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Judy E. Kim, MD is an internationally well-known vitreoretinal specialist, who is a Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences with tenure, Professor of the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, and Director of Teleophthalmology and Research at the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW). She is a graduate of the University of Chicago and Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. She completed her ophthalmology residency at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute of the University of Miami, vitreoretinal surgical and medical fellowship at MCW and Howard Hughes-NIH Research Scholar program at NIH. Having immigrated from S. Korea at age 11, she has been a trailblazer in ophthalmology, including becoming the first Korean-American to be on the Board of Trustees of American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), to become a member of all three US retina societies, to become a member of American Ophthalmological Society, and the second to achieve the rank of professor of ophthalmology in the United States, among others. Dr. Kim is only the second woman to be the president of American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS), the largest retina society in the world, in its 41-year history, and will be the president of Macula Society in 2026.

She has held leadership positions in numerous major ophthalmology organizations, including AAO, the executive committees of ASRS, Macula Society, Diabetic Retinopathy Clinical Research Retina network (DRCR.net), Women in Retina, NAEVR/AEVR (an advocacy group for eye research funding), Asia-Pacific Imaging Retina Society and on the editorial board of JAMA Ophthalmology as well as other journals.

Dr. Kim has received numerous awards and honors for her clinical excellence, leadership, and service to organizations, including Achievement Award, Senior Achievement Award, Lifetime Achievement Award, and Secretariat Award from AAO, Honor Award and Senior Honor Award from ASRS, Suzanne Veronneau-Troutman



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Award and Prize from Women in Ophthalmology and AAO Foundation, Women Pioneer in Science award from MCW and has been included in the Castle Connolly Top Doctor list, US News and *World Reports Best Doctors* and in the *Best Doctor's List* continuously for over two decades. She has been selected to the “2021 Most Influential Women Ophthalmologists” and “2022 Power List” of 100 most influential ophthalmologists around the world by the *Ophthalmologist*, “150 Innovators” list from Ocular Surgery News and is an inaugural member of the “Retina Hall of Fame” and received the Distinguished Asian Professional Award.

She has published over 200 papers and given over 400 presentations, including over 250 invited national and international presentations and named lectures. She has been actively involved with over 70 multicenter clinical trials, serving on multiple roles including as a principal investigator, sub-investigator, committees on protocol design, quality control, writing, and data safety and monitoring board. She has been a leader in diabetic retinopathy research, including leading a national study, and has served as a vice-chair of DRCCR.net, which is a leading research organization supported by the NIH on diabetic retinopathy and other retinal diseases. In addition to diabetic retinopathy, her research interests include age-related macular degeneration, surgical retina, telemedicine, ocular imaging, and community engaged research.

She aspires to improve people's lives through providing compassionate and excellent patient care, furthering research and innovation, mentoring of the next generation, service to professional organizations, and promoting health and gender equity.