



Department of Ophthalmology

Cornea, Cataract & Refractive Surgery Fellowship

The Weill Cornell Department of Ophthalmology is pleased to offer an outstanding Cornea, Cataract & Refractive surgery fellowship. There are currently two 1-year fellowship positions which commence on July 1 of each academic year. Our five cornea attendings have trained at some of the finest and most highly respected institutions including the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary of Harvard University, the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins and the Weill Cornell Medical Center. The primary goal of this dynamic faculty is to provide its fellows with comprehensive, hands-on, advanced training in cornea, cataract and refractive surgery.

Fellows are expected to participate in the day-to-day care of patients on the cornea service. During this time they will work closely with the assigned attending, resident, rotating students and technicians. Clinic days are typically followed by an in-depth informative chart review where patients are discussed and questions answered. As a large referral practice and a known center of excellence, the cornea department handles a wide variety of complex anterior segment pathology. The surgical experience is robust with an emphasis on *doing* rather than *watching*. The fellows operate biweekly on average and the surgical numbers have been increasing each year. In years past, each fellow has been able to complete approximately 100 cataracts, including multifocal, accommodative and toric IOL implantation, LRI's, IOL exchanges and sutured IOL's. Fellows perform approximately 15-20 keratoplasty procedures including penetrating, DSAEK, anterior lamellar and the Boston keratoprosthesis type I. We have incorporated a tiered fee schedule to encourage fellow-performed refractive surgery cases. Typically the fellows will perform between 5-10 refractive cases and they learn both customized surface ablation and intralase-LASIK using the VISX S4 laser with IR. Weill Cornell is also home to one of the largest burn centers on the east coast, and recent fellows have become quite experienced in complex anterior segment reconstruction, the treatment of severe burn patients, Stevens-Johnson syndrome & OCP as well as the surgical management of ocular trauma.

Participation in research is encouraged as there are numerous opportunities for both basic science and clinical projects. If a fellow has a paper or poster presentation at the AAO or ASCRS, the department will reimburse meeting expenses up to \$1000.

All fellows at the Weill Cornell Eye Associates are credentialed as junior attendings and therefore are capable of operating independently. Fellows are expected to take trauma call approximately once every 6 weeks as back up to the 3rd year ophthalmology residents. The fellows will also assist with in-patient corneal consultations in conjunction with the residents and consult service. Each fellow is allotted three weeks of vacation, will receive a salary commensurate with the ACGME PGY-5 scale, and will be enrolled in Cornell's robust benefits package. Subsidized Cornell housing is available to all fellows.

Typical schedule:

Alternating Weeks	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fellow 1	OR Rosenblatt / Patient Care Starr	Patient Care Sippel / OR Ciralsky*	Patient Care Rosenblatt	Patient Care Starr	Patient Care Sippel/Laser Vision Correction Starr, Lai, Rosenblatt
Fellow 2	Patient Care Starr	Patient Care Sippel	OR Starr	Patient Care Starr/ Laser Vision Correction Sippel, Ciralsky, Rosenblatt	Patient Care Sippel
Fellow 1	Patient Care Starr	Patient Care Sippel	OR Sippel	Patient Care Starr/ Laser Vision Correction Sippel, Ciralsky, Rosenblatt	Patient Care Sippel
Fellow 2	Patient Care Starr	Patient Care Sippel / OR Lai*	Patient Care Rosenblatt	Patient Care Starr	Patient Care Sippel/ Laser Vision Correction Starr, Lai, Rosenblatt

*Cornea cases only **Fellow refractive surgery is booked according to preceptor