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## Atlantic Eye Symposium

Dr. Alan Cruess is Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences at Dalhousie University, Nova Scotia, Canada. He has completed two 5-year terms as Head of the Department, and as District Chief of Ophthalmology of Capital Health in Nova Scotia (2003–14). Dr. Cruess began his academic career at Queen's University, where he was appointed Professor and Head of the Department of Ophthalmology from 1992 to 2003.

Dr. Cruess' main research interest is in clinical trials of new therapies for age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal vascular occlusion. Dr. Cruess has recently been appointed as a principal investigator of the Diabetic Retinopathy Clinical Research Network (DRCR.net), a National Eye Institute U.S.-sponsored network to conduct clinical trials in diabetic retinopathy. Dr. Cruess is a member of the Canadian Medical Association, the Canadian Ophthalmological Society, the Macula Society, the Retina Society, and Club Jules Gonin. He is also a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Canada and of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

He is a Past President of the Canadian Ophthalmological Society (2006–08) and has served on the Board of Directors of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology, and on the Council of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Cruess is serving on the Board of the Canadian National Institute for the Blind, and has recently been elected to the Board of Vision Loss Rehabilitation Canada.

