Global Leaders in Eye Care, Vision Research and Ophthalmology Education

Our Mission
To enhance the quality of life by improving sight, preventing blindness, and advancing ophthalmic knowledge through compassionate patient care and innovative research.

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute is the Department of Ophthalmology for the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. As part of UHealth’s University of Miami Hospitals and Clinics, Bascom Palmer is a not-for-profit medical, research and academic institution.

The Institute’s full-time faculty of internationally respected physicians and scientists encompass every ophthalmic sub-specialty. Its contribution to ophthalmic knowledge, research, diagnostics and therapies have, in many cases, revolutionized ophthalmologists’ understanding and management of eye diseases and disorders. As a result, US News & World Report has consistently ranked the Institute as the nation’s “Best in Ophthalmology.”
Message from the Chairman

For more than 55 years, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute has been a forum at which key issues and challenges confronting ophthalmology have been debated, where new technology has been unveiled and where ophthalmologists have come together to learn, discuss and teach the best care for patients. Our commitment to providing the very best clinical care and our tradition of excellence drive every aspect of our operation.

We invite you to learn about Bascom Palmer’s remarkable history, explore its many achievements and envision our future accomplishments. We are always guided by Dr. Edward W.D. Norton, our founding chairman, who said, “The patient’s needs always come first.”

We look forward to seeing you at Bascom Palmer.

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Chairman, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute
CLINICAL SERVICES

Retina and Vitreous Diseases and Surgery
- Macular Degeneration
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Retinal Detachment
- Retinitis Pigmentosa

Corneal and External Diseases and Surgery
- Cataracts
- Intraocular Lenses
- Ocular Surface, Dry Eye, and Tear Disorders
- Infectious Eye Disease
- LASIK and Laser Vision Correction

Glaucoma

Ophthalmic Oncology
- Corneal and Conjunctival Tumors
- Intraocular Tumors
- Orbital and Eyelid Tumors

Neuro-Ophthalmology

Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery
- Oculofacial Plastic Surgery
- Thyroid Eye Disease
- Aesthetic and Cosmetic Treatments

Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus
- Pediatric Cornea
- Pediatric Glaucoma
- Retinopathy of Prematurity
- Retinoblastoma

Ophthalmic Pathology

Uveitis

General Eye Care

Outstanding Patient Care

Bascom Palmer patients receive unsurpassed eye care ranging from routine eye examinations to highly specialized diagnosis and treatment.

Each year, its clinical faculty treats more than 250,000 patients from infants to senior citizens, and performs more than 18,000 surgical procedures at patient care centers in south and southwest Florida. The Institute’s physicians also provide ophthalmology care to patients at Jackson Memorial Hospital, Veterans Administration Health System, and Nicklaus Children’s Hospital.
Pioneering Vision Research

Bascom Palmer’s multidisciplinary research program covers a broad spectrum, from the most basic investigation into the nature of molecules, cells and tissues, to the development of devices for clinical and surgical applications. Current areas of clinical research include age-related macular degeneration, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, diseases of the retina and optic nerve, ocular infections and cancers of the eye.

Translational research projects in genomics, stem cells, gene therapy, and nanoparticles present new clinical opportunities. Bascom Palmer's journal publication rates surpass those of any eye institute in the nation. With its robust scientific research programs and biomedical inventions, Bascom Palmer will continue to lead the field of ophthalmology in the 21st century.

Clinical Trials

Almost 40 clinical trials, clinical outcomes and epidemiology studies are ongoing at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, and most are national multicenter projects. For more information about its clinical trials, visit bascompalmer.org or clinicaltrials.gov.
Exceptional Education

The Institute regards the education of its ophthalmology residents and fellows, medical students and ophthalmologists from around the world as one of its highest priorities thus ensuring the vision needs of future generations are met.

Bascom Palmer’s residency program is regarded as the best in the nation. More than 45 graduates of the specialized training programs have become ophthalmology department chairs at medical schools and teaching hospitals throughout the world.

Additionally, Bascom Palmer offers an extensive calendar of ophthalmic and vision science lectures and seminars for ophthalmologists, physicians in other specialties, and researchers from around the world as part of its robust continuing medical education program.

For more than five decades Bascom Palmer has made it a priority to educate medical professionals from around the globe, to exchange information with other ophthalmologists, and to share fresh ideas and approaches to patient care.
Global and Local Impact

Bascom Palmer faculty members continually volunteer in much-needed ophthalmic missions throughout the world, as do residents and fellows who participate in international efforts as part of their educational curriculum. Faculty members use satellite and digital networks to provide telemedicine and videoconferencing services abroad.

Bascom Palmer physicians are active volunteers throughout the world, including Haiti, one of the most medically underserved countries in the Western Hemisphere. In Mexico, doctors perform cataract surgeries in indigenous communities. A humanitarian initiative is bringing eye care services to towns in the remote Galapagos Islands.

Following Hurricane Katrina in 2005, a team of physicians and technicians traveled with the Bascom Palmer Vision Van, a 40-foot, custom-designed mobile eye clinic donated by the Josephine S. Leiser Foundation, to Louisiana to meet the eye care needs of storm victims and emergency responders. When the devastating Tohoku-Pacific Ocean earthquake and tsunami struck Japan in 2011, the Vision Van was flown overseas to provide support to the hard-hit Sendai province.

Today, the Bascom Palmer Vision Van continues to help communities across South Florida by providing free vision screenings for thousands of people of all ages. Bascom Palmer participates in annual health fairs and health events throughout South Florida.
Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, a University of Miami Hospital and Clinic and part of UHealth – the University of Miami Health System, offers convenient locations throughout South Florida for all eye care needs.

**Miami**
Located on the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine’s campus near downtown Miami, Bascom Palmer’s flagship center offers specialized eye care for newborns, children and adults. It also offers 24-hour emergency care and provides the only community-based ophthalmic care for indigent and low-income patients.

The Miami campus also houses the Evelyn F. and William L. McKnight Vision Research Center, Bascom Palmer’s hub for laboratory research; and the Edith and Earl Retter Education Center, the site for training doctors and medical students in the latest developments in ophthalmology.

**Palm Beach Gardens**
Bascom Palmer’s 7.4 acre campus at PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens features the Maltz Center, a 40,000 square-foot medical office building, the Frankino Pavilion, an ambulatory surgery center that allows Bascom Palmer’s physicians to perform retina, cataract, glaucoma, and ophthalmic plastic and reconstructive surgeries, and a center for clinical research that will be opened in the future.

**Naples**
Naples is home to Bascom Palmer’s newest eye care and surgery center. Located on US-41, four miles north of downtown Naples, the 20,000-square-foot state-of-the-art eye center offers an extensive array of clinical and surgical services as well as clinical trials to patients living in Southwest Florida.

**Plantation**
Bascom Palmer’s Plantation center is located just 10 miles west of Fort Lauderdale/Hollywood International Airport. It is equipped with the latest diagnostic and treatment technology and is dedicated to the care and management of every eye disease and disorder.

**Coral Gables**
Bascom Palmer physicians also provide access to eye care at the Lennar Foundation Medical Center located on the Coral Gables Campus of the University of Miami.
To schedule an appointment with a Bascom Palmer specialist, please call 1-888-845-0002 or visit bascompalmer.org.