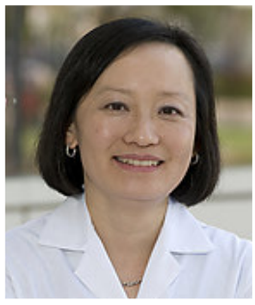

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Philosophy of Care

Dr. Lim believes that patients and their physicians should work together as a team to achieve their treatment goals. The more information a patient has regarding his or her disease, the more involved that patient will be in their own medical care. I encourage patients to ask questions about their glaucoma eye care in order to stay informed.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Lim is the Vice Chair and Medical Director for the UC Davis Eye Center. Her clinical interests focus primarily on the specialty care of glaucoma patients. Through innovative research on the medical and surgical treatment of glaucoma she is able to offer the latest techniques to protect her patient's vision from this serious disease, including the newer minimally invasive glaucoma surgeries (MIGS).

Her area of glaucoma research includes patient adherence with glaucoma eye drop medications, the role of personality type and glaucoma, and the investigation of novel surgical techniques in the treatment of this disease.

As a member of the UC Davis Health System's Electronic Health Record task force and the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Medical Information Technology Committee, Dr. Lim is working to bring the latest in information technology to streamline the care of glaucoma patients. She is a nationally and internationally invited speaker on the Electronic Health Record and it's impact on the delivery of healthcare in ophthalmology. Dr. Lim is, likewise, active in national and international glaucoma clinical trials and is the recipient of several research grant awards.

Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Lim's area of glaucoma research includes optic nerve imaging (ocular coherence tomography, OCT), patient compliance with glaucoma eye drop medications, and the influence of personality type on glaucoma.

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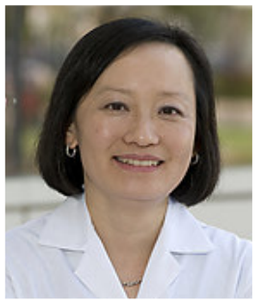

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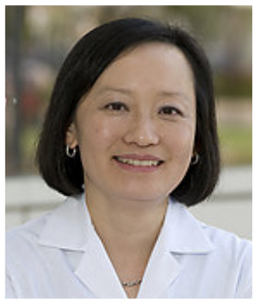

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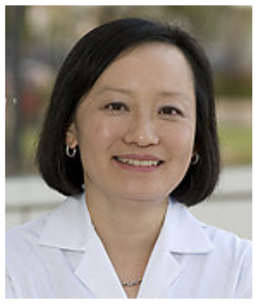

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