

Biography

Stephen C. Pflugfelder, M.D. graduated from Colgate University summa cum laude and SUNY Upstate Medical University Syracuse where he was elected to AOA. He did his Ophthalmology residency at Baylor College of Medicine where he served as Chief Resident in 1984. He performed a Cornea fellowship at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute of the University of Miami School of Medicine. He was appointed to the faculty of the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute in 1985 and was promoted to Professor in 1998.

He joined the faculty of the Cullen Eye Institute of Baylor College of Medicine as a Professor and Director of the Ocular Surface Center in July 2000. He was awarded the James and Margaret Elkins Chair in Ophthalmology at the Baylor College of Medicine in 2001. He has published over 160 peer-reviewed articles and over 45 book chapters and monographs, primarily in the field of cornea diseases and surgery. He served as a co-editor for “Dry Eye and Ocular Surface Disorders” a comprehensive textbook on the subject that was published in 2004.

He was included in the last four editions of “Best Doctors in America”. He received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Senior Achievement Award in 2000 and a Research to Prevent Blindness Senior Investigator Award in 2002. He served as Chairman of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Lifelong Education for Ophthalmologists Committee and as a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Preferred Practice Pattern Committee on Corneal and Ocular Surface diseases.

He is on the Editorial Boards of the journals *American Journal of Ophthalmology*, *Cornea*, *Investigative Ophthalmology and Visual Science* and *The Ocular Surface*. His research interests include the role of inflammation in dry eye and corneal bioengineering.