

Brief Bio

Richard S. Davidson, M.D.

Doctor Richard S. Davidson joined the University of Colorado Eye Center in 2002 as a specialist in cataract, corneal and refractive surgery. He is a Professor of Ophthalmology at the University of Colorado School of Medicine and the Medical Director for the faculty practice at the UHealth Eye Center. In addition, he serves as the Vice Chair for Quality and Clinical Affairs in the Department of Ophthalmology, University of Colorado Eye Center, University of Colorado School of Medicine. Dr. Davidson is also the co-medical director of the Rocky Mountain Lions Eye Bank.

Dr. Davidson attended Hahnemann University School of Medicine, in Philadelphia, Pa., from which he graduated in 1997. While there, he was elected into Alpha Omega Alpha, the national medical honor society. He then completed his residency at the world-renown Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia, where he was elected by his peers and supervisors to serve as Chief Resident his final year.

In 2002, Dr. Davidson completed his fellowship in cornea, external disease and refractive surgery with Drs. Mark Mannis and Ivan Schwab at the University of California, Davis.

Since joining the University of Colorado Eye Center, Dr. Davidson has presented his research and has given instructional courses at conferences nationally and internationally and authored numerous book chapters and other publications on his specialty. He is actively involved in ongoing clinical research, collaborates in national FDA trials, and is regularly asked by the Colorado media to comment on ophthalmology-related issues.

Among his many achievements, Dr. Davidson has been awarded the 1st Annual Academic Faculty Teaching Award from the University of Colorado Department of Ophthalmology in 2006, the American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement award in 2008, and the University of Colorado Hospital President's Award in 2010. In addition, he was listed as a "Top Doctor" in the 2012 issue of U.S. News and World Report and the 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2018 issues of Denver lifestyle magazine, 5280.

His expertise includes small incision, no-stitch cataract surgery (including LenSx laser-based cataract surgery), corneal transplantation (including "ultra-thin" DSAEK) and refractive procedures such as LASIK and PRK.