

Get to know the Ophthalmologists of Cornea Consultants of Nashville, PLLC who serve patients in Tennessee



New York, New York City, Aug 13, 2021 ([Issuewire.com](https://www.issuewire.com)) - The physicians of Cornea Consultants of Nashville, PLLC are medical doctors trained in medical vision care and eye surgery, with fellowship training in the care and surgery of the cornea. They are committed to providing the highest level of personal care to every one of their patients, offering a wide range of procedures in order to meet all optical needs.

Ira A. Shivitz, MD

Dr. Shivitz is an ophthalmologist specializing in cornea and external disease and practicing in private practice in Nashville since 1984. His experience runs the gamut from sight-threatening corneal infections to sight-restoring surgical procedures of the cornea and anterior segment. With fellowship training in cornea and external disease at the Baylor College of Medicine, he has successfully treated hundreds of patients with severe damage to the cornea as well as has prevented severe vision loss in countless others.

Alongside his clinical role, he serves as a Clinical Instructor in the Department of Ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University and has worked as a volunteer at Metro General Hospital for over 10 years, teaching the Vanderbilt ophthalmology residents surgical skills, and clinical care in the area of corneal and infectious diseases. He also serves on the medical executive committee at Centennial Medical Center.

Educated in New York and receiving an undergraduate degree, magna cum laude in biology, Dr. Shivitz then earned his medical degree at Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. Following a year of general medical training, he trained in the Department of Ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine as a resident and then as a cornea fellow under the tutelage of David Paton and Dan Jones. At Baylor, he was honored with a fellowship in corneal disease from the Eye Bank Association of America.

A member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Medical Association, Dr. Shivitz is certified through the American Board of Ophthalmology.

On a more personal note, he is happily married with two rescue dogs - Sadie, a standard poodle, and Atticus, a schnauzer.

Bernard Chang, MD

Dr. Chang is a fellowship-trained ophthalmologist in cornea and external disease and refractive surgery. He brings to the Cornea Consultants of Nashville experience in corneal transplantation, anterior segment and cataract surgery, and refractive surgical procedures.

Academically, Dr. Chang graduated Summa Cum Laude from Wake Forest University, majoring in chemistry. He received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine. He also completed his internship and y residency in ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University and was selected by the faculty to serve as Chief Resident during his final year of residency.

He continued his training with the completion of a fellowship in cornea, external disease, and refractive surgery at the University of California, San Diego. His fellowship with Drs. Stuart Brown and David Schanzlin afforded him advanced training and experience in performing corneal transplants, anterior segment surgery, and refractive surgical procedures including PRK, LASIK, and Intacs.

Board-certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, Dr. Chang's academic memberships include the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, the American Medical Association, the Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology, and the Nashville Academy of Ophthalmology.

Throughout his career, he has participated in various charitable fundraisers, including with the Lions Club. He has also been an active participant in the EyeCare America public service program.

Mark Ewald, MD

Dr. Ewald joined Cornea Consultants of Nashville in January of 2016. Most recently an Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Vanderbilt University, he brings added experience to the practice in medical and surgical corneal disease, cataract surgery including laser-assisted cataract removal and laser vision correction (LASIK and PRK).

A native of Mariemont just outside of Cincinnati, Ohio, Dr. Ewald attended Vanderbilt University where he received his undergraduate degree, cum laude, in mathematics. During his sophomore year, he attended Murdoch University in Perth, Australia as part of a study abroad program. He attended medical school at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, followed by an internship in internal medicine at The Christ Hospital in Cincinnati.

Thereafter, he received his ophthalmology residency training at New York University as part of the Manhattan Eye, Ear, and Throat Hospital. He served as Chief Resident in his final year of training. He was chosen for a coveted position as a cornea and external disease fellow at the Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, where he trained with renowned cornea specialists Peter Laibson and Christopher Rapuano.

While at Vanderbilt, Dr. Ewald served as director of medical student education for the department of ophthalmology, trained residents clinically and surgically, and served as the ophthalmologist for all the Vanderbilt athletic teams.

In good standing with a number of professional organizations, he is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, the Cornea Society, and the Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology for which he serves as Chairman of the Young Ophthalmologists' Section. He is also board-certified through the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Erich B. Groos, Jr., MD

A native Nashvillian who returned home to practice ophthalmology, Dr. Groos assumed the practice of L. Rowe Driver and later partnered with Ira A. Shivitz to form Cornea Consultants of Nashville in 1999. He has extensive experience in corneal transplantation, laser refractive surgery, and cataract surgery.

In his professional experience, he is also the Medical Director of the DCI Eye Bank of Middle Tennessee and of the Eye Surgery Center of Nashville.

With a broad educational background, Dr. Groos graduated valedictorian of Montgomery Bell Academy before leaving to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree in English literature from Princeton University. He received his medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine, after which he completed a residency in ophthalmology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, a department consistently ranked among the top ten in the nation.

In his final year, Dr. Groos was selected chief resident by his peers. A fellowship in cornea and external disease at the University of California, Davis then followed; where he learned the art of advanced diagnosis and surgical/medical treatment of complicated corneal problems. His mentors, Mark Mannis and Ivan Schwab are among the most respected cornea specialists in the world.

Dr. Groos had additional training dedicated to developing excellent results in LASIK and PRK under the tutelage of Richard Lindstrom and David Hardten at the Phillips Eye Institute in Minneapolis. In 2005, he became the first surgeon in Middle Tennessee to perform DSAEK after training with pioneers in the procedure Frank Price and Gerrit Melles.

Certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology, he is a member of both the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Medical Association. He has served for 21 years on the board of the Tennessee Academy of Ophthalmology, serving as President for two years, and is a previous President of the Nashville Academy of Ophthalmology.

Jordan R. Hill, MD

Dr. Hill is a fellowship-trained ophthalmologist who brings experience in cornea transplantation, anterior segment and cataract surgery, and refractive surgical procedures to Cornea & Cataract Consultants of Nashville.

He is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery.

Academically, Dr. Hill graduated cum laude from the University of Notre Dame, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He attended medical school at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, followed by an internship at Newton-Wellesley Hospital in Massachusetts. He completed a residency in ophthalmology at Cook County Health in Chicago and was selected to serve as Chief Resident in his final year.

He then completed a fellowship in cornea and external disease at the prestigious Devers Eye Institute in Portland, Oregon. At Devers, he trained with Mark Terry, Michael Straiko, and P. James Sanchez, pioneers in the field of partial-thickness corneal transplants, including DMEK surgery.

Ophthalmology is a branch of medicine and surgery, which deals with the diagnosis and treatment of eye disorders. Ophthalmologists are experts in the diseases, functions, and anatomy of the eye. They may provide routine care such as vision testing, as well as prescribe and fit eyeglasses or contact lenses. However, ophthalmologists are also surgeons. They repair traumatic injuries to the eye and perform cataract, glaucoma, and corneal surgery.

Learn More about the Ophthalmologists of Cornea Consultants:

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