

Keynote Lecturers:



Professor Simon Barnard PhD, FCOptom, FAAO, FEAOO, DCLP, DipClinOptom DipTh(IP)
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Professor Simon Barnard graduated from City University in 1976 and after working at the NOOR Eye Hospital, Kabul Afghanistan, he completed his training in private practice and at the Department of Contact lenses and Prosthetics, Moorfields Eye Hospital, London.

Professor Barnard was a full time Lecturer in Clinical Optometry from 1979 to 1999, Director of Paediatric Clinics until 2002 and Tutor in Ocular Disease until 2004 at the Department of Optometry & Visual Science, City University, London.

As Director of Ocular Medicine at the Institute of Optometry, London he developed the first government accredited therapeutic course in the UK. He served until 2009 as a UK representative on the European Council of Optometrists (ECOO) Board of Examiners as Convenor of the Abnormal Ocular Conditions module of the European Diploma of Optometry

He was awarded his PhD on eye movements in 1999, is a Fellow of the College of Optometrists, the American Academy of Optometry and the European Academy of

Optometry & Optics. In 2011 he qualified as an Independent Therapeutic Prescriber and regularly treats eye disease that falls within the UK optometric scope of practice.

Professor Barnard has published over 50 clinical papers in journals and is the Co-Editor and Author of the textbook Paediatric Eye Care, published by Blackwell Science in 1996. He has presented over 250 invited postgraduate lectures or research presentations in Croatia, France, Holland, Hong Kong, Italy, Israel, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Trinidad, the UK and the USA.

Professor Barnard spends most of his time in private optometry practice in London examining patients of all ages. His practice regularly uses OCT, Optomap and ERG/VEP instrumentation with the aim of providing enhanced patient care.



Dr. Jonathan Levine is an ophthalmologist with a subspeciality in medical retina. Following training at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine (AECOM) and New York University, Dr. Levine returned to AECOM to teach ophthalmology and optometry residents.

Dr. Levine ran the ophthalmology residency training program at AECOM's affiliated Bronxcare Hospital from 2011 until 2016 and won the faculty teaching award twice in his 10 years in the department.

Dr. Levine has a specific interest in telemedicine and particularly in ways telemedicine can reduce healthcare disparities in underserved urban communities. He works remotely for Bronxcare Hospital in NY screening patients for diabetic retinopathy, and as an image reader for clinical treatment trials for diabetic macular edema and age related macular degeneration. In addition to teaching ocular anatomy and the refraction clinics at HAC he sees patients for Maccabi and Meuhedet in Modiin.

Dr. Levine is involved in research on diabetic macular edema, has several publications in the peer reviewed literature and lectures on medical retina world-wide.