

# Resources



*A quick guide of helpful resources for those aspiring in medicine.*

## **1) American Academy of Ophthalmology**

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is the largest national membership association of Eye M.D.s. Eye M.D.s are ophthalmologists, medical and osteopathic doctors who provide comprehensive eye care, including medical, surgical and optical care. More than 90 percent of practicing U.S. Eye M.D.s are Academy members, and the Academy has more than 7,000 international members.

The mission of the American Academy of Ophthalmology is to advance the lifelong learning and professional interests of ophthalmologists (Eye M.D.s) to ensure that the public can obtain the best possible eye care.

## **2) The Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, Inc. (ARVO)**

ARVO is the largest vision research organization in the world. Its members include nearly 12,000 researchers from over 75 countries. ARVO advances research worldwide into understanding the visual system and preventing, treating and curing its disorders.

### **3) The National Eye Institute (NEI)**

The National Eye Institute (NEI) was established by Congress in 1968 to protect and prolong the vision of the American people. NEI research leads to sight-saving treatments, reduces visual impairment and blindness, and improves the quality of life for people of all ages. NEI-supported research has advanced our knowledge of how the visual system functions in health and disease.

Vision research is supported by the NEI through approximately 1600 research grants and training awards made to scientists at more than 250 medical centers, hospitals, universities, and other institutions across the country and around the world. The NEI also conducts laboratory and patient-oriented research at its own facilities located on the NIH campus in Bethesda, Maryland.

### **4) American Glaucoma Society and the AGS Foundation**

The mission of the American Glaucoma Society is to promote excellence in the care of patients with glaucoma and preserve or enhance vision by supporting glaucoma specialists and scientists through the advancement of education and research.

### **5) Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad**

The Association of Haitian Physicians Abroad (AMHE), was founded in August 1972, by a group of Haitian physicians determined to mark their presence as a growing ethnic entity in America, to foster professional alliances, and to promote the health and interest of the Haitian immigrant community at large.

### **6) National Medical Association**

The NMA promotes the collective interests of physicians and patients of African descent. We carry out this mission by serving as the collective voice of physicians of African descent and a leading force for parity in medicine, elimination of health disparities and promotion of optimal health.

### **7) American Board of Ophthalmology**

The American Board of Ophthalmology is an independent, nonprofit organization responsible for certifying ophthalmologists (eye physicians and surgeons) in the United States. Founded in 1916, the ABO was the first American Board established to certify medical specialists and is one of 24 specialty Boards recognized by the American Board of Medical Specialties (ABMS) and the American Medical Association (AMA).

### **8) Chicago Medical School at [Rosalind Franklin University of Medicine and Science \(RFUMS\)](#)**

With inter-professional emphasis, our mission is to educate healthcare and biomedical professionals with scholarship and integrity that prepares them for practice and research in modern times. Although health occupations or research interests differ, the faculty of our schools and colleges firmly believe that collaborative practice enhances the future delivery of patient care, and that learning to work in teams enriches the lives of students and all health and biomedical professionals. A visit to our safe, open and picturesque campus will find that our students, faculty and staff understand this mission, and work together as a family in embracing the Jeffersonian belief that the “first imperative of society after morality is health.”

### **9) Kresge Eye Institute**

Kresge Eye Institute is considered one of the nation’s leading medical centers for the preservation of sight and has an international reputation for its pioneering eye research program. Kresge Eye Institute is dedicated to excellence in patient care, eye research and medical education. A part of Wayne State University since 1966, the institute is an integral part of the university’s School of Medicine and Wayne State University Physician Group.

### **10) Women in Ophthalmology**

Women In Ophthalmology was founded to enhance and improve the professional environment for women ophthalmologists. WIO encourages diversity, impartiality, and economic parity, and strives to cultivate new opportunities for leadership, education, and public

service in the field of ophthalmology for ourselves and future generations.

**11) [Prevent Blindness America](#)**

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness touches the lives of millions of people each year.

**12) [Midwest Glaucoma Center](#)**

At Midwest Glaucoma Center, the mission is to save the sight of people with this eye disease. They focus on providing the highest quality care, founded on groundbreaking scientific research, and the best medical techniques. The trained staff has been carefully recruited for their competence and compassion. I am confident that, together, we can effectively manage glaucoma and help to preserve your vision. On behalf of our entire staff, I would like to thank you for trusting Midwest Glaucoma Center with your precious gift of sight.