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Newsletter/Membership

Historical Archives: The archives began over 20 years ago as a legacy project by one of the OPS founding fathers Mr. Don Wong. The archives represent a permanent collection of newsletters, programs, board minutes and photos going back to 1969. If you have old photographs, past educational meeting items, OPS social event images and would like to contribute to the historical archives, please contact Denice Barsness, CRA, COMT, ROUB, FOPS at (415)-600-3937

Letters to the editor: We welcome your letters. Please email them to the editor. Please include your name, email address and telephone number. Letters may be edited for clarity and space.

Membership: The Ophthalmic Photographers' Society is open to anyone having an interest in any aspect of photography of the eye. The membership is comprised of photographers, physicians, ophthalmic technicians, and scientists. If you would like to apply for membership, go to the webpage <http://www.opsweb.org/Membship/OpsMembApp.html> and complete an application or contact the Membership office.

Article Submissions: Submit articles or ideas for feature stories or techniques to the Editor for review. The OPSnews newsletter would like to publish articles of interest to our members, "How to" articles, research projects of interest or general information on members.

OPS Image Library: This is your opportunity to see your work in print on the OPS web site, program covers, or other OPS publications as they evolve.

The purpose of the OPS image library is to make available contributing photographers' work for use in OPS marketing material, publications, and the annual education program cover. By having images on file from a variety of our members, this library will provide a cross section of the various imaging techniques we perform, and highlight our individual talents as these images are published. This ready library will credit the photographer when material is used, and when possible, the author will be contacted in advance to confirm the use. There is no submission fee. The image library will be accessed through the OPS Marketing Committee, and will not be open to general public distribution.

Submissions may be on CD or DVDs, in TIFF, PNG, or JPEG formats. Files should contain the photographer's name and image title. This will facilitate contacting you if your work is selected for use.

Digital images may be sent to:

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Retinal Angiography Services
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Morton Grove, Illinois 60053
E-mail questions to Alan at: alanfroh@gmail.com

Membership

If you are not an OPS member and would like to join, select "New Membership" on the OPS web page under membership. You will first be asked to enter your contact information as you would like it to appear in the OPS directory. Submission of this form will forward your information to the Membership Office, and you will be given the opportunity to submit your payment information. If you choose not to provide a credit card number at this time, you will be contacted by the OPS Membership Office to furnish that information by phone.

Annual Membership Fee of \$85.00 Includes:

The Journal of Ophthalmic Photography. Published twice yearly by the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society, this peer-reviewed journal is dedicated to ophthalmic diagnostic imaging.

The OPS Newsletter. The OPS Newsletter is published electronically four times per year and keeps members informed of upcoming meetings, special events, certification news, employment opportunities, and short articles of interest to diagnostic photographers. Members are notified via email when a new issue is published, with a direct link to the new edition.

The OPS E-mail List. Limited to OPS members, this email list informs members of job opportunities, educational programs and other pertinent announcements before they are released to the general public. This list of email addresses is never sold or released for use by any organization or business other than the OPS.

Discounts. OPS members benefit from reduced certification program application fee.

Share your Knowledge in Orlando

The next OPS Annual Educational Program will be held in Orlando, FL on October 21-25, 2011. As the Education Chair for this program, I encourage you to contact me with any ideas you may have for this program. I'm especially interested in new speakers (maybe one of your doctors, co-workers, or even yourself) and new courses (topics you would like to see, but the OPS has not provided in the past). Also, let me know if you are interested in being a workshop coordinator or an instructor.

I appreciate any thoughts you have and look forward to seeing you in Orlando!■

Sarah Moyer, CRA, OCT-C
Education Chair
2011 OPS Annual Program

Do you have something to say about this issue or anything you would like to share with the Membership? Let us know at the OPSnews Newsletter



Editor's Thoughts

OPSNews has been electronic for two years and I hope you have enjoyed the different format from the printed version. It has been a learning curve to convert from a print issue to an electronic version and with this issue we are employing several items to make it easier to read on monitor screens.

Check out this year's **Basics and Beyond** Midyear Program on pages 6 and 7. Lydia Dimmer and Stephanie Attebery have an educational lineup of speakers touching on entirely different aspects of ophthalmic photography along with a new talk by Darrel Conger on how the same instruments we use in ophthalmology are being used in neurology for the diagnoses of Multiple Sclerosis. Then after the courses head for the "Garage" where Lydia has arranged for a special OPS Pool tournament.

The OPS welcomes our newest Fellows Marcla Hickey, CRA and Kirsten Locke, CRA. You can enjoy reading about them on pages 8 and 9 and how each has contributed to our society.

The BOC has been busy moving the locations of the CRA and OCT-C exams around the country so you do not have to travel far to take them. You can even take the written exam at testing centers located in most major cities. And for the first time, the BOC will have a CRA and OCT-C exam at ICOP in Oxford England. (p12 - 13)

What do ophthalmic photographers do when they retire? Is "retirement" a real word? We catch up with Terry Tomer and see what he is up to these days after he "retired" from Wills Eye Hospital.

Check out our new Tips, Tricks and Techniques (p18). OPSNews will start running this new feature in every issue so each of us can share a little knowledge of things we do around the clinic that may be unique. If you would like to submit a TT&T idea, email me and I will included it in a future issue.

And it is with deep sadness that we note the passing of two great individuals from our Ophthalmology ranks who had a deep love of Ophthalmic photography. J Lawton Smith, MD (p16) and Emery Billings, CRA, FOPS. (p17). Read about their contributions to our profession and our society and how they formed the ground work for new ophthalmic imagers

Until next time,

The President's Niche

Dear Friends,

January has brought a new year, wild weather throughout the US, and the busiest time of the year for OPS Boards. So far, the Finance committee, (a Board of Directors' committee), has met to rough out a draft for the 2011 budget; the Board of Directors has met to expand, refine and approve that budget; and the Boards of Education and Certification will be meeting in the next 2 months to continue their work. All volunteers, all working to continue the hard work it takes to provide educational and certification opportunities, and to sustain the member services that keep the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society a community of Eye Imaging Experts.

The past two years have seen an OPS trend towards more electronic communications and services, starting with our electronic newsletter that can be accessed on the OPS website, our partnership with ACTIONed for online educational opportunities, and the conducting of surveys and some Society elections electronically. And just as some of us can remember the transition from film to digital, - saving time on some tasks, and needing more time for others-, the gradual but consistent evolution from paper to monitor has been a positive step towards more economical and efficient modes of conducting OPS business.

In the process of looking for valuable electronic tools to support our Certification program, the Board of Certification has actively been evaluating database and record keeping software, striving to make important information easily available to members and certificants. Following that lead, the Board of Directors is currently researching options for membership and website services that can make Society information, and even registration for future educational programs manageable electronically. The time for insuring that you are kept up-to-date, and that you have access to all OPS services is here and requires that you share an electronic email address with Barb McCalley at the central office. While we will continue to have some paper-based communications and processes, more and more we will be embracing electronic modes and we want to be sure that EVERY OPS member receives their benefits of membership without any interruption of service.

Watch for OPS education modules to start appearing on ACTIONed, and start planning now to attend the OPS mid-year educational program, May 14-15, in Seattle. Program Chairs Lydia Dimmer and Stephanie Attebery have designed a wonderful program featuring workshops as well as lectures.

And speaking of exciting programs, the plans for ICOP in Oxford, England, in September are amazing. Look for information about all our upcoming educational programs on the website.

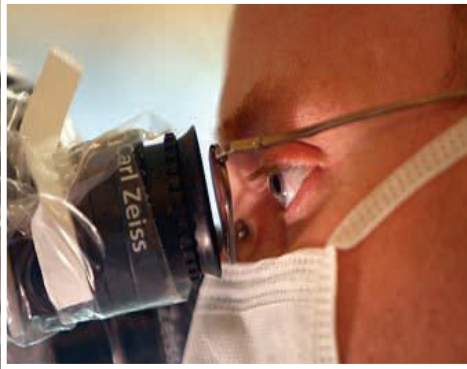


In fact, as it is the beginning of a new year, why not start the habit of checking the OPS website OFTEN to keep abreast of all things going on in the Society. While Executive Director Barb will continue to be your best connection for answers to questions or resolution of special problems, our evolving website will soon be THE place to go to for access to our newsletter, information about upcoming programs, processes needed to pursue certification, and eventually, on-line registration for educational programs. And yes, our new Professional Development committee is even starting an OPS blog.

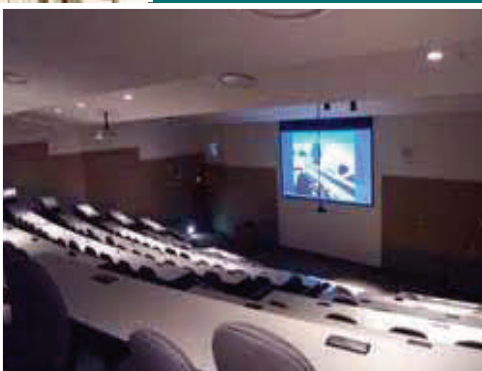
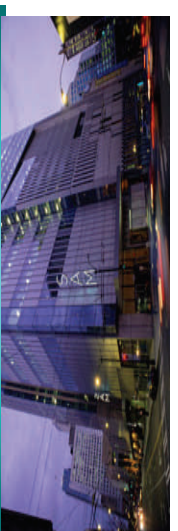
Don't miss out – please send Barb your email address ASAP so that you can stay connected. And if you don't have an email address, this seems like the perfect time and reason to get one.

Watch your email for updates on our new electronic journey – it is an exciting time!■

All the best,
Paula



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Basic and Beyond

OPS Midyear Program

The best thing about OPS meetings are they combine a great selection of imaging topics that cannot be heard elsewhere. There is always a great cast of speakers, and of course, a wonderful location.

This year's OPS midyear program is titled "Basics and Beyond" and it will have something for everyone.

Some students may want to follow a 'track', such as a series of OCT lectures in the morning and follow-up with hands-on time at the OCT workshops in the afternoons, while others may want to remain in lectures all through the day. Day two will hold more intermediate and advanced lectures but will still maintain core curriculum topics as well. Then after the afternoon workshops or lectures we all meet back for a round of Ophthalmic Jeopardy on Sunday. On both days there will be time to explore instruments from various vendors as well as participate in structured workshops.

Lydia Dimmer, CRA,COT,OCT-C

Saturday, May 14

Anatomy of the Retina
Lance Matsuda, OD

OCT for Retina
Dennis Orlock, FOPS

Importance of Symmetry in OCT for Glaucoma
LeRoy Judkins, COT, OCT-C

OCT Interpretation
Michael Nguyen, MD

Anterior Segment OCT
Martha Leen, MD & Paul Kremer, MD

Diagnostic B-Scan: Methodical Exam Techniques for Ophthalmic Imagers
Denice Barsness, CRA, COMT, ROUB, FOPS

Introduction to Fundus Photography
Sarah Moyer, CRA, OCT-C

Filters in Ophthalmic Photography
Timothy Bennett, CRA, FOPS, OCT-C

Introduction to Fluorescein Angiography
Ethan Priel, FOPS

Maximizing Quality in Ophthalmic Digital Imaging
Timothy Bennett, CRA, OCT-C, FOPS

This year's OPS Midyear Program offers 8 CEC's each day which may be obtained via lectures or workshops. The program has been created so that students have maximum flexibility to create a curriculum that is most useful to their needs, and at times they may choose between lecture or workshop. Workshops are conducted on a first come-first served basis at the time of registration. As long as the workshop limits have not been met, students may sign up for a workshop throughout the day up until its start time.

Sunday, May 15

Introduction to Slit Lamp Photography
Mark Maio, FOPS

AMD Update
Chris Singh, MD

Diabetic Retinopathy, The Big Picture
Robert Francis, MD

New Technologies
Richard Cornwell, CRA, OCT-C; Jessica Dougall, CRA

Imaging for Multiple Sclerosis
Darrel Conger, CRA

Imaging for Glaucoma
Richard Mills, MD

Descriptive Interpretation of Fluorescein Angiography
Paula Morris, CRA, FOPS

FAF Primer
Ethan Priel, FOPS

Digital Imaging Aspects in Ophthalmology
Mark Maio, FOPS

Ophthalmic Jeopardy
Timothy Bennett CRA, FOPS, OCT-C

The following workshops will be offered during the Program

Saturday:

Stratus OCT
Spectral Domain
B-Scan Methodical Scanning Protocol

Sunday:

Fundus/Fluorescein Angiography
Slit Lamp Photography
Anterior Segment OCT
Stratus OCT
Spectral Domain OCT

MEET OUR NEW FELLOWS OF THE OPHTHALMIC PHOTOGRAPHERS' SOCIETY



Marcela Hickey, CRA, FOPS

Marcela Hickey was born in Santiago, Chile and moved to the United States when she was 9 years old. She currently lives in Naples, Florida, with her two daughters Emma & Sarah, and her husband Tom. She has a passion for her family, golfing and SciFi movies, not particularly in that order. Don't ask her to go shopping though, she hates that with an equal passion.

Marcela has received twelve awards in national ophthalmic photographic competitions and received the 2007 Achievement Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. She has presented 72 lectures with the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society and with Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology. She has published articles in the *Ophthalmic Surgery, Lasers & Imaging, Journal of Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus & Imaging Journal* and the *Journal of Ophthalmic Photography*. She has been certified for 11 national clinical trials and has been a Retinal Angiographer for the past 17 years. Formerly Director of the Ophthalmic Photography Department at the Stanford University Eye Clinic in Palo Alto, California, she is currently the Clinic Manager at the University of Miami/Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in Naples, Florida.

As an active member of the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society for 19 years, she has served the OPS in numerous ways. She was a contributing editor to the *Journal of the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society* and also served on the *Journal's* Editorial Committee from

1996-2006, a member of the Scientific Exhibit committee from 1992 through 2009, and served many years as a member of the OPS Board of Education, fulfilling special duties as Finance Officer and BOE Secretary. She is a currently a member of the Board of Certification. ■



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Kirsten Locke, CRA, FOPS

It was somewhat of a fluke that Kirsten Locke got involved with ophthalmic imaging. In 1985, she came to the US from Denmark, via Greenland, where she had worked as an OR nurse at the American Air Force Base, Thule Greenland. Without an American nursing license, finding a job was challenging; but with the help of an employment agency she landed a job in a medical clinic as an assistant. That the name of this clinic happened to be Ophthalmology Associates was just pure luck. It did not take long before an assistant's tasks lost their challenge and Kirsten was offered the chance to train in their Diagnostic Laboratory to learn ultrasound, endothelial cell analysis and ophthalmic photography from Buck French, CRA. It was during this time she heard about the OPS and had an opportunity to attend an annual OPS program in Dallas. Two years later, while pregnant with her only daughter, she passed her CRA exam. She traveled to Holland five years later with her husband and landed a job with Topcon Europe, working primarily with ImageNet.

She has worked with the Retina Foundation of the Southwest as a Senior Research Associate and Clinical Trials Coordinator, performing research related to ERG and ophthalmic imaging on both human subjects and mice. She is first author of three publications in the *Journal of Ophthalmic Photography*, with the most recent



being a paper on North Carolina Macular Dystrophy in the 2010 Fall Edition. Her image of dominant drusen received 3rd place in Cross Categories in the 2009 Scientific Exhibit Photo Competition.

She has been a volunteer for the OPS for over a decade and has been invaluable to the various program teams since then. She has served on numerous OPS committees. She was initially elected to the BOE in 2002 and has served two terms with the BOE, most recently as board Chair. She was recently re-elected to the BOE and again to the position of Chair. Kirsten has been one of the driving forces behind developing the OPS online educational program in partnership with ActionEd.

Congratulations to both Marcell and Kirsten for their passion for ophthalmic imaging and their dedicated service to the OPS. ■

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OUTSTANDING 2010 RECERTIFICATION

The Board of Certification, Recertification Section, would like to recognize and congratulate the following individuals for outstanding 2010 recertification efforts. The individuals below have shown a deep commitment to their continued education and have submitted twice as many CEC hours for their re-certification documentation as required

The BOC is proud of all the CRAs who work to maintain their certification and to those who have re-certified at twice the number of CECs required. OUTSTANDING !■

Denice Barsness, FOPS

Charles Bouska

Peter Breit

Philip Chin

Coy Cobb

Darrel Conger

Lydia Dimmer

Alan Frohlichstein, FOPS

Richard Hackel, FOPS

Frances McIver

William Nyberg, RBP, FOPS

Mary Salvas-Mladek

Terrance Schaefer

Bradley Stern

Rhonda Waldron

2011 RECERTIFICATION REMINDER

Certified Retinal Angiographers who were certified or recertified in 2008, this is the third (2009-2011) and final year that your certification remains valid. Recertification postcards outlining the 2011 recertification requirements will be mailed in February of 2011. The 2011 BOC website includes detailed instructions concerning the Continuing Education Credits, current CPR requirements, and current Recertification fees.

You must visit the Recertification Page on the OPS Website: <http://www.opsweb.org/Certif/Recert.html> and **PRINT** your **Application** and **Instructions**. **No application will be mailed.**

Review your membership status (dues payment) with the membership office prior to mailing in your completed application. The OPS membership office may be reached at 1-800-403-1677.

Check that your OPS mail-

ing address is correct. The BOC sends mail to the home address. If you do not receive a 2011 recertification postcard and your certification is due to expire, please contact me. My goal is 100% recertification. Do not wait until December 31, 2011 to address your recertification concerns. Certification is important and may someday be mandatory.

CPR certification has been very hard for some to achieve during the last two years of recertification. Please try to address this is-

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sue early in the year so you are not scrambling in December to find an open CPR class.■

If I may be of any assistance, please call, write, fax or email me:

Mr. Peter Hay, CRA, FOPS
Chairman, Recertification
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Please take a moment to consider participating in your professional society by running for the Board of Certification in 2011. The Board of Certification needs your assistance and expertise to move us forward. The CRA program is now offered in digital submission format. The OCT-C program is very popular and requires expertise as the field evolves and we prepare for Spectral Domain updates.

Four seats are available for election each year and qualified candidates are very much needed. Please seriously consider running for a position on the board.

I hope to hear from you soon. Please contact me and I can send you an electronic application to make your participation even easier. ■

Mark Croswell, CRA, OCT-C,
COA
croswell1@gmail.com

ICOP CRA/OCT Exams

CRA and OCT-C exam opportunities will be available during the International Conference on Ophthalmic Photography (ICOP) meeting in OXFORD, ENGLAND coming this September 22 - 24 ■

Board of Certification 2011 Elections

Mandatory qualifications are:

1. Certified Retinal Angiographer and / or Optical Coherence Tomographer-Certified.
2. The ability to attend scheduled BOC meetings and fulfillment of committee assignments.
3. You may not be a voting member of another OPS Board.
4. The ability to serve in accordance with the ethical standards set forth in Article IX of the Standing Rules of the BOC.

Desirable qualifications:

1. Previous participation on Boards, committees, subcommittees and/or task forces.
2. Experience participating in education and development resources on behalf of an organization.
3. Good organizational and communication skills.
4. OPS membership (though not required).
5. Working knowledge of current trends and changes in Ophthalmology.

Upcoming CRA and OCT-C Exam Dates

Seattle, WA

Monday, April 18th - Portfolio due

Monday, May 02 - Application due

Sunday, May 15th, 8 AM - Performance and written exam

Orlando, FL

Monday, September 26 - Portfolio due

Monday, October 10th - Application due

Sunday, October 23rd 6 PM- Performance and written exam

CRA and OCT-C Credentials speak volumes on your commitment to Ophthalmic Imaging with only a glance. Submit your portfolio soon.

New CRA/OCT-C Exam Location

The OPS will be holding the next CRA and OCT-C exam in Ann Arbor, Michigan on March 05, 2011. To be considered eligible for this exam, portfolios are due February 09, 2011 and the Exam Application is due February 23, 2011.

The exam will take place at the University of Michigan's brand new Kellogg Eye Center. Detroit Metro Airport is a 25 minute shuttle away from Ann Arbor.

An OPS group rate of \$92 a night is available at the Hampton Inn - Ann Arbor North with shuttles to and from the testing site. The hotel has set up an OPS personalized link for you to make reservations at the special rate. Copy the below link and post to the browser window for the special rate.

Ann Arbor is ranked as "One of the top 25 Arts Destinations in the U.S." Go to <http://www.visitann Arbor.org/> for

more information if you would like to see more of the area during your stay!

We look forward to seeing you in Ann Arbor!■

(<http://w.kellogg.umich.edu/>)

Questions?

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Become CRA or OCT Certified!

Saturday, March 5, 2011 New Exam Location: Kellogg Eye Center in Ann Arbor, MI

Take your exam HERE!
See OPS Website for Details



Aerial Photo by Rob Prusak

Is there Life after Ophthalmic Photography?

Terry Tomer.....Retired.....Nope!

While visiting with Terry and Ginny Tomer at their lovely golf course home in Wilmington, NC, my wife Carol and I found that Terry is actually working full time as a member of the tech team for The Digital Angiography Reading Center (DARC). During breaks from telephones and computers, he and Penny the cat can gaze proudly at the beautiful par three on which he scored a “HOLE IN ONE” on August 15, 2001. Tough life but somebody has to do it.



Terry and Penny at work reading FA's between golf games

Terry's life and very special OPS career was chronicled in the OPS Journal in 2005:

<http://opsweb.org/Publicat/JourPdf/27-2/27-2-02.pdf>

Submitted by:

Johnny and Carol Justice
Germantown, TN



The view outside the window in Terry's home office. What a life!!!



Terry speaking in Las Vegas at the 1988 Program

Chicago OPS Chapter News

Dr. Richard Zak of the Aurora Eye Clinic, Aurora Illinois presented a program on Macular Degeneration for a joint meeting of the OPS Chicago Regional Chapter and Society of Ophthalmic Medical Assistance in Chicago (SOMAC) on January 10, 2011 in Bolingbrook, IL.



Dr. Richard Zak and Alan Frohlichstein

The program covered definitions of Macular Degeneration, identification of drusen and choroidal neovascularization through observation and testing such as Fluorescein Angiography, and OCT. He then went on to discuss the signs and symptoms of macular degeneration, and the progression and prognosis for each phase of the disease. Dr. Zak explained the development of treatment options from laser

and PDT, to injectable medications, lifestyle changes, and hereditary components of the disease. An extensive question and answer session followed the talk.

Our thanks to Dr. Zak for his excellent program, to Diane Frohlichstein for coordination of this program, and to Diane Tentler of the Adventist Bolingbrook Hospital for coordinating the facility.■

Alan Frohlichstein, BFA, BS, CRA, FOPS

2011 Midyear Program Seattle, WA May 14-15, 2011 Education Chair: Stephanie Attebery General Chair: Lydia Dimmer	Upcoming Meetings ICOP 2011 Oxford, England Sept. 22-24, 2011	OPS 42nd Educational Program Orlando, FL; October 21-25, 2011 Education Chair: Sarah Moyer General Chair: Bob Cavicchi												

JOSEPH LAWTON SMITH, MD



Dr. Smith 1962

Dr. J. Lawton Smith, age 81, died January 10, 2011 in Miami, Fl. Dr. Smith is recognized by most in the know as the best teacher/neuro-ophthalmologist of the 20th century. But he is not as well known for his contributions to the early success of fluorescein angiography (FA) at the Duke VA Hospital, Durham, NC; and at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute (BPEI); although he was lauded for his efforts by Dr. Noble J. David in the recent James P. Gilman, CRA documentary, [Discovering Fluorescein Angiography](#) .

It was Dr. Smith that made the call to me saying, "Johnny, we want you to jump on the next "whisper jet" (727) and fly to Miami to talk to us about establishing (FA) at the (BPEI). I was indeed the lucky medical photographer that just happened to be in the right place at the right time.

I remember "working without pay" just to watch him "swing into total action" during his famous Saturday Neuro-Ophthalmology Rounds. He always managed to request fundus photos, (FA)s or 16mm movies of unusual eye movements, etc. during each session so I earned my "tuition".

Just imagine attending his conference every Saturday and then participating in the Tuesday Night Fluorescein Conferences alongside giants such as Dr. Donald Gass, Dr. Edward Norton (the chief) and others at that amazing institute.

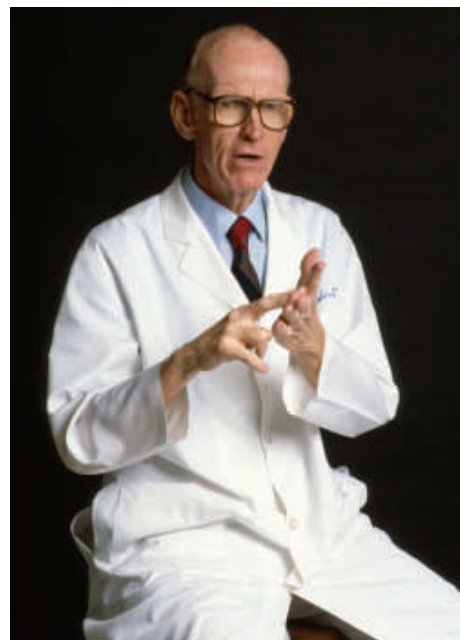
Dr. Smith was one of the "founding five" of the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute - where he worked from 1962 until he retired in 1993. He founded the Christian Ophthalmology Society in 1977 and served as its President until 1990.

He was a "Superstar" in every respect and was a supporter of the ideals of the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society. My family and I owe him a lot and I know that he will be missed by the many that loved him.■

Submitted by Johnny Justice

A legacy article, written by Jonathan D. Trobe, MD, appeared in the September 22, 2002 (volume 22, number 3) issue of the *Journal of Neuro-Ophthalmology* . A link to the article is listed here.

http://library.med.utah.edu/NOVEL/Smith/career/Legend_of_Lawton.pdf



Joseph Lawton Smith, MD
Photo from University of Utah collection

Emery Edgar Billings, CRA, FOPS

The OPS has once again lost a pillar of our Society: Emery Edgar Billings, CRA, FOPS, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2010, at home after an extended illness.

Emery started his career in photography when he served in the Air Force during the Korean War from 1951 to 1955. After his discharge, he attended the New York Institute of Photography in New York City and received a bachelor's degree from Western Maryland College, now McDaniel College, in Maryland. Amazingly, he was employed by RCA, at Cape Canaveral, Fla., as a photographer during the early years of the manned space flight programs.

Seeking to return to his roots in Maryland, Emery went to work at the University of Maryland Hospital, Department of Ophthalmology where he worked for 23 years as an ophthalmic photographer,

assistant professor, and finally head of the photography department.

Emery joined the OPS in 1976, and was ultimately elected a fel-

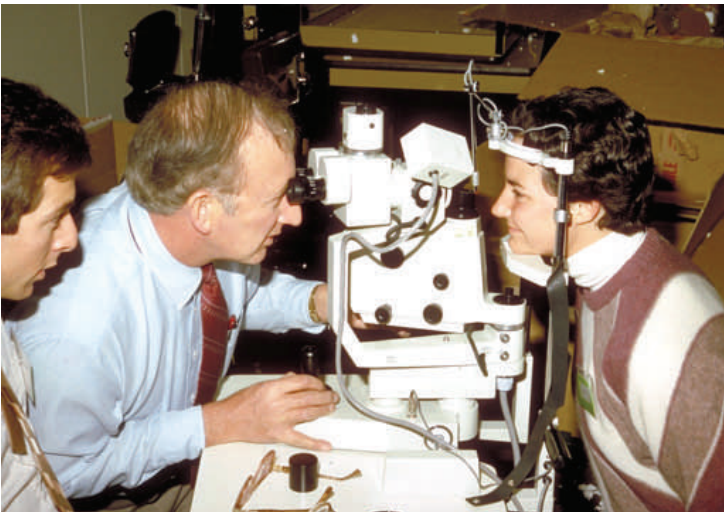
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Photographers' Society in 1986. He first served on the Board of Certification, and then became the first chair of the newly formed Board of Education from 1987 to 1991. He was skilled in all aspects of ophthalmic photography, but truly excelled in the art of photo slit-lamp biomicrography. Emery was the co-coordinator of the Slit-lamp workshops at the OPS annual meetings for many years, where he shared his skills and mentored many young photographers.



Emery was a brilliant photographer, a great educator, and a true gentleman. He was known for his quick soft spoken wit, his broad smile, and his elegant "country" manners. His guidance was essential in the development of the fledgling Board of Education, and it grew under his leadership.

He was a self-taught artist and a member of the Carroll County Artists Guild. His medium of choice was oils, and he displayed his work in a number of art exhibitions. Besides his love of photography and painting, he was an avid golfer, enjoyed being with his golfing buddies and especially enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.■



Emery teaching at an OPS Workshop

Tips, Tricks & Techniques

Stop That Walking Footpad

Ever had to look for the footpad before starting to capture images or you would start a FA and by the time you finished the FA your leg was stretched out fully trying to find the footpad.

I have used carpet, rubber mats, tape to stop the walking footpad and nothing seems to have worked until now! Sticky Pad to the rescue. Sticky pads are small tacky pads that are used on the car dashboard to hold your cell phones, GPS, or any other item you place on top of it. It is a unique formulated pad that conforms to any surface without straps, clips or sticky residue. Like magic, this cushy little pad holds tight even when you step on the footpad to capture an image at the camera, no more feeling around trying to find the footpad. I have used the same one for over a year and the footpad is in the same location as when I placed it.

Sticky pads cost about \$5.00 and are located in the auto section of your big box store.



William Anderson, CRA, FOPS

If you have a Tip, Trick or Technique you would like to share with the OPS membership, please submit to the OPSnews Newsletter. We welcome all entries.

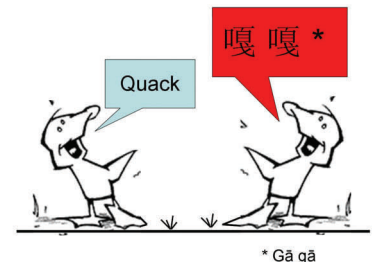
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When patients and photographers do not speak the same language, communicating basic directions for clinical testing or imaging can be quite challenging. We have found and used a method to give very simple directions to the patients so you can photograph them and make it enjoyable for everyone. You would not use this to give detailed instruction for FA or a procedure but simple "Look up, Look down" works very well.

Google Translate is a free translation service that provides instant translations between 57 different languages. It can translate words and sentences between any combinations of its supported languages. Once you type the instructions into the box, pick the language you want to translate to and click "Listen to".

Go to Google web page, click on MORE, then click on TRANSLATE and the translate box pops up.

Tip by John Horna



Google Translate currently supports 57 languages:

Afrikaans
Albanian
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Bulgarian
Catalan
Chinese
Croatian
Czech
Danish
Dutch

English
Estonian
Filipino
Finnish
French
Galician
German
Greek
Hebrew
Hindi
Hungarian

Icelandic
Indonesian
Irish
Italian
Japanese
Korean
Latvian
Lithuanian
Macedonian
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Editor's Note: Normally the OPSnews Newsletter does not publish recall notices but with this recall effecting almost every ophthalmic imaging clinic we felt it necessary to reprint the recall.

Triad Group Issues a Voluntary Nationwide Recall of All Lots of Alcohol Prep Pads, Alcohol Swabs, and Alcohol Swabsticks Due to Potential Microbial Contamination

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE - Hartland, Wisconsin, Triad Group, a manufacturer of over-the-counter products has initiated a voluntary product recall involving **ALL LOTS** of ALCOHOL PREP PADS, ALCOHOL SWABS, and ALCOHOL SWABSTICKS manufactured by Triad Group but which are private labeled for many accounts to the consumer level. This recall involves those products marked as STERILE as well as non-sterile products. This recall has been initiated due to concerns from a customer about potential contamination of the products with an objectionable organism, namely *Bacillus cereus*. We are, out of an abundance of caution, recalling these lots to ensure that we are not the source of these contamination issues.

Use of contaminated Alcohol Prep Pads, Alcohol Swabs or Alcohol Swabsticks could lead to life-threatening infections, especially in at risk populations, including immune suppressed and surgical patients. To date we have received one report of a *non*-life-threatening skin infection.

Alcohol Prep Pads, Alcohol Swabs and Alcohol Swabsticks are used to disinfect prior to an injection. They were distributed nationwide to retail pharmacies and are packaged in individual packets and sold in retail pharmacies in a box of 100 packets. **The affected Alcohol Prep Pads, Alcohol Swabs and Alcohol Swabsticks can be identified by either "Triad Group," listed as the manufacturer, or the products are manufactured for a third party and use the names listed below in their packaging:**

**Cardinal Health
PSS Select
VersaPro
Boca/ Ultilet
Moore Medical
Walgreens
CVS
Konzellin**

These products were distributed in the United States, Canada and Europe.

Specific customers distributing the product and selling it at the wholesale, hospital and retail pharmacy level have been notified by certified mail with instructions on how to return the product. If a consumer has any of these types of products in their possession listing "Triad Group" as the manufacturer, they should not use the product and should return it to the place it was purchased for a full refund or call Triad Group Customer Service Monday through Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Central Time: 262.538.2900.

DO NOT RETURN THE PRODUCT ON YOUR OWN, simply call the Triad Group Customer Service listed below and we will issue you a return authorization number and make all return arrangements.

Adverse reactions or quality problems experienced with the use of this product may be reported to the FDA's MedWatch Adverse Event Reporting program either online, by regular mail or by fax.

- **Online:** <http://www.fda.gov/MedWatch/report.htm>⁹
- **Regular Mail:** use postage-paid, pre-addressed Form FDA 3500 available at: <http://www.fda.gov/MedWatch/getforms.htm>¹⁰ Mail to address on the pre-addressed form.
- **Fax:** 1-800-FDA-0178

This recall is being conducted with the knowledge of the U.S. Food & Drug Administration.