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POLICY

Reminder: Fluorescein Only Available Directly from Manufacturer

ASRS has been in conversations with Alcon regarding the ongoing supply issues related to Fluorescein. Due to Akorn ceasing operations, Alcon's Fluorescite is the only available product on the market. While quantities are limited to 36 vials a day, retina specialists and practices may order directly from Alcon by contacting customer service at 1-800-862-5266.

Previously, Alcon shared a [letter](#) to the retina community with ASRS regarding the supply issues.

CLINICAL UPDATES

NEW Online-First Articles From JVRD

Check out these newly released online-first articles from the *Journal of VitreoRetinal Diseases*.

Original Manuscript

- Retinal Detachment Associated With Giant Retinal Tears: Surgical Management and Outcomes in the Past 2 Decades
- Clinical Outcomes of 27-Gauge Pars Plana Vitrectomy for Diabetic Tractional Retinal Detachment Repair

Case Report

- Sequential Bilateral Paracentral Acute Middle Maculopathy in a Middle-Aged Woman



- Valsalva Retinopathy Associated With COVID-19: Diagnosis and Surgical Management

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Chapter Update Published in the Retina Atlas!

Peruse the newly updated Retina Atlas chapter on [Scleral Buckle with Complications](#). A special thanks to Ogugua Ndubuisi Okonkwo, MD, FRCS (Edin), FASRS, for authoring this chapter!

The [Retina Atlas](#) is ASRS's evolving online clinical resource offering information and images on over 100 retinal conditions.



International Webinar Recording Explores Retinal Detachment Surgery Across the Western Hemisphere

On May 2, the American Society of Retina Specialists, the Mexican Retina Association, the Canadian Retina Society, and the Pan-American Retina & Vitreous Society co-hosted ***Fixing Challenging Retinal Detachments From Across the Western Hemisphere***.

A recording is now available of the webinar that explores multiple cases of retinal detachment management from an international perspective. Highlights include discussion about pneumatic retinopexy, tips for fixing diabetic traction detachments, help for eyes in people with Stickler's syndrome, and retinal detachment repair in eyes with concurrent macular holes.

The webinar is moderated by ASRS International Committee Chair, Sunir Garg, MD, FACRS, FASRS, who is joined by a distinguished panel of renowned retinal surgeons including Audina Berrocal, MD, FASRS, Gerardo Garcia-Aguirre, MD, Lihteh Wu, MD, and Rajeev H. Muni, MD, MSC, FRCS(C), FASRS.

This is the first in a series of international webinars being planned by the ASRS International Committee. Watch for details of upcoming events.

[Access the webinar](#)

Abstracts System Open for Late-Breaking Papers and WinR Cases!

The [abstract system is now open](#) for late-breaking papers and WinR Case Conference submissions to be considered for the 2023 Annual Meeting, July 28-August 1 in Seattle.

ASRS members are invited to [submit one late-breaking abstract](#). If you have already accepted an invitation to present a paper and your late-breaking abstract is accepted, the original abstract will be placed as a paper-on-demand instead. Please note that members are allowed only one podium presentation. A non-member may not submit an abstract in this category. The deadline for late breaking abstracts is **June 16**.



Requirements for late-breaking abstracts are as follows:

- Priority will be given to first-time results of clinical trials that have not been presented to date.
- Abstracts must be true late breakers (i.e. data was not available at time of original abstract deadline in February).
- Late-breaking abstracts will be interspersed into the scientific symposia Saturday, July 29 through Tuesday, August 1. Members should ensure their availability over these dates before submitting.

WinR Case Conference Submissions

ASRS members are also invited to [submit an abstract](#) of an interesting, challenging, or unusual medical or surgical case for the WinR Case Conference, which will be held on Sunday evening July 30 during the ASRS Annual Meeting. Abstracts must be submitted by **June 16**.

Volunteer for ASRS 2023 by May 24!

We are in need of peer reviewers for the 2023 Annual Meeting. Duties include reviewing slide decks (papers, cases, on-demand offerings, and other symposia) for compliance with ACCME standards in order to ensure that content is scientifically valid and balanced. For reference, please take a look at the [slide review checklist](#). ASRS staff will provide a peer review guide and a training call so that you know what to look for when reviewing presentations for compliance.

There are opportunities to do remote peer reviews prior to the meeting (June and July), as well as on site during the meeting. If you are interested, please complete the [online volunteer form](#) by **May 24**.

IMPORTANT NOTE: your participation is contingent upon review and mitigation of any relevant financial relationships.

Questions? Contact Stacy Kiff at stacy.kiff@asrs.org or 312-578-8760.

Are You Ready for ASRS 2023?

Here are a few quick links to help you in planning for your



attendance at this year's Annual Meeting in Seattle, July 28-August 1.

- [Registration](#)

- [Meeting Program](#)
- [Insider's Guide](#)

Register to Attend Webinar Co-Hosted by ASRS Mentorship Groups and Featuring Tamara Fountain, MD

Join the first ASRS Combined Mentorship Program webinar on Tuesday, May 23 at 7:30 pm (CT). The program, "Maximizing Mentorship as a Mentor or Mentee," is hosted by the mentorship programs of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Ad Hoc Committee, Women in Retina and Early Career Sections and will feature special guest Tamara Fountain, MD, Past President of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Fountain will provide her tips for mentors and mentees, engage in a discussion with the DEI, ECS, and WinR co-chairs, and field questions from attendees. Register in advance for the session [here](#). A Zoom link will be provided the day of the session for registered attendees.



Nominate an Incoming Fellow for FIT Co-Chair

Do you know an outstanding incoming first-year surgical fellow who would like to be involved in ASRS?

We are currently seeking to appoint a [new first-year co-chair](#) to the ASRS Fellow-in-Training Section. This candidate would work with the second-year co-chair, Asad Durrani, MD, on section activities and objectives.

The purpose of the section is to provide fellows with networking, research, and learning opportunities to enhance their training experience. We welcome any recommendations you have for fellows who you think would be a good fit for this position.

The following information should be submitted to [Joshua Friedman](#) by June 6:

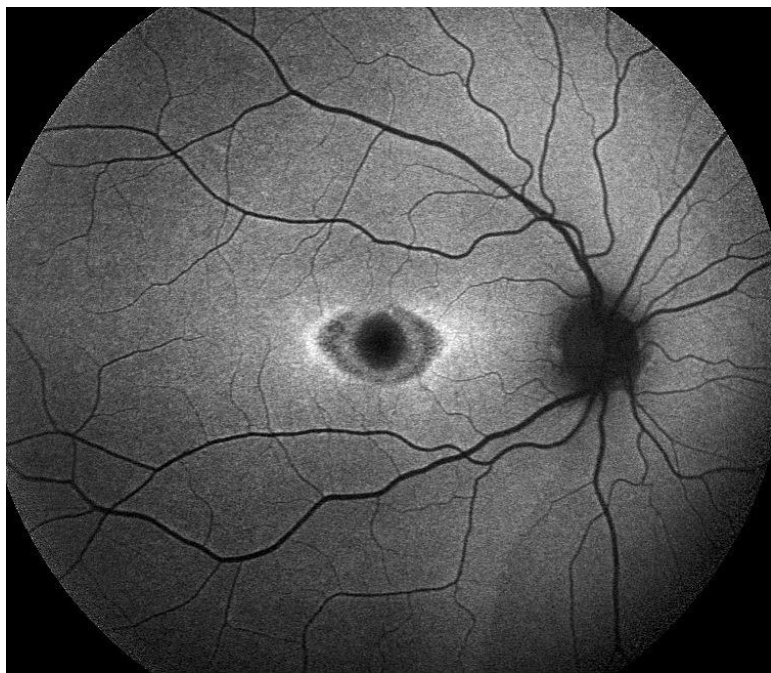
- A letter of recommendation from an active ASRS member from the candidate's current institution
- Candidate's CV
- Letter of intent from the candidate
- A FIT membership application submitted in the ASRS system

As always, we thank you for your partnership in helping us reach and support the next generation of retina specialists. If you have any questions please contact [Joshua Friedman](#).

Image of the Week

Congratulations to Anfisa Ayalon, MD; Boris Rosin, MD, PhD; Gabrielle R. Bonhomme, MD, whose image "[The Eye of Sauron](#)" has been selected as the Image of the Week!

[View Images of the Week](#)



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Did you know that the Retina Image Bank (RIB) is also home to over 120 videos? [Peruse the video uploads](#) and [upload some of your own videos](#). By submitting to the RIB, you are directly contributing to the free exchange of knowledge surrounding retinal disease and treatment!

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