

# Curriculum Vitae

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## Current and Previous posts

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**Founder of World College of Refractive Surgery & Visual Science WCRS-VS.**

**Founder of Global Education And Research Society Of Ophthalmology GERSO**

**Founder and Medical Director of Armia's Ophthalmology Training Observership Academy AOTOA**

**Founder and Medical Director of AshrafArmiaEyeClinic  
(<https://www.AshrafArmiaEyeClinic.com>)**

**ISRS (International Society of Refractive Surgery) Editorial Board Member of Multimedia Library, part of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.**

**Consultant Eye Surgeon and one of the shareholders of:** *(June 2011 – current)*

- At Al Watany Eye Hospital WEH, (211 El Hegaz street, Heliopolis, cairo,Egypt).
- At Roward Refracting Center (RCC), (24 Syria street, Mohandeseen, Giza, Egypt).

**Consultant Eye Surgeon in the International Eye Hospital IEH, Dokki, Giza, Egypt :** *(2019 – current)*

**Consultant Retinal Fluorescein Angiography:** *(September 2005 – current)*

- At Al Watany Eye Hospital WEH, Cairo, Egypt.

**Specialist Eye Surgeon:** *(February 2003 – June 2011)*

- At Al Watany Eye Hospital WEH, Cairo, Egypt.

**Specialist Eye Surgeon:** *(July 2005 – July 2009)*

- At Mataryia Teaching Hospital, Cairo, Egypt

**Specialist Eye Surgeon:** *(December 2002 – July 2005)*

- At Fayoum Eye Hospital, Fayoum, Egypt.

**Senior Ophthalmology Resident:** *(April 2001 – December 2002)*

- At Kasr Al-Ainy School of Medicine, Cairo University, Egypt.

**Mid Senior Ophthalmology Resident:** *(April 2000 – April 2001)*

- At Imbaba Ophthalmology Hospital, Cairo, Egypt.

**Junior Ophthalmology Resident:** *(April 1999 – April 2000)*

- At Fayoum Eye Hospital, Fayoum, Egypt.

**Junior Registrar in Ophthalmology:** *(April 1997 – April 1999)*

- At Student Hospital, Cairo University, Egypt.

**Rotational House Officer:** (*March 1996 – March 1997*)

- At Cairo University Teaching Hospitals, Cairo University, Egypt.

### **Publications:**

**Use of black-and-white filters to optimize visualization in cataract surgery**, J. Clin. Med. July 2022, jcm-1779616.

**Capsulorrexis, estado del arte**Capsulorrexis, estado del arte, Review of Ophthalmology En Español · Feb 17, 2022.

**Facilitating Role of the 3D Viewing System in Tilted Microscope Positions for Cataract Surgery in Patients Unable to Lie Flat**, Published: 28 March 2022 , J. Clin. Med. 2022, 11, 1865. <https://doi.org/10.3390/jcm-11071865>.

**Keratoconus Book (Editor), Current and Future State-of-the-Art**  
publication date Aug 7, 2021 publication description Springer International Publishing.

**Indications for IOL Exchange, Know the risks and the rewards of this surgical strategy.**  
publication date May 28, 2021 publication description Cataract and Refractive Surgery Today / Europe Journal, CRSTEurope.

**Long term results of accelerated 9 mW corneal crosslinking for early progressive keratoconus: the Siena Eye-Cross Study 2**  
publication date Apr 30, 2021 publication description Eye and Vision Journal, BMC part of the Springer Nature publication description.

**Patients Want a Lens That Will Decrease Their Spectacle Dependence**  
publication date Jan 15, 2021 publication description Cataract and Refractive Surgery Today / Europe Journal, CRSTEurope.

**FLACS in Congenital Iris Coloboma: A Useful Technique**  
publication date Aug 25, 2020 publication description International Medical Case Reports Journal are provided here courtesy of Dove Press.

## **Education**

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### **Bachelor of Medicine and Surgery MB,BCh.**

*December 1995 – Faculty of Medicine, Kasr El Aini Hospital, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt*

### **International council of Ophthalmology Certificate ( ICO)**

*1999, Cambridge, United Kingdom*

### **Master degree of Ophthalmology (MSc) First of the candidates.**

*November 2002, Cairo University, Cairo, Egypt.*

### **Fellowship of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons of Glasgow (FRCS ophthalmology)**

*June 2012, Glasgow, United Kingdom.*

### **Fellowship of the American College of Surgeons (FACS in Ophthalmic Surgery)**

*July 2017, USA.*

**Approved New Terminology In ophthalmology as “Potbelly Dancing Cataract” describing a situation during surgery for a challenging difficult case. Approved By American Society Of Cataract And Refractive Surgery ASCRS and they put in the ASCRS Learning library for teaching. Also was in the library of European Society Of Cataract And Refractive Surgery ESCRS Library (2017).**

**Reviewer of the JCRS (Journal Of Cataract And Refractive Surgery), 2019.**

**Surgeon of the Month choose by the International Society of Refractive Surgery ISRS part of the American Academy Of Ophthalmology AAO, June 2020**

**Accepted and published of my innovative technique of FLACS (Femto-Laser Assisted Cataract Surgery) in the cataract with congenital Iris Coloboma in the International Medical Case Reports Journal and on the PubMed, July 2020.**

**Nominated and elected to join the ISRS's (International Society Of Refractive Surgery) Multimedia Library Editorial Board starting in 2021.**

**Editor for a book “*Keratoconus: Current and Future State-of-the-Art*” with Prof. Dr. Cosimo Mazzotta from Italy sharing as an editor with me and published by Springer Nature. Will be released by the November 2021.**

**Reviewer of the BMC ophthalmology journal, 2021.**

**Lecturer World-Wide Major Ophthalmic & Industry Meetings.**

**Industry Advisory Boards and Consultant to Many Companies.**

**Professional Experience:**

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- (1) Anterior segment Consultant Eye Surgeon.
- (2) Cataract Surgeries by all ways (From Phacoemulsification till ECCE)
- (3) Glaucoma Surgeries including valves and antimetabolites.
- (4) Refractive corneal Surgeries (LASIK, PRK, TRNS PRK, Cross linking and Femto LASIK).
- (5) Refractive Surgeries (Phakic IOLs, ICLs)
- (6) Keratoconous Surgeries (Cross linking, PKP and INTACs and Femto corneal rings).
- (7) Anterior Segment Reconstruction including Pupillopalsy.
- (8) Retinal Fluorescein Angiography consultant.
- (9) Argon Retinal Laser and Yag Laser.
- (10) Diabetic Retinopathy Consultant.

## **Memberships:**

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### ***National:***

- Member of the Egyptian Ophthalmological Society (EOS)
- Member of Egyptian Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (EgSCRS)
- Member of Egyptian Vitreoretinal Society (EGVRS)
- Registered in the Egyptian Medical Syndicate (equivalent to GMC) as Consultant Ophthalmology Surgeon (Registration number: 6526)

### ***International:***

- Member of International Society of Refractive Surgery of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (ISRS)
- Member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO)
- Member of American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ASCRS)
- Member of European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery (ESCRS)
- Member of European Society of Retina Specialists (EURETINA)
- Member of European Society of Cornea (EUCORNEA)
- Member of the American European Society Of ophthalmic Surgery (AECOSEurope).
- Member of the American College Of Surgeon (ACS).
- Member of the Refractive Surgery Alliance Society (RSA).

## **International and National Lecture presentations**

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**Speaker at the Refractive News meeting 26<sup>th</sup> edition in Nice, France, from June 30<sup>th</sup> till July 2<sup>nd</sup> , 2022.**

**Speaker by two presentation and an instruction course at the Romanian Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting from June 23<sup>rd</sup> till June 26<sup>th</sup> , 2022 at Hotel Europa, Eforie Nord, Romania.**

**Speaker and Moderator at the AECOS (American European Congress of Ophthalmology Symposium at Hilton Antwerp, Belgium from June 9<sup>th</sup> till June 12<sup>th</sup> , 2022.**

**Speaker at the iTrace users meeting in Cairo, Egypt at the Hilton, Zamalik hotel on May 11<sup>th</sup> , 2022.**

**Speaker by three presentation at the SAMIR (Society Morocco of Refractive surgery and Implant) meeting in Ifran, Morocco on May 28<sup>th</sup> , 2022 at the Akhawayn University in Ifran.**

**Three Skill transfer courses as an instructor during American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting in Washington DC, USA from April 22<sup>nd</sup> till April 26<sup>th</sup> , 2022**

**Speaker at the users meeting of iTrace , Tracy Technology at the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting in Washington DC, USA from April 22<sup>nd</sup> till April 26<sup>th</sup> , 2022.**

**Six Instruction courses during the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting in Washington DC, USA from April 22<sup>nd</sup> till April 26<sup>th</sup> , 2022 as either a senior instructor or a co-instructor.**

**Speaker and board member of the ACOR meeting in Casablanca, Morocco by three presentations on the 26<sup>th</sup> March, 2022 at Hyatt hotel.**

**Speaker by three presentations for the first International Surgical Eye Hospital Ophthalmology Conference in Cooperation with Moorfield eye hospital, MEACO, AAO, ELIZA institute, Alicante University and MEAVRS Hybrid meeting from Syria from March 31<sup>st</sup> till April 1<sup>st</sup> , 2022.**

**Speaker for the Middle East, North Africa and Europe for the Biotech Health care User meeting, March 3<sup>rd</sup> , 2022.**

**Faculty member for the Telling it like a Cataract (Robert Osher meeting) Speaker about Lenticonus and Phaco-emulsification and instructor in two skill transverse courses (IOL fixation without a support and iris reconstruction) which held at Orlando, FL, Febuary 2022.**

**Speaker and board member of the QOIC in February 2022.**

**Speaker in the Virtual meeting about In Office Sutureless Amniotec Membrane as a new tool to tackle ocular surface disease, January, 2022, in an international speakers from USA, UK, Morocco, Philippines.**

**Faculty Member and speaker of the International CXL Experts meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, December 2021**

**Faculty member and Speaker for the Saudi German Hospital meeting in collaboration with the Middle East Africa Council of Ophthalmology in Dubai, UAE, November 2021.**

**Instructor and Chair for two courses at the American Academy of Ophthalmology at New Orleans, USA, November 2021.**

**International Faculty member and speaker at the Aegean Cornea meeting at Crete, Greece August 2021.**

**Instructor for two courses at the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery at Las Vegas, Nevada, USA July 2021.**

**Faculty Member and speaker of the International CXL Experts meeting in Zurich, Switzerland, December 2020**

**Moderator of the “Management of Challenges of Refractive Surgery Situations; From Cornea till Retina” which is on the International Society Of Refractive Surgery website, June 2020.**

**Coordinator and speaker of the World Webinar Of Cataract and Refractive Surgery WWCRS2020, May 2020.**

**Moderator of the “Post cataract surgery surprises management” webinar which on the website of the International Society Of Refractive Surgery ISRS, April 2020**

**Moderator of the “ALCON EXPERTS’ CLOUD” WEBINAR which will be about “MASTER PLAN IN CHALLENGING CATARACT SITUATIONS” , April 2020.**

**Moderator of the “New Approaches In KERATOCONUS Management” webinar which is on the website of the International Society Of Refractive Surgery, April 2020**

**Moderator of the Premium Cataract Surgery” webinar which on the website of the International Society of Refractive Surgery ISRS, April, 2020.**

**Faculty member for the Telling it like a Cataract (Robert Osher meeting) and instructor in two skill transverse courses (IOL fixation without a support and iris reconstruction) which held at Orlando, FL, Febuary 2020.**

**Chairman and Senior instructor for my instructional course that was in AAO 2019 in San Francisco, California, USA on October 13, 2019 about (Presbyopia and The coming Future Management)**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in the ESCRS 2019, Paris (video accepted in the final video challenging cases).**

**One of the international guest speakers was for IIRSI2019 that held in Chennai, India from July 6-7, 2019 and gave three lectures.**



**Panelist in a Symposium and speaker in the AECOSEurope held at Sitges, Spain from June 6-9, 2019**

**Chairman and Senior instructor for my instructional course in the ASCRS (American Society Of Cataract And Refractive Surgery) 2019 in San Diego, California, USA on May 7, 2019, about (Hot Topics On Myopia Correction Through All Stages of Life)**

**Chairman in two symposiums and giving four Lectures in the elevens conference of ophthalmology meeting in conjunction with the Romanian Society of Ophthalmology meeting which will be in Timisora, Romania from April 11-13, 2019**

**Speaker at the Research Institute Of Ophthalmology meeting RIO 2019, speaking about challenging cases of cataract surgery January 2019, Cairo, Egypt.**

**Faculty member for the Telling it like a Cataract (Robert Osher meeting) and instructor in two skill transverse courses (IOL fixation without a support and iris reconstruction) which held at Orlando, FL, January 2019.**

**Instructor For Skill transfer Course for (Iris repair and reconstruction) at the American Academy Of Ophthalmology AAO held in Chicago, USA, October 2018.**

**Presenting my REFRACTIVE Video case “Be Cool, Don’t Be Aggressive” in the ESCRS International course Therapeutic Refractive Surgery “Live Cases” with “Dan Reinstein” at ESCRS Vienna, September 2018.**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in the ESCRS 2018, Vienna (video accepted in the final video challenging cases).**

**Primary Instructor For Two Instructor Courses at the World Ophthalmology Congress WOC held in Barcelona, Spain, June 2018.**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in the AECOSEurope. European Symposium that will be held on June, 2018 at Berlin, Germany.**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon at the American Society Of Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting (ASCRS), 5 – 9 May, 2018 in the final ASCRS Film Festival Awards Ceremony.**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon at Emirates Society Of Ophthalmology meeting in Dubai, December 2017.**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in the ESCRS September, 2017, Portugal (video accepted in the final video challenging cases).**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in the AECOS European Symposium that will be held on June 1-4, 2017 at the Orea Pyramida Hotel in**

Prague, Czech Republic.

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon and a board member in the ESOIRS ophthalmology meeting in Alexandria, Egypt, May 17-19, 2017.**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon at the American Society Of Cataract and Refractive Surgery meeting (ASCRS), 5 – 9 May, 2017 as speaker for;**

1) RED CARPET EXTRAVAGANZA Saturday, May 6th, 2017 from 5:00 PM to 6:30 PM.

2) Free paper presentation

Sunday, May 7th, 2017 from 1:32 pm to 1:37 pm, meeting room level, 410.

3) 35th ASCRS Film Festival Awards Ceremony

Monday, May 8th, 2017 from 4:45 pm to 6:45 pm , Lobby level , West Hall A.

4) ASCRS Electronic Poster presentation

(Wired Surprise Ended In A Safe LAND Results)

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in Novartis eye meeting about these two major important topics in ophthalmology "Glaucoma and Dry Eye", April 27, 2017.**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in the 5th Magrabi International Congress (MIC) from 26 - 28 January 2017 at Abu Dhabi, UAE, achieving the best video in the cataract session.**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in Clinical and Experimental Ophthalmology, Dubai, November, 2016 (Keynote presentation about safe land with small pupils, a video based about challenging decision in traumatic cases, and Chairman in a session of Ocular microbiology and Immunology )**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in UKISCRS , LONDON, October, 2016 as a video presentation (Anterior segment surprise found during planned vitrectomy for vitreous hemorrhage ) .**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in the Al Watany Ophthalmology Summit, September 2016, Cairo, Egypt as a video based (Vertical chopping in Phaco).**

**Lecture as a Consultant eye surgeon in the ESCRS September, 2016, Copenhagen (video accepted in the final video challenging cases).**

**Two poster presentations in the EURETINA September, 2016, Copenhagen.**

**Lecture as a consultant eye surgeon in Manchester, UK , August, 2016 in the cataract meeting.**

**Lecture as a consultant eye surgeon in the AECOS, June 2016 in Rome , Italy.**

**Lecture as a consultant eye surgeon in the EGERS 2016, Cairo, Egypt.**

**A poster presentation at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Asia- Australia Congress on (COPHy) at Bangkok, Thailand (Feb. 18- 21, 2016).**

**European Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons**  
5 – 9 October 2013 *Amsterdam, Netherland.*

**European Society of Cornea and Ocular Surface Disease specialists Congress**  
4 – 5 October 2013 *Amsterdam, Netherland.*

**European Society of Retinal Specialist Congress**  
26 – 29 September 2013 *Hamburg, Germany.*

**American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Meeting**  
19 – 23 April 2013 *San Francisco, USA.*

**The Egyptian Vitreoretinal Society Teaching School Course**  
25 - 28 March 2013 *Cairo, Egypt.*

**Egyptian Society Of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Meeting**  
22 February 2013 *Cairo, Egypt.*

**Annual International Conference of Egyptian Vitreoretinal Society**  
9 – 11 January 2013 *Cairo Egypt.*

**The Egyptian Vitreoretinal Society Teaching School Course**  
24 - 27 September 2012 *Cairo, Egypt.*

**American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Meeting**  
20 – 24 April 2012 *Chicago , USA.*

**American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Meeting**  
25 – 29 March 2011 *San Diago, USA.*

**Lectures as a Consultant eye surgeon for resident and young ophthalmologists at the Fayoum Ophthalmology Hospital,**  
(Since 2012 – current) *Fayoum , Egypt.*

- *Retinal Fluorescein Angiography.*
- *Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT).*
- *Field of Vision.*
- *Ophthalmology Ultrasonography.*
- *Phaco femtosecond Laser.*
- *Argon Retinal laser.*
- *Diabetic Retinopathy and diabetic macular edema.*

- *Anti VEGEF.*
- *Age related macular degenerations (ARMD).*
- *Phacoemulsification.*
- *Types of Glaucoma surgeries.*

**Shared as a lecture in the Vitreoretinal Seminar at the National Eye Center,**  
*20 January 2011* *Rod El-Farag, Cairo, Egypt.*  
**Phaco, What is new since 2011? (Femtosecond Laser Cataract Surgery)**

**Lecturer in the Vitreoretinal Seminar at the National Eye Center,**  
*20 January 2011* *Cairo, Egypt.*

**Shared as a lecture in Al Watany Eye Hospital day,**  
*September 2010* *Cairo, Egypt.*  
**Early diagnosis saves the vision (Retinal toxoplasmosis)**

**Annual meetings of the Egyptian ophthalmological Society EOS**  
*(2000 – 2019)* *Cairo, Egypt.*

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**Research Interest:**

Cataract, Cataract Surgery, Cornea, Keratoconus, Corneal surgery, Refractive Surgery, Pkatic Intra-ocular lenses, Iris repair, Anterior segment reconstruction, Innovation technology and Artificial Intelligence.

**Languages**

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**Arabic:** *Mother tongue. Fluent (spoken and written)*  
**English:** *Fluent (spoken and written)*  
**French:** *Basics.*

**Surgical experiences**

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**Cataract:** *More than 10000 cases (about 500 cases per year)*  
**Refractive:** *More than 8000 cases (about 300 cases per year)*

**Glaucoma:** *More than 2000 cases (about 100 cases per year)*

**Iris reconstruction:** *More than 800 cases (about 30 cases per year)*

## **Personal Profile**

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**Hobbies & Interests:** *Computer:* I have ability to use my computing knowledge in my clinical work (Word Processing, PowerPoint, Internet)

*Sports:* Football and swimming

*Music:* light and classical music

*Travelling:* USA, UK, Germany, Ireland, Scotland, France, Netherlands, Japan, Sweden, Hungary, Italy, Denmark, Switzerland and Spain.

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