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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Jonathan H. Lass, M.D



Dr. Lass began his violoncello studies at the age of 8 and went on to study at the Manhattan School of Music under David Wells and at Boston University under Leslie Parnas. He also has studied chamber music at Greenwood in Massachusetts, Blue Hill in Maine, and the Cavani Quartet of the Cleveland Institute of Music. While in high school, he was a soloist with the New Jersey Junior Symphony and the Columbia High School Orchestra. He has been an avid chamber music performer locally in the Cleveland area with various groups, most recently the Circle Quintet, a group of physicians performing the major piano quintets in the literature at nursing homes and other venues. He also has directed and/or performed at concerts at national ophthalmology conventions

(American Academy of Ophthalmology and Association of Research in Vision and Ophthalmology) since 1988.

He was fortunate to perform in the inaugural concert of the World Doctors Orchestra in Berlin at the Philharmonie in May 2008 and was selected as the local organizer of the WDO's second concert and US debut in Cleveland and Severance Hall on February 8, 2009.

Dr. Lass is the Charles I Thomas Professor of Ophthalmology at Case Western Reserve University in Cleveland, Ohio, Chairman of the Case Western Reserve Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, and Director of UH Case Medical Center Eye Institute. He is also Director of the Case Western Reserve Visual Sciences Research Center.

Dr. Lass received his B.A. from Boston University in 1972 and his M.D. from Boston University in 1973 in its six year program in liberal arts and medicine. He completed an internship at Mt. Auburn Hospital in Cambridge, Massachusetts and completed his ophthalmology residency at Boston University Medical Center in 1977. He went on to complete a two year fellowship in cornea and external diseases at Harvard's Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary and the Eye Research Institute of the Retina Foundation. Following his residency, he joined the faculty of Case Western Reserve University as an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and joined the staff of University Hospitals of Cleveland in 1979.

He is a member of numerous professional societies and has served on the board of several national ophthalmology organizations. He is currently on the editorial board of the journal, *Cornea* and received the Senior Honor Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology in 2004. Dr. Lass has research interests in the area of corneal physiology and immunology, genetics, specular microscopy, and clinical trials of corneal disease with over 150 publications. He is currently funded as investigator or co-investigator on six grants from the National Eye Institute.