and passion with ophthalmologists, optometrists and patients. He presents educational seminars locally, regionally and nationally. His award winning Patient Education Series has provided countless patients with a clearer understanding of cataract and refractive surgical options. He is actively involved in clinical research trials, lectures and publications. He is the recipient of numerous honors and awards.



Lisa M. Cibik, MD, FACS is the Director of Cataract Services at Associates in Ophthalmology. A board certified surgeon, Dr. Cibik is one of the most productive cataract surgeons in the United States. She received her undergraduate degree from Johns Hopkins University, where she graduated with distinction. She received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. Dr. Cibik performed her internship at Western Pennsylvania Hospital in internal medicine and her ophthalmology residency at Case Western Reserve University Hospitals. Before practicing at Associates in Ophthalmology, Dr. Cibik was involved in private practice for ten years in the Washington, PA area. She is extremely interested in the education of patients and other eye care professionals, as she is involved in many patient education lectures and screenings. Dr. Cibik has lectured nationally on advancements in cataract removal techniques and technology. Currently she is involved in the investigation of several new ophthalmic medications and devices. She is a member of many distinguished organizations including the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Medical Association, the American Medical Women's Association and Advanced Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.



John P. Nairn, MD is a board certified, fellowship-trained glaucoma specialist. He received his undergraduate degree from the University of Notre Dame, where he graduated with honors. He received his medical degree, as well as his masters degree in physiology, from Georgetown University. Dr. Nairn returned to Pittsburgh for his residency in ophthalmology at St. Francis Medical Center and completed his fellowship training in glaucoma and anterior segment surgery at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary of Harvard Medical School. Prior to joining Associates in Ophthalmology, Dr. Nairn was in private practice for ten years in Western Pennsylvania. He is a member of many professional organizations including the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Medical Association, the Pittsburgh Ophthalmic Society and the Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology. He has published numerous articles on glaucoma surgery and has lectured extensively throughout the country on the subject.

FELLOW BENEFITS

- VACATION:** 2 Weeks
SALARY: \$50,000
INSURANCE: Medical/Dental; Malpractice
MISC: Cell phone
CALL: RN's/Ophthalmic technicians take first line call. Fellows take second line call. Attending available 24/7.

FELLOW RESPONSIBILITIES

- CLINICAL:**
- Independent Patient Care/Fellow Clinic
 - Acquire Clinical/Medical Anterior Segment Skills
- OR/SURGICAL:**
- Assist Attendings in OR
 - Follow all post op patients
 - Fellows will be exposed to over 3,000 surgical cases.
- RESEARCH:**
- Help manage multiple national multicenter clinical trials

CONFERENCES

BI-WEEKLY TEACHING CONFERENCES:

- Morbidity and Mortality
- Imaging
- Journal Club

NATIONAL CONFERENCES:

- Fellow can choose one conference to attend (i.e. AAO, ASCRS, etc.)
- Stipend available

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