

Casebeer Award

Dr. David R. Hardten



The Casebeer Award recognizes outstanding contributions to the research and development of refractive surgery.

David R. Hardten, MD, FACS has been actively involved in the subspecialty areas of cornea, external disease, anterior segment, cataract, refractive and laser surgery since starting his career after training in 1993. After medical school in Kansas and residency in Minnesota, he completed a cornea fellowship in Minnesota, where he did research in the area of incisional keratotomy and excimer laser surgery.

Dr. Hardten is actively involved in teaching and research and has written numerous chapters and articles on LASIK, PTK and phakic IOLs, and he has taught numerous courses and wet labs at various meetings, including the Annual Meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Hardten directs the Research Department at Minnesota Eye Consultants, is the fellowship director at Minnesota Eye Consultants, is an adjunct associate professor of ophthalmology at the University of Minnesota and has been active in the residency training program at Regions Hospital in St. Paul.

In addition to his active clinical practice, Dr. Hardten has held consulting, committee, program chair and board positions in numerous organizations, including the International Society of Refractive Surgery.