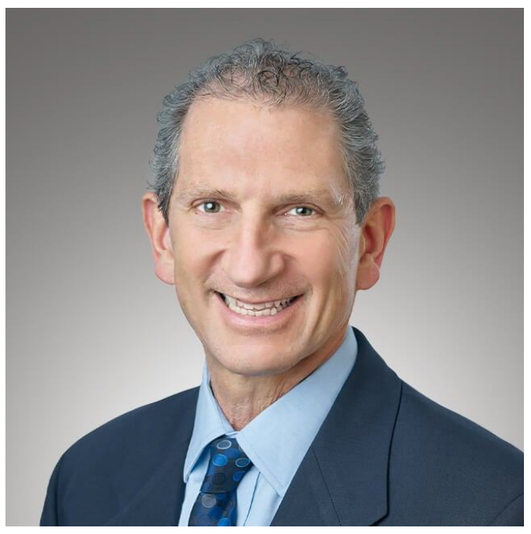
Jack Cohen

MD, FACS



Jack Cohen, MD, FACS, is a nationally recognized expert in the medical and surgical treatment of the retina, macula, and vitreous. He treats macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal detachments, retinopathy of prematurity in infants, and ocular cancers.

Dr. Cohen joined Illinois Retina Associates in 1995 and has expertise in both vitreoretinal diseases and ocular oncology. He is Director of Ocular Oncology and an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at Rush University Medical Center. He also served as Residency Program Director for Rush's Department of Ophthalmology for over 23 years.

Born and raised in the Chicago area, Dr. Cohen graduated from the University of Illinois in Champaign-Urbana and was valedictorian of his class at Rush Medical College. He completed an ophthalmology residency at Rush, followed by fellowships in ocular oncology at the University of California in San Francisco and vitreoretinal surgery at Rush. He is certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Cohen has been an investigator in major clinical trials related to age-related macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinopathy of prematurity. He has authored articles and publications, participated in hundreds of presentations, and enjoys teaching support groups about new treatments for retinal diseases.

His honors include the American Academy of Ophthalmology Senior Achievement Award and many Golden Apple Awards for excellence in resident clinical and surgical education. He loves teaching residents and staff. His professional memberships include the American Academy of Ophthalmology, American Society of Retina Specialists, American College of Surgeons, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, and Illinois Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. He is also a test examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Cohen is Head Ophthalmologist for the Chicago Bulls, Chicago White Sox, and Chicago Fire. He is on staff at several area hospitals and the North Shore Surgical Center, and sees patients at Illinois Retina's Rush, Skokie, and Libertyville offices.

Outside his practice, Dr. Cohen and his wife enjoy time with their children, who are pursuing careers in medicine and pharmaceutical marketing, and look forward to world travel. An avid runner and health enthusiast, he is constantly training for his next athletic challenge.

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