

Dr. Bennett is internationally recognized in the treatment of medical and surgical diseases of the retina and vitreous. He sees patients with conditions that affect the back of the eye, including macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vascular occlusions, macular holes, epiretinal membranes, vitreous detachments, retinal tears, retinal detachment, hereditary and inflammatory conditions, and ocular trauma. He is board certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and is a fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Bennett was born and raised in Georgia. He was the “Star Student of Cobb County” in metropolitan Atlanta. He attended Furman University with a Dreyfus Scholarship and a National Merit Scholarship and graduated with a B.S. in Chemistry. He won the Scholarship Cup of Furman University for being first in his graduating class. He attended Vanderbilt Medical School with the prestigious Justin Potter Scholarship. He received the Founder’s Medal at Vanderbilt for graduating first in his class. Also at Vanderbilt, he was a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society, received the Upjohn Award for Excellence, and was awarded a Citation for Service to Vanderbilt by the Dean of the Medical School. He did an Ophthalmology residency at the University of Iowa, and then a Chief Residency and Medical Retina and Research Fellowship at the University of Iowa. He received the “I Looked Award” for being the outstanding retinal fellow at Iowa. He did a medical and surgical retinal fellowship at the Medical College of Wisconsin. He joined Vitreoretinal Surgery PA in 1990.

Since joining VRS, Dr. Bennett has been primarily focused on providing the highest quality care to patients with retinal eye disease. He has also been involved in education and research to improve the care of patients around the world. He has been an author of over 40 papers and book chapters. He is a reviewer for several respected medical journals such as the American Journal of Ophthalmology, JAMA Ophthalmology, British Journal of Ophthalmology, and Ophthalmology Retina. He has presented over 70 talks around the world on various topics of retinal disease. He is an active member of the Retina Society, the American Society of Retina Specialists, the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology. He has received the Honor Award from the American Society of Retinal Specialists three times. He has been named one of the “Best Doctors in America” for many years. He has been named a “Top Doctor” by the Minneapolis St. Paul

Magazine multiple times. He has won the Allina HOPE Award several times. He has been involved in numerous research trials to develop new drugs and techniques in retina. He has taught other doctors about retinal disease as part of the residency program at the University of Minnesota, serving at Hennepin County Medical Center, Regions Hospital, and the Minneapolis VA Hospital. He has served as Chairman of the Department of Ophthalmology at Phillips Eye Institute. He has also served as Chairman of the Patient Care Committee, the Education Committee, the Quality Committee, the Pharmacy and Therapeutics Committee, the Institutional Review Board, and as a member of the Executive Committee at Phillips Eye Institute. He has traveled overseas to treat underprivileged patients with retinal disease.

He and his wife, Suzanne, have two grown children. He enjoys golf, hiking, and reading in his spare time.