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Resident and Fellow Directory

2026-2027

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Vitreoretinal Surgery

Kai R. Seely, M.D., M.H.Sc.
Chief Resident, Anterior Segment
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Ronaldo Nuesi, M.D.
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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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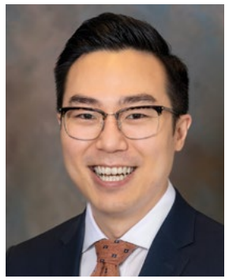

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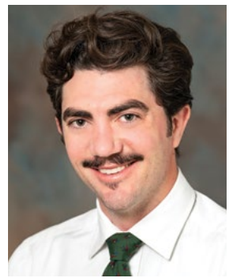

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Ophthalmology Interns

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.

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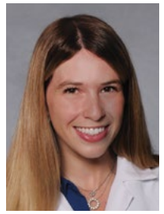

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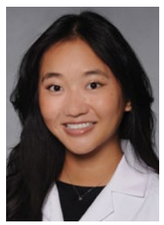

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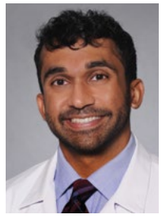

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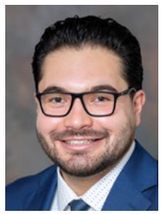
1st Year Residents



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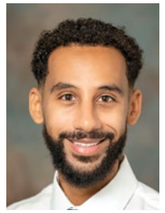

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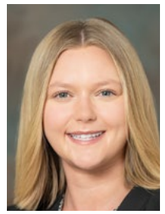

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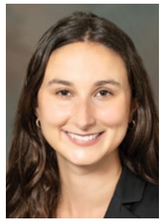

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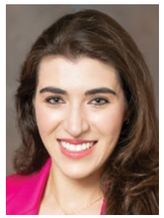

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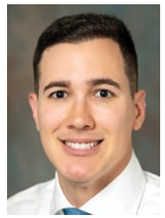

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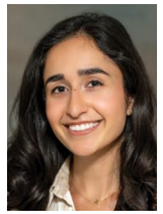

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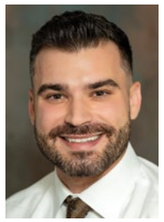

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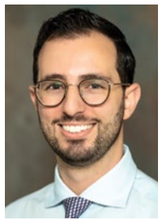

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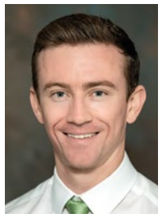

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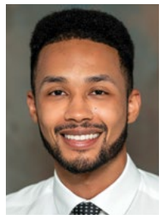

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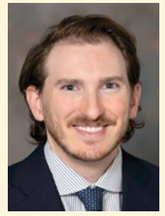

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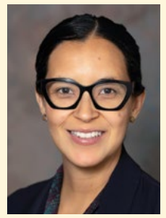

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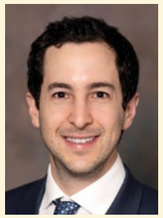

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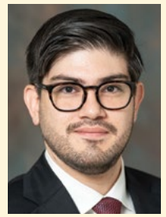

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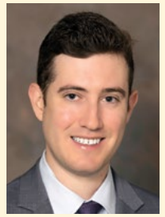

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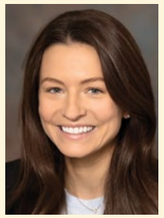

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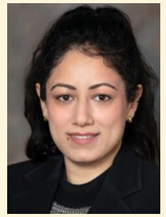

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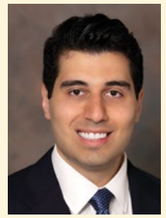

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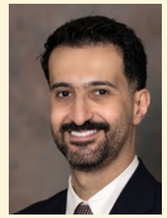

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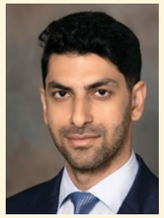

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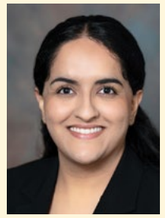

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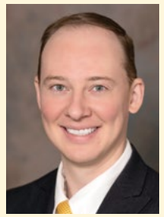

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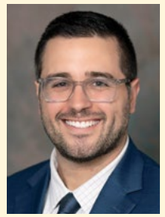

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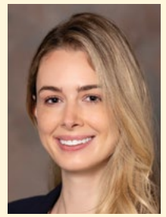

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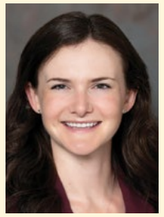

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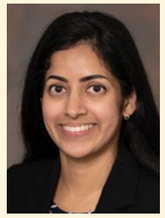

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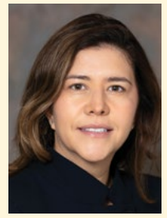

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