

Prof. Ayala Pollack MD

Ayala Pollack, MD, Professor of Ophthalmology from the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, Jerusalem. Until recently she was the Chairperson of the Eye Department, Kaplan Medical Center, the Head of the Eye Research Laboratory and the Director of Ophthalmology Clinical Trials Unit, at Kaplan Medical Center, Rehovot, affiliated to Hebrew University- Hadassah Medical School,

Prof. Ayala Pollack graduated medical school at the Tel Aviv University Sackler Medical School and completed residency at Kaplan Medical Center. Spent two years of Research and Clinical Fellowship in Vitreo-Retinal Diseases with famous late Paul Henkind at Montefiore Medical Center, Albert Einstein Medical School New York. In 1997 became the Chairperson of the Eye Department, Kaplan Medical Center,

Main fields of interest are retinal diseases. Her famous unique clinical pioneering research relates to the course of maculopathy following cataract surgery in particular in the diseases age-related macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy. She published numerous papers in the most prestigious journals, was invited as guest speaker, gave numerous presentations in meetings all over the world. Her work was rewarded for Excellent Papers presented at conferences and meetings.

Involved in multicenter clinical trials, participated in many of the most important studies related to age-related macular degeneration (AMD), diabetic retinopathy and vein occlusion. As a retinal surgeon, very much interested in research related to retinal detachment.

In the recent years, established basic science research laboratory, with several PhD degree investigators to explore diseases with unmet medical needs leading to blindness focusing on dry AMD and PVR (Proliferative Vitreo-Retinopathy).

Served as the Chairperson of the Academic Teaching Program in Ophthalmology at the Hebrew University-Hadassah Medical School, as the Chairperson of the Residency Education Committee, Kaplan Medical Center, as the Chairperson of the Scientific Meetings Organizing Committee of the Israel Ophthalmological Society and as the Chairperson of Committee for Profession Board Certification in Medicine appointed by the Israel Medical Association Scientific Council.

Prof. Pollack is a member of many societies, the most important among them are: Macula Society, Retina Society, ASRS, ARVO, Gonin Club and AAO.