

# **Karina Billiris Findlay, MD, FACS**

## **PROFESSIONAL:**

Partner: Retina Vitreous Associates of Florida  
Tampa, FL  
July 1, 2000- present

Associate: Retina Vitreous Associates of Florida  
Tampa, FL  
July 1, 1998- June 30, 2000

## **EDUCATION:**

Fellowship: Retina Vitreous Associates of Florida  
Medical and Surgical Vitreoretinal Fellowship  
Tampa, FL  
July 1, 1997- June 30, 1998

Residency: University of South Florida  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Tampa, FL  
1994-1997

Internship: University of South Florida  
Department of Internal Medicine  
Tampa, FL  
1993-1994

Graduate: University of South Florida  
College of Medicine  
Tampa, FL  
Degree: Doctor of Medicine  
1989-1993

Undergraduate: University of South Florida  
Tampa, FL  
B.A. Chemistry, Summa Cum Laude  
1987-1989

St. Petersburg Junior College  
A.A., High Honors  
1985-1987

## AWARDS AND HONORS:

Castle Connolly Top Doctors 2021  
Best Doctors in America 2019-2020  
Florida Top Doctor 2018-2022  
America's Top Ophthalmologists, 2007  
Strathmore's Who's Who in America, 2007  
National Register's Who's Who in Executives and Professionals, 2005-2006  
Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society  
Southern Medical Assn. Medical Student Scholarship Award, 1990  
Vice President, Medical School Class of 1993  
Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi  
Golden Key National Honor Society  
Dean's List for the College of Natural Sciences, 1987-1989  
Award for Superior Academic Achievement, 1987-1988  
St. Petersburg Jr. College Alumni Apollo Award, Finalist 1987  
Transfer Student Scholarship Award, 1987  
Florida Blue Key Community College Leadership Award, 1987  
Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society  
Chapter President of Phi Theta Kappa, 1986-1987  
Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges, 1985

## ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS:

Clinical Associate Professor  
University of South Florida  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Tampa, FL  
August 1, 2011 to present

Affiliate Assistant Professor  
University of South Florida  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Tampa, FL  
August 1, 2004 to July 31, 2011

Clinical Assistant Professor  
University of South Florida  
Department of Ophthalmology  
Tampa, FL  
August 1, 1998 to July 31, 2004

#### CERTIFICATION:

Diplomate, National Board of Medical Examiners, 1994  
Diplomate, American Board of Ophthalmology, 1998, 2008, 2018  
Fellow, American Academy of Ophthalmology, 1998  
Fellow, American College of Surgeons, 2001

#### PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES:

American Academy of Ophthalmology  
American College of Surgeons  
American Medical Association  
Florida Medical Association  
Hillsborough County Medical Association  
Florida Society of Ophthalmology  
Tampa Bay Ophthalmological Society  
American Society of Retinal Specialists  
Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology  
Research to Prevent Blindness  
American Diabetes Association

#### HOSPITAL AFFILIATION:

AdventHealth Tampa (Active)

#### TEACHING:

2018- present Monthly Case Conferences  
Tampa General Hospital  
USF Department of Ophthalmology

2020 “Retinal Physiology and Psychophysics; Congenital and Stationary Retinal Disease”  
USF Resident Lecture, Department of Ophthalmology  
University of South Florida College of Medicine  
Tampa, FL

2018 “Drug Induced Retinal Toxicity”  
USF Resident Lecture, Department of Ophthalmology  
University of South Florida College of Medicine  
Tampa, FL

2016-2018: Attending Physician, James A. VA Hospital  
Seeing patients and staffing cases with residents in the eye clinic  
Tampa, FL

1998-2015: Attending Physician, James A. Haley VA Hospital  
Attending surgical cases with residents and fellows once monthly  
Tampa, FL

2011 “Diseases of the Vitreous”  
USF Resident Lecture, Department of Ophthalmology  
University of South Florida College of Medicine  
Tampa, FL

2011, 2010 “Diabetic Retinopathy”  
St. Joseph’s Hospital  
Patient Education  
Tampa, FL

2006 “Diabetic Retinopathy”  
University Community Hospital  
Diabetes educators  
Tampa, FL

2005 “Diabetic Retinopathy”  
University Community Hospital  
Patient education  
Tampa, FL

2003 “Age-Related Macular Degeneration- New and Promising Treatments”  
Hillsborough Society of Optometrists  
Brandon, FL

2002 “Age-related Macular Degeneration”  
Rotary Club Luncheon  
Tarpon Springs, FL

1998 “Diabetic Retinopathy”  
Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital  
Patient education  
Tarpon Springs, FL

1998 “Effects of Electromagnetic Energy on the Retina”  
USF Resident Lecture, Department of Ophthalmology  
University of South Florida College of Medicine  
Tampa, FL

## RESEARCH:

Kodiak Sciences KSI-301: A Trial to Evaluate the Efficacy, Durability, and Safety of KSI-301 Compared to Aflibercept in Participants with Diabetic Macular Edema (DME) (GLEAM), Investigator

Chengdu Kanghong Biotechnology KHB-1801: A Multicenter, Double-Masked, Randomized, Dose-Ranging Trial to Evaluate the Efficacy and Safety of Conbercept Intravitreal Injection in Subjects with Neovascular Age-related Macular Degeneration (PANDA), Investigator

Opthea OPT-302-1002: A Dose-Ranging Study of Intravitreal OPT-302 in Combination with Ranibizumab, Compared with Ranibizumab Alone, in Participants with Neovascular Age-related Macular Degeneration, Deputy Principal Investigator

Clearside Biomedical: A Randomized, Masked, Controlled Trial to Study the Safety and Efficacy of Suprachoroidal CLS-TA in Conjunction with Intravitreal Aflibercept in Subjects with Retinal Vein Occlusion (SAPPHIRE), Deputy Principal Investigator

Allergan: Safety and Efficacy of Abicipar Pegol in Patients With Neovascular Age-Related Macular Degeneration (SEQUOIA), Investigator

Hoffmann- La Roche Protocol BP29647: A Multiple-Center, Multiple Dose and Regimen, Randomized, Active Comparator Controlled, Double-Masked, Parallel Group, 36 week Study to Investigate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, and Efficacy of RO6867461 Administered Intravitreally in Patients with Choroidal Neovascularization Secondary to Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AVENUE), Investigator

Hoffmann-La Roche Protocol BP30099: A Multiple-Center, Multiple-Dose, Randomized, Active Comparator-Controlled, Double-Masked, Parallel Group, 28-Week Study to Investigate the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, and Efficacy of RO6867461 Administered Intravitreally in Patients with Diabetic Macular Edema (BOULEVARD), Investigator

Genentech/Roche Protocol GX29185: Phase III, Multicenter, Randomized, Double-Masked, Sham-Controlled Study to Assess the Efficacy and Safety of

Lampalizumab Administered Intravitreally to Patients with Geographic Atrophy Secondary to Age-Related Macular Degeneration, Investigator

Alcon: Efficacy and Safety of RTH258 vs. Aflibercept (HAWK), Investigator

Allergan: A Safety and Efficacy Study of Brimonidine Intravitreal Implant in Geographic Atrophy Secondary to Age-related Macular Degeneration (BEACON), Investigator

TOGA: Treatment with Oracea for Geographic Atrophy: Phase 2/3 Study Evaluating the Safety and Efficacy of Daily Oral Administration of Doxycycline (ORACEA) vs. Placebo in Subjects with Geographic Atrophy, Investigator, 2014-2016

Thrombogenics Protocol TG-MV-018: Ocriplasmin Research to Better Inform Treatment (ORBIT) Phase 4 Trial, Investigator, 2014-2016

Pautler, S, Cohen S, Billiris Findlay K, Eichenbaum D, Lopez, M. Clinical Findings of the Posterior Uveal Effusion Syndrome. American Academy of Ophthalmology, November 2015 (Poster)

Eichenbaum D, Cohen S, Pautler S, Billiris-Findlay K. A Prospective Study of Ranibizumab for DME: Monthly Injections vs. Treat-and-Extend. Toronto: American Society of Retinal Specialists, August 2013 (Poster)

Topical Lidocaine Gel with and without Subconjunctival Lidocaine Injection for Intravitreal Injection, Sub-Investigator, 2012-2013

Phase III Safety and Efficacy Study of Vitrase (Hyaluronidase) for Ophthalmic Intravitreal Injection for Clearance of Severe Vitreous Hemorrhage Study #VIT-02-08961X

Complications of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Prevention Trial (CAPT) Co-Principal investigator (1998-2001)

#### PUBLICATIONS:

Cohen SM, Billiris-Findlay K, Eichenbaum DA, Pautler SE. Topical Lidocaine Gel With and Without Subconjunctival Lidocaine Injection for Intravitreal Injection: A Within-Patient Study. *OSLI Retina* 2014; 45(4): 306-310

Davis A, Cohen SM, Pautler SE, Billiris-Findlay K, Eichenbaum DA. Beta Blocker Use and Age-Related Macular Degeneration. *Acta Ophthalmologica*, 2012; 90: 232-233

Complications of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Prevention Trial Research Group. Laser Treatment in Patients with Bilateral Large Drusen: The Complications of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Prevention Trial. *Ophthalmology* 2006; 113:1974-1986

The Complications of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Prevention Trial Research Group. Baseline Characteristics, the 25-Item National Eye Institute Visual Functioning Questionnaire, and Their Associations in the Complications of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Prevention Trial (CAPT). *Ophthalmology* 2004; 111(7):1307-16

The Complications of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Prevention Trial Research Group. The Complications of Age-Related Macular Degeneration Trial (CAPT): rationale, design and methodology. *Clinical Trials*. 2004; 1(1): 91-107

Margo CE, Mula Z, Billiris KK. Incidence of Surgically Treated Uveal Melanoma by Race and Ethnicity. *Ophthalmology* 1998; 105:1087-1090.

Billiris KK, Pavan PR, Margo CE, et al. Unilateral Canthaxanthin Retinopathy. *The Vitreous Society Online Journal* 1998; 1 (2) [7 screens]. Available from: URL: <http://www.vitreosociety.org>

Billiris KK, Margo CE. Basal Cell Nevus Syndrome. *Ophthalmic Practice* 1997; 15:79-82.

Margo CE, Billiris KK. Test Chapter: Surgical Pathology of Pediatric Ophthalmology. *Ophthalmic Surgery: Principles and Techniques*, Dan Alpert, M.D. et al.