

2021 Michigan Vision Therapy Study Group Zoom Meeting

January 29-30, 2021

The **Michigan Vision Therapy Study Group (MVTSG)** has a rich history dating back over 35 years. Each year the **MVTSG** meets for the Annual two day Conference that consists of (12) hours of Michigan Board of Optometry approved CE that focuses on topics of developmental and neuro-optometric vision rehabilitation for both ODs and Vision Therapists. Registration for **MVTSG 2021** is through [Eventbrite](#). The meeting fee is only \$50 with all proceeds going to support COVD, OEPF and NORA.

Friday, January 29, 2021 - 11:00 am ET- 5:10 pm ET

11:00-11:05: Welcome to Day 1

11:05- 12:05 Dr. Carl Hillier

Title: ***What Is Invariant Across Vision Therapy Procedures? Consider Just Noticeable Differences And Pattern Recognition***

Description: Dr. Hillier will show how, regardless of our variety of patients, there are constants in the therapeutic process that can be employed that effectively develop abilities in everyone.

12:15- 1:15 Dr. Dan Fortenbacher, Dr. Alicia Bursma, Dr. Ashleigh Yates

Title: ***Locking-in Binocular Vision, the Importance of Periphery and Executive Function***

Description: Drs. Fortenbacher, Bursma, Yates and Wow Vision Therapy Team will present how to treat difficult binocular vision cases through expanding executive function to automatically lock-on peripheral visual spatial abilities.

1:45- 2:45 Dr. Mohamed Moussa

Title: ***Vision Therapy for Optic Neuropathy and Neurodegenerative Conditions***

Description: Dr. Moussa and Team will discuss VT treatment for optic nerve atrophy and neurodegenerative conditions like Multiple Sclerosis. Highlights of objective clinical evaluation and tips for therapy procedures.

2:55- 3:55 Dr. Neil Renaud

Title: ***Visual-Vestibular Considerations in the Exam and Therapy Rooms***

Description: Dr. Renaud and Team will cover diagnosis, therapeutic lenses, and vision therapy techniques to help adult and pediatric patients dealing with dizziness, car sickness, poor balance/coordination, etc.

4:05- 5:05 Dr. Lynnette Burgess

Title: ***The Reversals Conundrum - A Developmental Examination of Probable Causes and their Rehabilitation***

Description: Dr. Burgess will discuss possible causes of insidious reversals and strategies for effective treatment

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Saturday, January 30, 2021 - 11:00 am ET- 5:10 pm ET

11:00-11:05: Welcome to Day 2

11:05- 12:05 Dr Barry Tannen, Dr. Noah Tannen

Title: ***Visual Snow Syndrome: An Evolving Neuro-Optometric Clinical Perspective***

Description: Visual snow syndrome (VSS) is a relatively new diagnosis in optometry and in medicine. Individuals with visual snow describe seeing “snow”, dots, pixelated fuzz, bubbles, and “static” as found on a poorly-tuned television. In this lecture, visual snow syndrome is reviewed, a VSS symptom survey is proposed, several cases and related information are presented, and current neuro-optometric therapeutic interventions are discussed.

12:15- 1:15 Dr. W.C. Maples

Title: ***The Skeffington Model and Applied Techniques***

Description: Functional optometry is based on the teachings of Skeffington. Dr. Maples will review the Skeffington model, concerning case typing, embeddedness and the organization of the visual system with practical applications in the VT room.

1:45- 2:45 Dr. Paula McDowell, Dr. Emily Aslakson

Title: ***The Great Balancing Act: the Academic Approach to Teaching Vision Therapy***

Description: Dr. McDowell and Aslakson will highlight some of the challenges of teaching “Vision Therapy.” They will draw from their experience as educators, but will highlight parallels to “teaching” externs, associates, therapists, and patients to improve patient and practice outcomes.

2:55- 3:55 Dr. Alexander Tran, MCO Resident, Dr. Christina Nguyen, ICO Resident, Dr. Kelly Cohen, ICO Resident

Title: ***VT Case presentations***

Description: Each resident will present a VT related case illuminating lessons learned and a Q&A and suggestions from the MVTSG “expert panel”.

4:05 - 5:05 Dr. Brad Habermehl

Title: ***Pain Management for Optometric Patient Care***

Description: This presentation will go over commonly used pharmaceuticals that are available to the practicing optometrist to treat pain suffered by their patients.

5:05-5:15: Good and Welfare