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THE OCULAR IMMUNOLOGY
AND UVEITIS FOUNDATION
Dedicated to Eye Disease Cure and Education

Brighter Vision Weekly Newsletter

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Fellow Spotlight: Dr. Michael Margolis



Dr. Michael Margolis was born in El Paso, Texas. He attended college at UT Austin to study Electrical Engineering. He then attended medical school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, Texas. Michael then completed his residency in Long Island, starting with an internship at Stony Brook University Medical Center and continuing at the Nassau University Medical Center for Ophthalmology. He then decided to return closer to home to practice comprehensive Ophthalmology. Michael recognized a clear need for more uveitis specialists within the field which is how he decided to seek further training through OIUF to become a uveitis specialist.

Support

[Upcoming Uveitis Support Group](#)

The Uveitis/Support Group is a patient education and support resource founded in 1996 by Dr. Foster, Frances Foster MS, NP, John Hurley LISCW, and many patients of Dr. Foster. We have several support group pages dedicated for adults, parents, children, and educators. We hope to educate patients, their family members and friends, and the medical community on ocular inflammatory disease and facilitate the exchange of information, emotional support, and aid between members.

Since the beginning of the pandemic, we are now providing virtual support groups for everyone to take advantage of.

Let's Talk About It: With Frances Foster and

a former OIUF Fellow

*Join us on **January 17th, 2023** for this upcoming support group! A link to register will be available soon!*

Education

The **2022 Ocular Inflammatory Disease Crash Course** was held this past November in Miami, Florida! We were joined by distinguished faculty to share education on the diagnosis and treatment of ocular inflammatory diseases as well as learned how to navigate the barriers to treatment such as insurance.

There will be information in the coming weeks of how to access this crash course on demand for physicians to receive CME credits as well as a complimentary opportunity for patients to watch thanks to the generosity of Horizon Therapeutics!



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Research

The following studies are our currently **enrolling** studies for ocular inflammatory disease and other ophthalmology related conditions.

Neptune Study - Oral Brepocitinib for Uveitis

This is a phase II study looking at the safety and efficacy of the study drug (oral medication) on treating active, non-infectious intermediate-, posterior-, and panuveitis. This study lasts about 56 weeks with a total of 13 visits.



Sylentis Dry Eye and Sjogren's Disease Study

This is a phase III study looking at the safety and efficacy of the study drug (eye drop) on treating dry eye in patients that have been diagnosed with Sjogren's Disease. This study lasts between 3-4.5 months with a total of 5 visits.



Tarsier Pharma Anterior Uveitis

This is a phase III randomized, active-controlled, double-masked study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of TRS01 eye drops in the treatment of subjects with active non-infectious anterior uveitis including subjects with uveitis glaucoma. The TRS01 eye-drop will be compared to an FDA approved corticosteroid eye-drop. The study lasts approximately 6 weeks for a total of 5 clinic visits.



Eli Lilly Uveitis Study - Taltz (Ixekizumab)

This is a phase IV 24-week two-armed proof-of-concept exploratory analysis of subcutaneous ixekizumab administration in patients with recalcitrant non-infectious intermediate, posterior, panuveitis, or chronic-steroid dependent anterior uveitis. We will be enrolling 20 patients at MERSI.



YUTIQ Registry

This is a phase IV retrospective registry to collect real-world data on patients that have received YUTIQ. We will be following patients visits and collecting information for up to 5 years after they first get YUTIQ. Anyone who has received a YUTIQ injection qualifies for the study.



Boston Children's Biorepository

This is a collaboration with Boston Children's Hospital to learn more about autoimmune diseases of the eye to improve diagnosis and treatment. Patients with autoimmune eye inflammation and non-inflammatory conditions are able to enroll. Clinical information and biological samples such as blood and discarded eye fluid will be sampled during patient's surgery.



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