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“2021: Reflections on more than 15 years of Anti-VEGF Therapy”

Presented by

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Dr. Sternberg is the G. W. Hale Professor of Ophthalmology and Chair of the Vanderbilt Eye Institute in Nashville, Tennessee. He graduated from Harvard College *magna cum laude*, and from University of Chicago Pritzker School of Medicine with honors. After internship at the University of Chicago Hospitals and Clinics, he completed his residency in ophthalmology at the Wilmer Eye Institute of Johns Hopkins Hospital and his fellowship in vitreoretinal diseases and surgery at Duke University Eye Center. He was Chief Resident at Wilmer and then joined the faculty at Emory University in Atlanta, where he was Chief of the Retina Division and the Thomas M. Aaberg Professor. After 18 years, he was recruited to Vanderbilt in 2003. In 2009, he was named Vanderbilt's Associate Dean for Clinical Affairs and Chief Medical Officer. In 2014, he was also named Chief Patient Experience Officer.

He is a renowned retinal specialist, who maintains an active academic and research program, studying the pathogenesis of age-related macular degeneration. He has authored more than 300 scientific articles and 30 book chapters, and has received research funding from the NIH, numerous foundations, and industry. Dr. Sternberg is the recipient of many awards including the Macula Society Gass Medal, Arnall Patz Medal, Paul Henkind Award, the American Academy of Ophthalmology's (AAO) EnergEYES Award, Lew Wasserman Award of Merit from Research to Prevent Blindness, AAO Lifetime Achievement Award, L. E. Brown Humanitarian Award, Sommer Prize from the EyeCare Foundation and Heed Ophthalmic Foundation Award. He has been named one of the Best Doctors in America every year since 1994 and one of America's Top Doctors since 2003.

Dr. Sternberg has a long history of leadership in ophthalmology, highlighted by serving as President of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, President of the Macula Society, President of the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology, and is the current Chair of the Board of Governors for the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO) Foundation.

Dr. Sternberg is married to Gloria Sternberg, and they have two sons, Matthew and Zachary. Dr. Sternberg is the past Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Cheekwood Botanical Garden and Museum of Art in Nashville and serves on the Board of Trustees for Leadership Nashville.