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**Leon W. Herndon, Jr., MD**, is Professor of Ophthalmology at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina. He earned his MD from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill School of Medicine, and served his internship and residency at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill. Dr. Herndon then completed a clinical fellowship in glaucoma at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina.

Dr. Herndon is a member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. He is on the editorial board of *Glaucoma Today*. He is an Associate Examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology and has been involved in the Leadership Development Program of the AAO. He has authored numerous papers, lectured nationally and internationally, and participated in several research projects related to glaucoma. He currently serves as Chief of the Glaucoma Division at the Duke University Eye Center where he has trained 79 clinical fellows. Dr. Herndon has been recognized for his service in the community by receiving the Senior Achievement Award from the AAO and the Dedicated Humanitarian Service Award presented by Dr. Leonel Fernandez Reyna, President of the Dominican Republic, on the occasion of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Ophthalmology Mission in the Dominican Republic. Dr. Herndon is the recipient of the Distinguished Medical Alumnus Award from the UNC School of Medicine, and was the Surgery Day Lecturer at the American Glaucoma Society Annual Meeting in 2019. He is the chair of the Glaucoma Clinical Committee

of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons, and secretary of the American Glaucoma Society.

Dr. Herndon's research interests include studying novel treatment approaches in the diagnosis and management of glaucoma. He has ongoing research projects evaluating the high prevalence of primary open angle glaucoma in Ghana, West Africa, where he travels yearly.