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INSTITUTION AND LOCATION	DEGREE (if applicable)	YEAR(s)	FIELD OF STUDY
Yale College, New Haven, CT Yale Univ. School of Medicine, New Haven, CT Yale New Haven Hospital, New Haven, CT Yale Univ. School of Medicine, New Haven, CT Emory Univ. School of Medicine, Atlanta, GA	B.S. M.D. Internship Residency Fellowship	1984-1988 1988-1992 1992-1993 1993-1996 1996-1998	Chemistry Medicine Internal Medicine Ophthalmology Vitreoretinal surgery

### A. Personal Statement

I became interested in Retinopathy of Prematurity as a medical student and was a certified examiner for STOP-ROP as a resident in ophthalmology and further pursued the diagnosis and management of ROP during a surgical fellowship at the Emory Eye Center with Thomas Aaberg, Sr. and Antonio Capone. I share two passions- the first is preventing blindness in these severely premature infants and the second is making a basic science contribution that will translate into better care for these infants. I was trained in molecular biology over a four year period in medical school under the direction of Richard Flavell in the Immunobiology Department at Yale University School of Medicine.

At the Cleveland Clinic, my lab is specifically interested in preventing ischemia, or the lack of blood flow, in order to reduce the need to provide thermal destructive treatment of the retina or specific anti-VEGF therapy in this population at risk. We believe that addressing the primary insult in the disease state- ischemia- is a viable alternative to reacting to ischemia once it occurs. The idea of stimulating retinovascular development/repair during the causative phase of ischemia came from a clinical study we published that showed how decreasing the oxygen saturation in severely premature infants early in corrected gestational age to a level slightly higher than what they experience *in utero* not only reduced the incidence of pathologic disease, known as threshold ROP, but also induced the normal developmental sequence of retinal maturation. It occurred to me that if the reduced oxygen saturation stimulated retinovascular development early in gestational age, then this "hypoxic" preconditioning could be recapitulated pharmaceutically by gently stimulating hypoxia responsive genes. We then proved this in the mouse using the oxygen induced retinopathy model. These early studies also revealed a fascinating paradox to our new paradigm because our experiments showed that the liver may be central to the protection of retinal blood vessels. I am drawn to the possibility that many diseases with the common theme of ischemia could be addressed by the coordinated protection of capillary beds by gentle induction of vascular protective genes through stimulation of a key transcription factor. It is a real possibility that just as thermal destructive treatments (cryotherapy, laser photocoagulation) are gradually giving way to anti-VEGF therapies, the future will have a place for the primary prevention of the ischemic disease states. Hyperoxia of the preterm infant, hyperglycemia of the diabetic, and senescence all share a common theme of ischemia that one day may be prevented by stimulating the normal, sequential development and repair of capillaries. ROP stands at the nexus of a progressive understanding of how to harness the normal developmental and reparative processes of tissues in response to pathologic stimuli.

### B. Positions and Honors.

#### Hospital Staff Appointments:

- 1998-present Associate Professor, Department of Ophthalmology, Cleveland Clinic  
1998-present Associate Professor, Department of Cell Biology, Lerner Research Institute, Cleveland Clinic

#### Honors/Awards

Distinction in Chemistry, Department of Chemistry, Yale University	1988
Cum Laude, Yale University	1988
Yale Medical Student Research Fellowship, sponsored by National Institute of Health; Howard Hughes Medical Institute, Section of Immunobiology, Yale School of Medicine	1990-1992
Harold J. Lamport Prize, awarded for the most creative Biomedical research by a Yale medical student, Department of Biochemistry, Yale School of Medicine	1992
Yale Resident Research Prize, Department of Ophthalmology	1995 and 1996
Heed Ophthalmic Fellowship, in support of clinical research	1997
Emory Medical Care Fellowship, in support of basic science Research, Emory University School of Medicine	1997
Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology, Fellow Research Competition, Finalist	1998
Clinical Teacher of the Year Award, Department of Ophthalmology, Emory University School of Medicine	1998
Clinical Investigator Development Award, CCF	2003
Best Doctors in America	2005-2010
Best Doctors in Cleveland	2006-2010
Innovation Award, Cleveland Clinic	2007
American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Award	2008
European Society of Pediatric Research, Best Poster	2008

Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology	1992-present
American Academy of Ophthalmology	1992-present
International Congress of Eye Research	1996-present
RNA Society	2004-present
Association of Pediatric Retinal Surgeons	2004-present
Heed Ophthalmic Society	1997-present
Pine Ridge Eye Study Society	1999-present
American Ophthalmic Society	2013-present

**C. Peer-reviewed Publications (Selected from 76 peer-reviewed publications)**

- 1: Xu D, Yuan A, Kaiser PK, Srivastava SK, Singh RP, Sears JE, Martin DF, Ehlers JP. A novel segmentation algorithm for volumetric analysis of macular hole boundaries identified with optical coherence tomography. *Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci.* 2013 Jan;75(1):163-9. doi: 10.1167/iovs.12-10246. PubMed PMID: 23221077.
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- 5: Nicholson B, Ahmad B, Sears JE. Congenital optic nerve malformations. *Int Ophthalmol Clin.* 2011 Winter;51(1):49-76. doi: 10.1097/IIO.0b013e3182009809. Review. PubMed PMID: 21139477.
- 6: Sears NC, Sears JE. Oxygen and retinopathy of prematurity. *Int Ophthalmol Clin.* 2011 Winter;51(1):17-31. doi: 10.1097/IIO.0b013e3182009916. Review. PubMed PMID: 21139475.
- 7: Sachdeva R, Dadgostar H, Kaiser PK, Sears JE, Singh AD. Verteporfin photodynamic therapy of six eyes with retinal capillary haemangioma. *Acta Ophthalmol.* 2010 Dec;88(8):e334-40. doi: 10.1111/j.1755-3768.2010.02008.x. Epub 2010 Oct 14. PubMed PMID: 20946329.
- 8: Sachdeva R, Sears JE, Rychwalski PJ. A novel case of bilateral high myopia, cataract, and total retinal detachment associated with interstitial 11q deletion. *Ophthalmic Genet.* 2010 Jun;31(2):84-8. doi: 10.3109/13816811003628833. PubMed PMID: 20450311.
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##### Ongoing Research Support

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