

Resident and Fellow Directory

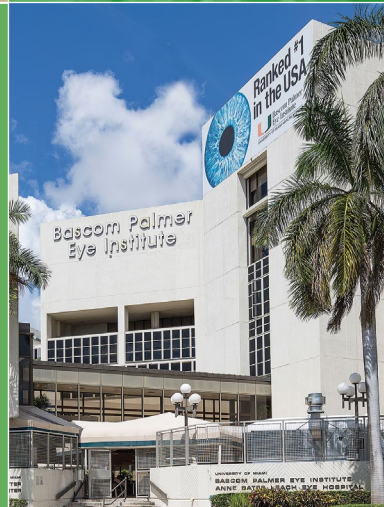
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 **Bascom Palmer
Eye Institute**
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI HEALTH SYSTEM



Meet our incoming residents and fellows!

At the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, we regard the education of our residents and fellows as one of our highest priorities. We are proud that our training programs are considered the crown jewel of the Institute. Our goal is to develop outstanding trainees to become the best ophthalmologists they can be. Welcome to the next generation of thought leaders in the world of ophthalmology.



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Vice Chair, Education
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The Bascom Palmer Eye Institute is pleased to introduce Jonathan D. Tijerina, M.D., M.A., Bascom Palmer's inaugural Chief Resident, Anterior Segment/Emergency Department.

In this role, Dr. Tijerina will teach residents the fundamentals of cataract surgery and anterior segment ocular trauma, oversee resident activities in the Institute's 24-hour Eye Emergency Department, and manage the resident morning lecture curriculum.

Ophthalmology Interns

1st Year Residents

Our ophthalmology residents complete a joint ophthalmology internship with Jackson Memorial Hospital and the University of Miami. They spend three months on ophthalmology rotations at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and the Miami Veterans Affairs Hospital.



Khalid El-Jack, M.D.
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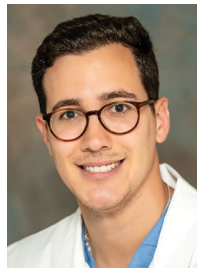
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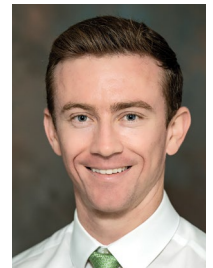
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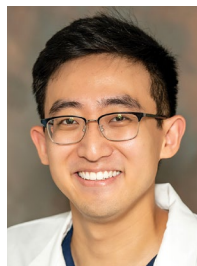
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M.D. Mayo Clinic Alix School of Medicine - Arizona



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B.S. University of Texas at Austin
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2nd Year Residents

3rd Year Residents



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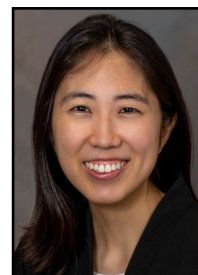
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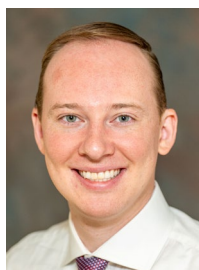
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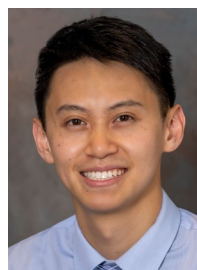
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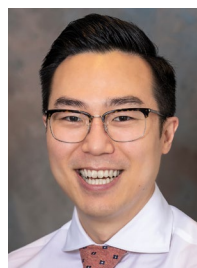
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Fellows



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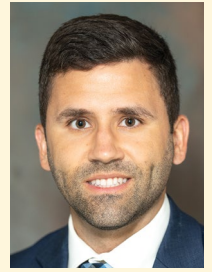
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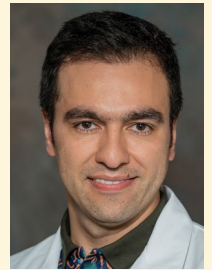
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