

RCA Newsletter

July 13, 2026

Message from the CEO

RCA Team,

As we enter the last quarter of our fiscal year, I would like to extend my sincerest appreciation for your passion and relentless commitment to our mission. The progress we have achieved this year is a testament to the hard work and collaboration of our physicians and team members across the RCA network.

Fiscal year to date, we have welcomed over 180,000 new patients across our practices and completed more than 1.82 million patient visits. In June, we welcomed South Carolina Retina Institute (SCRI) to the RCA family. Their team of four board-certified physicians brings exceptional clinical expertise and compassion in collaboration with Retina Consultants of South Carolina who have thrived as part of the RCA network. They join 16 physicians from 14 other practices who have become part of RCA since the start of FY'26.

[Read more](#)



Robby Grabow
CEO
Retina Consultants of America

A reminder that RCANewsletter.Cencora.com is now the home for all RCA Newsletter content. Be sure to explore the stories below and visit the site for additional updates, resources, and highlights from across the network.

We'd also love your feedback as we continue to enhance the experience. [Click here](#) to share your thoughts.

Expanding the Power of Together

Welcome to the RCA Network, South Carolina Retina Institute!

We are pleased to welcome [South Carolina Retina Institute](#) (SCRI) to RCA. Since its founding in 2020, SCRI has grown into one of the region's leading retina practices, supporting patients across coastal South Carolina and the Grand Strand region through advanced specialty care. Through this partnership, SCRI will continue building on its patient-centered approach while strengthening access to clinical innovation, research, and long-term growth.

[Learn more about SCRI and our new partnership](#)

Current Landscape & Patient Experiences



With each new practice that joins RCA, our network's impact continues to grow, bringing world-class retina care to more patients and communities nationwide. We're proud to spotlight patient stories from across the network that showcase the exceptional care, dedication, and personal connections our physicians and teams provide every day.

[Read recent patient experiences](#)

RCA On-Scene

VisionWalk Highlights

[VisionWalk](#) events help raise awareness and critical funding for sight-saving research while celebrating the strength and resilience of the blindness and low-vision community. We are proud to support the Foundation Fighting Blindness and its mission to drive advancements that improve the lives of patients affected by retinal diseases.

- **Retina Consultants of Texas (RCTX)—Houston** team members recently participated in VisionWalk Houston, joining patients, families, advocates, and community partners in support of research aimed at preventing, treating, and curing blinding retinal diseases.
- **Florida Retina Institute** joined community members at the Jacksonville VisionWalk, supporting the Foundation Fighting Blindness and raising awareness for retinal disease research. The team’s enthusiasm and dedication to giving back were recognized with the event’s Best VisionWalk Spirit Award.
- **Illinois Retina Associates** helped raise more than \$10,500 in support of the Foundation Fighting Blindness through its annual VisionWalk participation, including contributions from its Fight for Sight team and on-site fundraising efforts.

[View VisionWalk highlights and photos](#)

Cencora Month of Impact: RCA Volunteer Day in Southlake, Texas | June 11, 2026

This June, RCA proudly participated in Cencora’s Month of Impact, a companywide initiative that brings team members together to support their communities through volunteer service.

On June 11, RCA team members gathered in Southlake, Texas to assemble first aid kits for individuals and families in underserved communities, helping provide access to basic medical supplies for those facing financial barriers to care.

[Explore highlights from the event and learn more about the important work The Stewpot is doing across the Dallas community](#)

Physician Recruitment

The past few months have been busy for physician recruitment, with RCA well represented at several key events, including Retina World Congress in Miami, FL; YoungMD Connect Live in Austin, TX; and the Duke fAVS Course in Durham, NC.

These gatherings provided valuable opportunities to connect with current and future retina specialists, share the RCA story, and continue building relationships across the field.

[See event highlights](#)

Upcoming recruitment events include:

- **Mass Eye & Ear Meeting (Boston, MA)** – July 10-11
- **ASRS Meeting (Montreal, CAN)** – July 15-18
 - Fellows Reception

- Thursday, July 16 – 9:30 p.m.-12:00 a.m. ET
 - RCA Physician Reception
 - Friday, July 17 – 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. ET
- **Women in Ophthalmology (Monterey, CA)** – August 20-23
- **AVTT (Chicago, IL)** – August 28-29
- **AAO (New Orleans, LA)** – October 9-12
 - RCA Physician Reception
 - Friday, October 9 – 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. CT

RCA Committees

Advocacy Committee

AAO Mid-Year Forum & Congressional Advocacy Day | April 14-18, 2026

Dr. Sohail J. Hasan represented Retina Consultants of America at the 2026 AAO Mid-Year Forum and Congressional Advocacy Day in Washington, D.C., where ophthalmologists from across the country gathered to help shape the future of patient care and physician advocacy. Alongside fellow RCA physicians and leaders, Dr. Hasan participated in key policy discussions and meetings with lawmakers focused on access to care and the future of ophthalmology.

[Learn more about Dr. Hasan’s advocacy work on the national stage](#)

Leading-Edge Research

RCA Research Journal Summaries

To help keep us all informed amidst the growing volume of retina research, we have launched a communication series featuring concise summaries of recently published papers from leading journals relevant to retina and our clinical practice. Each edition spotlights a select few high-impact studies that are clinically relevant, providing brief overviews along with key takeaways.

As this initiative continues to evolve, we welcome your feedback and participation. Please share suggestions through the feedback form here or contact Loka Thangamathesvaran, MD, at L.Thangamathesvaran@pnwretina.com if you are interested in contributing to future editions.

[Read past RCA Research Journal Summaries here](#)

RCA Research 2026 National Meeting Highlights | April 16-17, 2026

More than 600 physicians, research professionals, and industry partners gathered in Dallas this spring for the 5th Annual RCA Research National Meeting, themed Blazing New Trails. Across three days of education, collaboration, and networking, attendees explored new opportunities to advance clinical research, strengthen site-to-site collaboration, and share best practices across the RCA network.

Watch the 2026 National Meeting recap video [here](#)

[View meeting highlights, award winners, photos, and opportunities to get involved in RCA Research](#)

Meet Your RCA MVPs

We’re proud to celebrate our latest RCA MVPs!

Patti Peterson of Northeast Wisconsin Retina Associates has received the **Clinic MVP Award**, recognized for her kindness, dedication, and positive impact on both patients and teammates throughout her 15 years with the practice.

Ewelina Lokaj of Vitreoretinal Consultants is our **Research MVP Award** recipient, honored for her leadership, operational expertise, and contributions to the continued growth and success of the research department.

[Learn about our latest MVPs](#)

Upcoming Events

ASRS 2026:

- July 15-18, 2026 in Montreal, QC, CAN
- [Learn more about the meeting and view the full list of RCA speakers at ASRS 2026](#)
- **You’re Invited:** RCA-Hosted Physician Reception at ASRS 2026
 - RCA physicians and leaders attending the 2026 ASRS Annual Meeting are invited to join us for an evening reception at Hotel Place d’Armes – Brasserie 701 in Montreal on Friday, July 17 (5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. ET). Connect with colleagues from across the network while enjoying hors d’oeuvres and refreshments.

MLB/BLB Meetings:

- October 22-23 - Chicago O'Hare

The Show:

- Fellows' Edition Recap
 - On April 14, RCA hosted the first of two Fellows Shows planned for 2026. This competitive case presentation event brings together retina fellows from across the U.S. and Canada to share unique and challenging cases with the retina community.

Five finalists were selected to present, with Dr. Sidra Zafar (Wills Eye) earning first place, Dr. Christopher Chung (University of Illinois) taking second, and Dr. Caroline Awh (Massachusetts Eye and Ear) placing third.

More than 175 RCA physicians registered for the event, highlighting the continued enthusiasm for education, collaboration, and mentorship across the network.

The next RCA Fellows Show will take place on September 8, 2026.

[Learn more about RCA's commitment to advancing retina education and supporting the next generation of specialists](#)

- Upcoming "The Show" dates:
 - September 8, 2026
 - November 10, 2026

RCA RCM Summit: *From Pieces to Platform*

- September 23-25, 2026 in Dallas, TX
- The 2026 Annual Revenue Cycle Summit, From Pieces to Platform, brings together 30+ practices, 100+ revenue cycle representatives, industry partners, vendors, and RCA/Cencora leaders to collaborate on the future of revenue cycle management.

Focused on strategy, standardization, and shared expertise, the Summit highlights opportunities to optimize workflows, strengthen operational performance, and share best practices across practices. These efforts help build a stronger operational foundation that supports teams, strengthens practices, and enables physicians to focus on delivering exceptional patient care.

AAO 2026:

- October 9-12, 2026 in New Orleans, LA
- RCA-Hosted Physician Reception during AAO:
 - Date: Friday, October 9, 2026
 - Time: 5:00pm - 7:00pm CT
 - Location: Brennan's (417 Royal Street, New Orleans, LA)
 - Food & Beverage: Hors d'oeuvres and refreshments

Shareholder Meetings (virtual):

- July 29, 2026
- November 11, 2026

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Upcoming Eye Health Observances:

- August
 - Children's Eye Health and Safety Month
- October
 - Eye Injury Prevention Month
 - World Sight Day – October 8, 2026

