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Glaucoma, Cataract & Anterior Segment Surgery Ophthalmology



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Ike Ahmed is a fellowship-trained glaucoma, cataract, and anterior segment surgeon with a practice focus on the surgical management of glaucoma, complex cataract and intraocular lens complications. He is board certified in ophthalmology in Canada and the USA, and is an active member of numerous national and international societies.

Dr. Ahmed has become world renowned for his skills and groundbreaking work in the diagnosis and surgical treatment of highly complex eye diseases including glaucoma and surgical complications. He is recognized as being one of the most experienced complex eye surgeons in the world and has trained numerous surgeons in innovative surgical techniques. Furthermore, he has been at the leading edge of novel treatments for glaucoma, cataract and lens implant surgery. Patients are referred to him locally, nationally, and from around the world. He has been invited to perform surgery in 4 continents across the globe. In 2010, Dr. Ahmed was selected as one of Canada's "Top 40 Under 40" – a prestigious national award recognizing significant achievements at a young age. In 2014, Dr. Ahmed was selected to receive the prestigious Binkhorst medal at ASCRS, which has been awarded to the world's most prominent ophthalmologists whose careers have made significant contributions to the science and practice of ophthalmology. The American Glaucoma Society honoured him with the AGS Surgery Day Lecture, and the UKISCRS bestowed him with the Pearce Medal Lecture in 2015. In 2017 he awarded the "Innovator of the Year" by the Eye Physicians and Surgeons of Ontario. Dr. Ahmed was recently recognized as the "3rd most influential ophthalmologist" in the world by the news magazine The Ophthalmologist.

Dr. Ahmed has a keen interest in the development of advanced microsurgical devices and techniques in glaucoma surgery and complicated cataract extraction, and is actively involved in research and medical education at a national and international level. He has received research grants to study glaucoma medications, glaucoma laser and surgical devices/techniques, angle closure glaucoma, anterior segment and retinal/optic nerve imaging in glaucoma, cataract surgical techniques and devices, and intraocular lens designs. Dr. Ahmed has designed innovative glaucoma diamond scalpels for surgery, microsurgical instrumentation, and devices, implants, and techniques for the management of the dislocated cataract, iris reconstruction, and glaucoma implant devices. He has done pioneering work in innovative glaucoma surgery, developing and coining the term "Micro-Invasive Glaucoma Surgery (MIGS)" as a new genre of surgical approaches and devices. He also performed the first laser cataract surgery in Canada. As a result of his innovative expertise, Dr. Ahmed has been asked to

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consult for a variety of companies and manufacturers, especially pertaining to the development of new devices and technologies.

He founded and directs The Toronto Cataract Course and the COS Surgical Teaching Series, as well as a number of AAO and ASCRS Courses. He directed the third International Congress on Glaucoma Surgery in May 2006 in Toronto. He sits on the editorial boards of Ophthalmology, Ophthalmology-Glaucoma, Journal of Glaucoma, Canadian Journal of Ophthalmology, EyeNet, Ocular Surgery News, Cataract and Refractive Surgery Today, and is a reviewer for numerous journals. In 2018 he was appointed as the Chief Medical Editor of Glaucoma Today.

Dr. Ahmed has published over 150 peer-reviewed papers, and has published books on Glaucoma Surgery and Intraocular Lens Surgery. He has won five film festival awards, ten best papers of session, and a poster award at ASCRS, as well as an ESCRS first place video award and AAO "Best of Show" award. He has given over 1000 scientific presentations thus far in his career, including 40 visiting professor's lectures around the world.

He is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Toronto, and a Clinical Professor at the University of Utah. He is the Director of the Glaucoma and Advanced Anterior Segment Surgery (GAASS) fellowship at the University of Toronto, and Director of Research at the Kensington Eye Institute, University of Toronto. He has trained glaucoma specialists who are now practicing in Canada and around the world, as well as residents and medical students. Dr. Ahmed has a large tertiary glaucoma/cataract practice at Prism Eye Institute (www.prismeyeinstitute.com) in the Greater Toronto Area, and primarily performs surgery at Trillium Health Partners, Mississauga, Ontario, the Kensington Eye Institute, University of Toronto, Toronto, Ontario, and TLC Oakville.



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