

## **Kourous A. Rezaei, MD**

Dr. Rezaei is an internationally recognized expert in the medical and surgical treatment of vitreoretinal diseases.

He also serves as an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Rush University Medical Center. Dr. Rezaei has been with Illinois Retina Associates since 2005.

### **Education**

Educated at some of the finest schools in Europe, Dr. Rezaei's fascination with ophthalmology – and retinal surgery, in particular – began when he was a medical student in Germany. He spent a month studying with the late Prof. Klaus Heimann, who became his mentor and proved instrumental in shaping Dr. Rezaei's future career.

Dr. Rezaei completed medical school at the prestigious University of Cologne in Germany. Determined to pursue the most advanced research opportunities in retina care, he moved to the U.S. At the University of Chicago, he completed his residency and served as Chief Resident in his final year.

He also continued his prolific research in cell transplantation as a treatment for age-related macular degeneration. Dr. Rezaei then completed a vitreo-retinal surgery fellowship at the Kresge Eye Institute in Detroit and later became Director of Vitreoretinal Service at the University of Chicago before joining Illinois Retina. He is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology.

### **Research**

From the beginning, Dr. Rezaei has been dedicated to clinical research and has been principal investigator of numerous clinical trials, including those involving new treatments for diabetic macular edema, central vein occlusion, and age-related macular degeneration.

### **Author and lecturer**

Dr. Rezaei is also a writer and lecturer. He has published and presented more than 80 articles and abstracts in leading academic specialty journals and national/international meetings, and has authored three chapters for medical textbooks.

### **Memberships and awards**

Dr. Rezaei holds memberships in several professional organizations, including the Retina Society, the Chicago Ophthalmological Society, the American Society of Retina Specialists and the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

He has won numerous awards, including the Ronald G. Michels Fellowship Award as one of the most outstanding retina fellows in the U.S., the prestigious University of Chicago's Albert M. Potts Award for outstanding performance in ophthalmology research and science, and the Beem Fisher Award from the Chicago Ophthalmological Society.

### **Personal**

When he's not seeing patients in his Harvey, Orland Park and Munster offices, Dr. Rezaei and his wife enjoy spending time with their two sons and relaxing. He especially enjoys outdoor activities with his sons, playing tennis, skiing, running and watching Formula One racing. Dr. Rezaei is fluent in English, German and Persian.



“Every day I try to give the best care possible to my patients. I believe it is a great honor to have the opportunity to participate in their care and to improve the health of their eyes. It is also very rewarding to have the privilege to improve the quality of life of others.”

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