

Kirk H. Packo, MD, FACS

Dr. Packo is an internationally acclaimed vitreoretinal surgeon, educator, researcher and inventor of surgical instruments. He is Professor and Chairman of the Dept. of Ophthalmology at Rush University Medical Center where he also serves as Director of the Retina Section and cofounder of the medical center's Fellowship in Vitreoretinal Surgery. He is a senior partner with Illinois Retina.

Dr. Packo's interest in medicine began in childhood. With a father who was a professional photographer, Dr. Packo spent countless hours playing with cameras, working in the darkroom and appreciating the visual aspect of life. Naturally, his medical focus turned to ophthalmology.

Education

After completing his undergraduate degree at Notre Dame University, and medical school at St. Louis University, Dr. Packo graduated from the University of Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary residency program. He completed his fellowship at Emory University and then returned as chief resident of the Eye Service.

Research

Dr. Packo is a dedicated researcher and has participated in numerous national research studies and clinical trials. His major research interests are in complex

retinal surgery and instrument development. He has invented more than 25 surgical instruments, holds two U.S. patents and collaborated on the development of the Artificial Silicon Retina. He sits on the advisory boards of several of the top manufacturers of retinal surgery instrumentation.

Lecturer, teacher, author

Dr. Packo is one of the most sought-after lecturers in the field. He has delivered more than 1,000 presentations in over 20 countries. No other retinal specialist in the world has delivered so many presentations nor has been in such demand as an innovative thought leader and educator.

His teaching prowess has earned him a number of education awards, including the Senior Honor Award of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, numerous "Golden Apple" awards, and membership in the elite Lepper Society of Teachers.

Dr. Packo has written more than 100 journal articles, as well as book chapters and abstracts. He founded the journal the *Retina Times*, and has produced over 20 award-winning medical films.

Leadership

Dr. Packo holds leadership roles in numerous organizations, most notably the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS), which he has served as board

member since 1992 and is a past President. He holds memberships in several medical societies and has served as President of the Chicago Ophthalmological Society. He is consistently listed in the *Best Doctors in America*, *America's Top Ophthalmologists*, and *Best Doctors in Chicago*.

Awards

Dr. Packo has been recognized as one of the top retinal specialists in the world with the receipt of several elite awards for contributions to retina. The ASRS bestowed Dr. Packo its highest award with the Founders Award, joining a short list of some of the most respected retinal specialists in the field in recognition of his leadership and educational efforts. He was honored with the top award of the European Vitreoretinal Society, the Relja Živojnović Award, for outstanding lifetime worldwide contributions to the field of vitreoretinal surgery. No other American retinal specialist has ever been recognized with both of these awards.

Personal

Dr. Packo has amassed an eye-stopping collection of antique toys and original movie posters – many of which are on display at his offices. Additionally, he enjoys photography, collecting, computer graphics, and restoring his 1956 Thunderbird.



“When I found ophthalmology, a field of medicine that involves vision and the visual senses, it felt like home. My father was very proud. What I bring to my practice is again something I learned from my father, who was a real perfectionist. Doing something ‘good enough’ has never been acceptable. I approach my patients in the same way. If the patient were me or someone in my family, I would want the surgery to be done absolutely right. I have never accepted less.”

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