

David H. Orth, MD, FACS

Dr. Orth is a world-renowned retina specialist and the founder and president of Illinois Retina Associates, one of the most highly regarded retina practices in the U.S. Dr. Orth broke new ground in the delivery of retina care when, in 1975, he established a retina practice in downtown Chicago and in the village of Flossmoor, 30 miles south of Chicago. At the time, a highly specialized medical practice like retina was unheard of in the southern suburbs. But under his leadership, Illinois Retina Associates was established in 1981, and has flourished into one of the most respected retina practices in the nation.

Dr. Orth is an esteemed clinical researcher and educator. He is Professor of Ophthalmology at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago, where he co-founded the medical center's vitreoretinal fellowship. He serves as Medical Director of the Irwin Retina Center at Ingalls Memorial Hospital and Director of the hospital's Ophthalmic Laser Laboratory.

Education

Intrigued with the field of medicine since childhood, Dr. Orth followed his dream of becoming a physician. After graduating from the University of Pittsburgh with a bachelor of science degree in bacteriology, he attended Chicago Medical School and

served his internship and ophthalmology residency at Michael Reese Hospital and Medical Center in Chicago. He completed a retina fellowship at the prestigious Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins Medical Center, including a National Institutes of Health Fellowship and a Heed Foundation Fellowship. He is a diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology and a fellow of the American College of Surgeons.

Research

A prominent researcher with an international reputation in the field of retina, Dr. Orth has been principal investigator for 20 major clinical trials and studies sponsored by the National Institutes of Health, National Eye Institute and several pharmaceutical companies. He has also served as co-investigator on many other national and international research studies.

Author and lecturer

An award-winning writer and lecturer, Dr. Orth has authored or co-authored several book chapters, monographs and more than 160 peer-reviewed articles. He serves on the editorial board of the leading journal *Retina* and as a reviewer for several other specialty journals. His book, *Color and Fluorescein Angiographic Atlas of Retinal/Vascular Disorders*, was

honored by the American Publishers Association as the best new book in the field of medicine and science.

Leadership

In addition to writing and lecturing, Dr. Orth has served as board member or chairman for several ophthalmological societies. He is past president of the Chicago Ophthalmological Society and the Macula Society, and has served on the boards of the International Society of Ocular Trauma, the Chicago Lighthouse, the Macula Foundation, the Illinois Society for the Prevention of Blindness and others. Dr. Orth is currently the Chairman of the Ingalls Health System Foundation and as a member of the Ingalls Health System Board of Directors and the board's Executive Committee. He has been listed in *Chicago Magazine's* "Top 500 Doctors in Chicago" and the *Best Doctors in America*.

Personal

When he's not seeing patients or teaching, Dr. Orth combines his love of ophthalmology with his love of sports by serving as team ophthalmologist for the Chicago Bulls and Chicago White Sox. He and his wife, Barbara, have two children and five grandchildren.



“What I like about this practice is that we’re on the cutting edge of dealing with the most common causes of blindness. One of the most gratifying aspects of my work is spending time with the patient in trying to alleviate their anxiety over their eye problem.”

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At the heart of Illinois Retina is a team of highly respected, dedicated retinal specialists. But each doctor is also a human being who looks at you as more than just a number and a file. Each doctor has a story to tell. But one fact is certain: Our doctors are here because of their proven competence and commitment to our patients.

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