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Dr. Kitchens is an ophthalmologist and vitreoretinal surgeon with Retina Associates of Kentucky in Lexington, Kentucky. He focuses on the medical and surgical management of diseases of the retina and vitreous. His specific research interests include angiogenesis in the setting of ocular histoplasmosis syndrome, management of diabetic retinopathy, ultra-widefield imaging of the retina, the management of choroidal detachments, and innovative techniques for repairing retinal detachments.

He has served on a Bayer advisory board in Dubai for research in diabetic macular edema. He's also served as a consultant to Janssen regarding the use of stem cells in retina disease treatment. He also consulted with Janssen on the development and design of curved needles for use in retinal surgery. As a member of the DRCR Network, Dr. Kitchens contributed research data on diabetic macular edema published in 2018 in *Ophthalmology Journal*. In 2016, he was published in *Ophthalmic Surgery Lasers Imaging Retina*.

Dr. Kitchens is an investigator for multiple clinical trials on age-related macular degeneration (AMD), diabetic retinopathy, retinal vascular occlusive disease, and ocular histoplasmosis syndrome. He has presented nationally and internationally on topics including ocular imaging, macular hole surgery, ocular histoplasmosis syndrome, therapeutics for macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy, and innovative surgical techniques for the management of choroidal detachments and scleral buckling.

