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DEI AGENDA

Wednesday, April 29, 2026

5:00pm Introduction

Meenakshi Chaku, MD

5:10pm Lecture

"Bias Reduction Practices in Recruitment:
Importance of and Implementation in
Ophthalmology"

5:50pm Q&A

Ambar Faridi, MD

6:00pm Closing Remarks

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Ambar grew up in Pakistan, Kuwait, and Las Vegas, although now calls Portland home. She completed medical school at OHSU and ophthalmology residency at the OHSU Casey Eye Institute followed by a medical retina fellowship at Duke. She is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at the OHSU Casey Eye Institute, where she serves as Associate Residency Program Director (APD) and Director of Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging (DEIB). In her role as APD, she chairs the Residency Selection Committee and directs the Resident Mentorship Program. She also participates in admissions processes for the OHSU School of Medicine. In recognition of her contributions to DEIB, she received the AAO Secretariat Award in 2022 and the Oregon Medical Association's Excellence in Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Award in 2024.

She practices medical retina at the VA Portland Health Care System, where she also leads resident and medical student education in retina and serves as Director of Ophthalmic Laser Safety and Intravitreal Injection Utilization. She has had the privilege of working with outstanding trainees, staff, and faculty, and has received multiple awards in teaching and service, including recognition for outstanding contributions to resident education and the residency program, as well as the HeRO Award at the Portland VA.

In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with family and friends, cooking, reading, and kickboxing. She also enjoys learning and practicing languages and tries hard to hold onto her trilingual skills!

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