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We recommend a **comprehensive eye health examination** every 6-12 months if you are:

- Over the age of 55
- Diagnosed with diabetes
- Experiencing any change in vision or new eye symptoms

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Dr David RP Almeida, MD, MBA PhD is bringing a NEW way to expand access to research-based retina care in Erie, PA.

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Dear Local Eyecare Professional,

I hope this letter finds you well. As a valued member of the eye care community, we at Erie Retina Research deeply appreciate your dedication to improving vision and eye health in our region. We are reaching out to share exciting updates about our practice, introduce our newest team member, and remind you of the comprehensive services we offer to support your patients' retinal care needs.

About Dr. David Almeida

As the medical director at Erie Retina Research, I am proud to continue serving this community alongside our exceptional team. My focus remains on providing advanced surgical and medical retina care, particularly in treating conditions such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal detachment. Through leadership in clinical trials and a commitment to innovation, our practice strives to be a trusted partner for your patients' retinal health.

A Collaborative Approach

We value our partnership with optometrists and eye care professionals like you. If you have patients requiring specialized retina care, access to innovative treatment options, or opportunities to participate in clinical trials, we are here to support you. Our commitment to seamless communication and timely updates ensures the best outcomes for your patients.

Our Comprehensive Services

We are pleased to offer a wide range of services to meet your patients' retinal care needs, including:

- **Management of Retinal Diseases:** Expertise in treating conditions like age-related macular degeneration (AMD), diabetic retinopathy, retinal vein occlusion, and more.
- **Surgical Solutions:** Advanced retina surgeries, including repairs for retinal detachments, macular holes, and epiretinal membranes. We offer office based, IV-Free Surgery.
- **Clinical Trials:** Access to innovative therapies and investigational treatments in a safe, regulated environment.
- **Low Vision Solutions:** We offer Eyedaptic glasses, a revolutionary option for patients with low vision. In addition, Erie Retina Research funds the Low Vision clinic at the Sight Center of NWPA.
- **Community Collaborations:** We love our community and are always happy to work with other like-minded organizations.

Let's Connect

We would love the opportunity to discuss how Erie Retina Research can support your practice and patients. Please feel free to contact us at 814-200-9152 or visit our website at www.erieretinaresearch.com for more information.

On Call For You

We provide access to advanced retina on-call services 24-7, please call 814-200-9152 with any urgent matters. We are here for you!

Warm regards,

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Getting to Know

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Dr David Almeida, MD MBA PhD

Retina Specialist



Dr. David R.P. Almeida, MD, MBA, PhD, FRCSC, DABO, is a highly accomplished vitreoretinal surgeon and researcher with extensive experience in ophthalmic and vitreoretinal studies. As President and CEO of Erie Retina Research and The Centers for Advanced Surgical Exploration (CASEx), Dr. Almeida leads innovative clinical research initiatives across multiple international sites.

Dr. Almeida's academic background includes an Honors Bachelor of Science from the University of Toronto, a Ph.D. in pharmaceutical research from the University of Szeged, and an MBA in healthcare management from The George Washington University. He completed medical school (Queen's University, Canada), ophthalmology residency (Queen's University, Canada), and a vitreoretinal diseases and surgery fellowship (University of Iowa, USA).

Dr. Almeida is a recognized thought leader in the field with over 300 peer-reviewed publications and more than 250 presentations at major conferences. His research interests span age-related macular degeneration, diabetic eye disease, complex surgery, and practice efficiency. As Principal Investigator, he has led over 100 clinical trials across all phases of development on three continents.

Dr. Almeida's leadership extends beyond his clinical practice. He serves as President of Erie Eye Research and Chairman of the Board of Directors for ACCESS FOR ALL (nonprofit). His innovative cross-functional companies include CASEx@iOR (joint venture with iOR Partners and Clinical AI) and CASExAI (with Clinical AI).

Recognized for his expertise, Dr. Almeida has received numerous awards, including the American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS) Honor Award, and has been named to The Ophthalmologist Power List Top 50 Stars in Ophthalmology. His unique clinical expertise, research acumen, and business insight make him invaluable to complex research and development programs.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

What types of studies do you conduct at Erie Retina Research?

We conduct clinical trials focused on retinal and ocular diseases, including AMD, diabetic retinopathy, macular edema, retinal vein occlusion, and dry eye disease. Our trials cover innovative treatments like biologics, gene therapies, and advanced drug delivery systems.

Do you accept Medicare/Medicaid/Insurance:

No, no insurance is necessary.

How will my patients benefit from participating in a clinical trial?

Patients gain access to cutting-edge treatments, receive free or subsidized eye care, and are closely monitored by specialists throughout the study.

Do you have trials for specific diseases my patients may have?

Yes, we offer a variety of trials tailored to specific conditions. Feel free to contact us with your patient's diagnosis to determine trial eligibility.

How do you ensure patient safety during clinical trials?

All trials are rigorously monitored by institutional review boards (IRBs) and adhere to FDA and international safety standards. Patients are also monitored by our trained staff throughout the study.

How do I refer a patient to your research center?

You can refer patients via our secure Physician Referral App, which allows you to upload patient details and schedule an initial evaluation. Alternatively, contact us directly for assistance.

What information do I need to provide when referring a patient?

Basic patient history, relevant diagnoses, and current treatment plans are sufficient. We will handle the rest during the patient's initial evaluation.

How do you determine if my patient qualifies for a study?

We perform a detailed screening process, including reviewing medical history, imaging, and diagnostic tests, to ensure they meet the study criteria.

Logistics

Will participating in a trial increase costs for my patients?

No, participation is free. In many cases, patients receive compensation for their time and travel, as well as access to free treatments and exams.

Where are your trials conducted, and how often will my patient need to visit?

Our trials are conducted at our Erie facility. Visit frequency depends on the study but typically ranges from biweekly to monthly.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS CONT'D

Can I contact someone at Erie Retina Research with questions about a referred patient?

Yes, our research coordinators are available to provide updates and address any concerns. We also offer direct communication with our investigators when needed.

What happens to my patient after the trial ends?

Once the trial concludes, we transition patients back to your care with detailed records of their treatment and progress. If the trial therapy shows long-term benefits, we'll discuss next steps with both you and your patient.

Can I receive feedback about the outcomes of your trials?

Yes, we provide updates about study outcomes and any relevant findings that may influence future care for your patients.

How do you protect my patients' privacy?

We strictly adhere to HIPAA guidelines, ensuring that all patient information is securely stored and only shared with necessary study personnel.

What measures are in place to ensure ethical conduct during trials?

All studies undergo rigorous ethical review by IRBs and comply with FDA and international standards to prioritize patient safety and well-being.

Can I send a patient for retina care who does not want to be part of a study?

Yes we provide care for anyone in need.

Clinical Services:

Comprehensive Retinal Care:

Diagnosis and treatment of retinal diseases.

Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) Management:

Treatment options for both wet and dry AMD including anti-VEGF injections, complement inhibitors and clinical trial opportunities.

Diabetic Retinopathy and Diabetic Macular Edema Management:

Comprehensive management including laser treatments, injections, and surgical interventions.

Surgical Care for Complex Retinal Diseases:

Vitreoretinal surgeries for conditions like retinal detachment, macular holes, epiretinal membranes and floaters.

Retinal Vein Occlusion Treatment: Comprehensive management through injections and laser treatments.

Cataract Surgery: specialized cataract removal and IOL placement including premium IOLs.

Gene Therapy for Retinal Disorders:

Cutting-edge treatments and research participation for inherited retinal diseases.

Uveitis and Inflammatory Retinal Conditions Management:

Diagnosis and tailored therapies for inflammatory eye conditions.

Research Opportunities:

Participation in Clinical Trials:

Access to trials focusing on AMD, diabetic eye disease, vein occlusions and novel therapies.

Advancements in Ophthalmic Gene Therapy:

Involvement in groundbreaking research studies.

Community Outreach:

Retina Screening Events:

Promoting early detection of retinal diseases.

Community Education Sessions:

Raising awareness about retinal health and available treatment options.



"As we age, our eyes age too.

If we catch these changes early, we can slow the progression of many eye diseases. The key is early detection!" - Dr Almeida

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imaging



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