**Alexander J. Brucker, MD**

Alexander Brucker was educated at the University of Maryland and received his M.D. degree at New York Medical College. After completing a residency, he did a Fellowship in Diseases of the Retina and Vitreous under the mentorship of Dr. Arnall Patz and Dr. Ronald G. Michels at The Wilmer Ophthalmologic Institute of the Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore, Maryland. In 1977, Dr. Brucker relocated to the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and in 1994 became Professor of Ophthalmology. He serves as Chief of the Retina and Vitreous Service at the Scheie Eye Institute/Department of Ophthalmology as well as a Vice-Chair of the Department.

During the course of his career, Dr. Brucker has served in many leadership capacities, too numerous to list in this short biography. He is a member of multiple societies and organizations such as the Macula Society of which he served as President, the Retina Society, the American Society of Retina Specialists, Club Jules Gonin, and the American Uveitis Society. He served as Chairman of the Board of the Juvenile Diabetes Foundation of Philadelphia, the founding chapter of JDRF, for two consecutive terms.

Dr. Brucker has received numerous awards which have acknowledged his leadership in education, research, and patient care, including the Albrecht von Graefe Award for distinguished contributions in ophthalmology, the Life Achievement Award from the Greater Philadelphia Ophthalmic Society, the Life Achievement Honor Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the J. Donald M. Gass Medal/Award from both the Macula Society and the Retina Society, and has been the Guest of Honor of the American Academy of Ophthalmology at its annual meeting. He received the Coscas Medal for outstanding achievement in retinal diseases last year and most recently Dr. Brucker received the Arnall Patz Medal from the Macula Society for outstanding contributions in the study of retinal vascular diseases.

Dr. Brucker is the Editor-in-Chief of the international journal *RETINA,* *the Journal of Retinal and Vitreous Diseases*, a position he has held since 1981. He is also currently Editor of *Retinal Cases and Brief Reports* and is a member of the Editorial Board of *The Chinese Journal of the Ocular Fundus* as well as Advisor to *the Journal of the Asia-Pacific Academy of Ophthalmology.*

He has authored and co-authored over 140 papers in peer-reviewed journals and has been the author of published books, texts, and book chapters. His special interests have been the surgical treatment of vitreoretinal disorders, diabetic retinopathy, age-related macular degeneration and vascular occlusive diseases. During his career he has developed multiple instruments used by vitreoretinal surgeons throughout the world. Dr. Brucker has taken a special interest in randomized clinical trials and has been Principal Investigator for most of the impactful retinal clinical trials. Dr. Brucker served as a voting member of the Department of Food and Drug Administration’s (FDA) Ophthalmic Device Panel and continues to serve on the FDA’s list of consultants.

Dr. Brucker has been a role model for generations of medical students, residents, fellows, and colleagues, many with whom he continues to be in contact. He has taken great pride in the relationship he continues to have with his past residents and fellows.