The American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

The field of ophthalmic plastic surgery has seen remarkable growth in recent years. More than ever, ophthalmologists are receiving excellent training in this field during their residencies. Contributions have also come from general plastic surgeons, otorhinolaryngologists, and others. While advances in surgical instrumentation, suture materials and microsurgery have all had an impact on this field, perhaps the most important ingredient is the creative imagination of those individuals who have chosen to devote themselves to the practice of oculoplastic surgery.

The American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery held its Seventh Annual Scientific Session in conjunction with the American Academy of Ophthalmology and Otolaryngology in Las Vegas in October 1976. Society membership requirements include one year of approved oculoplastic fellowship training or at least five years of teaching experience in this field. OPHTHALMIC SURGERY is pleased to devote a portion of this issue to the publication of a number of papers and abstracts presented at that meeting. These authors, writing on a variety of topics, are interested in communicating their findings and experience to general ophthalmologists and fellow oculoplastic specialists alike. The Editorial Board of OPHTHALMIC SURGERY hopes that you will enjoy their contributions and perhaps be moved to correspond directly with one or more of the authors.

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