

ERIC D. DONNENFELD, MD, TAKES HELM AS PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN SOCIETY OF CATARACT AND REFRACTIVE SURGERY AT ANNUAL EVENT

Eric D. Donnenfeld, MD, an internationally respected refractive cataract surgery pioneer and LASIK eye surgeon, delivered his incoming address as president of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS) in San Francisco. ASCRS is the largest ophthalmic surgical society in the world with more than 9,500 members. Dr. Donnenfeld spoke of the need for “our national societies to demonstrate leadership based on what is in the best interest of our patients. We need our societies to educate the ophthalmologists of today and tomorrow.” In addition, he stated, “There is extraordinary greatness in our profession.”

Dr. Donnenfeld, who served as the association’s vice president, assumed his new role at the ASCRS/ASOA Annual Congress and Symposium, held April 19 through 23, 2013. He replaced outgoing president David F. Chang, MD, becoming the 28th leader of the association. His address took place during the Opening General Session on Saturday, April 20, 2013. The ASCRS meeting was the largest in its history, with more than 7,000 attendees.

Dr. Donnenfeld is a founding partner of Ophthalmic Consultants of Long Island (OCLI) and Connecticut, national medical director of TLC Laser Eye Centers, and surgeon director of the Lions Eyebank of Long Island. He is a clinical professor of ophthalmology at New York University Medical Center. During his nearly 25-year career, Dr. Donnenfeld has garnered extensive experience in the ophthalmology field, performing thousands of refractive and laser eye surgeries, and corneal transplant procedures. He has also made significant advancements in the field: He was the first surgeon in the northeast United States to perform laser cataract surgery; he participated in the studies that led to the FDA approval of the excimer laser technology; and was selected as an investigator for dozens of other FDA clinical studies.

Dr. Donnenfeld is a graduate of Dartmouth College and Dartmouth Medical School. He served as chief resident at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, and completed his cornea and refractive fellowship at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. He has been a member of the Dean's Council for the Future of Dartmouth Medical School since its inception in 2001, as well as a member of its board of overseers since 2003.

An internationally recognized leader and pioneer in refractive cornea and cataract surgery, Dr. Donnenfeld is also an educator and an author. While serving as an expert resource for fellow eye surgeons, Dr. Donnenfeld has written hundreds of papers, scientific articles and books on vision care. He is also on the editorial board of nine medical journals and serves as editor-in-chief of *Cataract & Refractive Surgery Today*.

Among his many accomplishments, Dr. Donnenfeld has received the Senior Honor and Secretariat Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology. In 2005, he was named the National Cataract and Refractive Surgeon of the Year by the journal *Cataract & Refractive Surgery Today*.

He serves on the board of directors for two leading medical societies and is a member of the cornea committee of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, and *Ocular Surgery News*. He is a past president of the Ocular Microbiology and Immunology Group.

Dr. Donnenfeld previously served as a board member of the Nassau Academy of Medicine, the American College of Surgeons, Long Island Chapter and the Nassau Surgical Society, and is a former president of the Nassau Surgical Society.