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The Role of Ophthalmologists in Disasters

Moderator:

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Dr. Jen Yu is a board-certified ophthalmologist and Professor of Clinical Practice at the University of Washington. Dr. Yu earned her M.D. and Ph.D. at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis, MO, where she also completed ophthalmology residency. She is Director of Trauma and Consult Services for ophthalmology at Harborview Hospital, a level one trauma center and tertiary care referral center. She works with residents as they see patients in clinic, the emergency department, and the inpatient hospital setting. She also practices comprehensive ophthalmology and does cataract surgery. She is active in resident education and research as it relates to ophthalmic trauma and consults. Dr. Yu serves as the Policy Chair for the American Society of Ophthalmic Trauma and is an active member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Panelists:

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James D. Auran, MD, a graduate of Harvard College and the Weill Cornell Medical College, is a comprehensive ophthalmologist and Professor of Ophthalmology at the Columbia University Irving Medical Center. He was cofounder and first President of the American Society of Ophthalmic Trauma (ASOT), where he presently serves as Executive Vice-President. He has received numerous awards in teaching and clinical care, including the ASOT 2023 Ferenc Kuhn Award, given annually to the most outstanding individual in the field of ocular traumatology.

Dr. Ravi Pandit, rpandit@redreflexmd.com

Ravi Pandit, MD, MPH is a fellowship-trained, board-certified surgical and medical retina specialist. Dr. Pandit completed his medical school at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, ophthalmology residency at Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins, and his vitreoretinal surgery fellowship at Wills Eye Hospital. He additionally holds a Masters in Public Health from Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health, with additional certification in Public Health Informatics. Dr. Pandit previously served as Associate Director of Ocular Trauma and Assistant Chief of Service at Johns Hopkins and currently serves as the National Disaster Chair of the American Society of Ophthalmic Trauma. He is an active member of the American Society of Retina Specialists and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Brittany Powell, bree.e.powell@gmail.com

CDR Brittany E. Powell, MD, FACS, serves as the Program Director for the Ophthalmology Residency at Naval Medical Center San Diego (NMCSD). A board-certified vitreoretinal surgeon and Assistant Professor of Surgery at the Uniformed Services University, Dr. Powell is a recognized leader in military ophthalmic education and trauma care. She leads regional initiatives to standardize ocular trauma management across the Military Health System and co-directs the Tri-Service Ocular Trauma Surgery Lab, an international course designed to ensure surgical readiness among military ophthalmologists. Dr. Powell serves as the Society of Military Ophthalmology Representative for the American Society of Ophthalmic Trauma's board of directors and is an active member of the American Society of Retina Specialists' Education Committee. Her clinical and academic leadership extends to her roles as Chair of the NMCSD Cancer Committee, Regional Lead for Ocular Trauma, and head of the institution's research and professionalism initiatives. She has received numerous awards for clinical excellence, teaching, and military service.