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LOCAL SURGEON ELECTED TO SERVE ON THE 2007-2009 BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE PAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF OPHTHALMOLOGY.

Eugene, Ore.—I. Howard Fine, MD has been elected to serve on the 2007-2009 Board of Directors of the Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology. The Pan-American Association of Ophthalmology is a non-profit organization whose mission is the continuing education of ophthalmologists, the prevention of blindness, and the promotion of scientific and cultural exchange among ophthalmologists in the Western Hemisphere and the world.

Dr. Fine did his undergraduate training at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology training at the Boston University Medical Center. Specializing in cataract/IOL and refractive surgery, he has been in private practice for 37 years in Eugene, Oregon.

Dr. Fine is a Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the Oregon Health & Science University in Portland and a co-founder of the Oregon Eye Surgery Center. He has held local, state, and national instructional leadership positions within organized medicine and ophthalmology. He served as the president of the American Society of cataract and Refractive Surgery in 2001 and is President-elect of the International Intraocular Implant Club.

Dr. Fine is among the cataract surgeons listed in all editions of *The Best Doctors in America*, and the first edition of *Marquis' Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare*. He received the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Senior Honor Award and the prestigious Innovator's Award, given annually by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. He was honored with the Baylor/Welsh Cataract and Refractive Surgery Congress Maumenee award, the United Kingdom and Ireland Societies for Cataract and Refractive Surgery Rayner Medal,

the Brazilian Phaco Club award, the Boston University School of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus award, the Oregon Health & Science University Meritorious Achievement Award, and the Lifetime Achievement Award for Extraordinary Contributions in the Advancement of Ophthalmic Technology from *Inside Eyecare Technology*. In 1999 he was named one of the 25 most influential ophthalmologists of the 20th Century by a vote of 16,000 ophthalmologists worldwide, polled by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. Dr. Fine has been a visiting professor at 30 medical schools in the United States and abroad, and has delivered 18 named lectureships.

He has designed instrument and implants and has innovated many surgical instruments and implants and has innovated many surgical procedures. He has contributed hundreds of publications to refereed medical journals and the medical press, written chapters in textbooks and surgical atlases, lectured and taught extensively throughout the world and demonstrated his surgical techniques with lens surgery in more than 20 countries.

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