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**INTERNATIONALLY ACCLAIMED PHYSICIAN AND RESEARCHER  
KARL G. CSAKY, M.D., PH.D., JOINS TEXAS RETINA ASSOCIATES  
AND THE RETINA FOUNDATION OF THE SOUTHWEST**

DALLAS, Tex. – Board-certified ophthalmologist and retina specialist Karl G. Csaky, M.D., Ph.D., is joining [Texas Retina Associates](#) September 1 and will see patients in the practice's Dallas and Paris, Texas offices. A [Fulbright Scholar](#) and international leader in clinical and laboratory research on age-related macular degeneration (AMD), he comes to Dallas from [Duke University Medical Center](#) in Durham, North Carolina where he served as a tenured associate professor in their department of ophthalmology as well as director of ophthalmic clinical trials at the [Duke Clinical Research Institute](#). Dr. Csaky's past experience also includes serving as an investigator and medical officer with the [National Eye Institute at the National Institutes of Health](#) (NIH) in Bethesda, Maryland. At Texas Retina, Dr. Csaky will provide diagnosis and treatment for disorders of the retina, including AMD. He will also continue his research on AMD, becoming active in Texas Retina's many clinical trials for the disease.

"This is a huge boon to the Dallas medical community and all of the patients we serve," said David Callanan, M.D. with Texas Retina Associates. "We are so honored that Dr. Csaky has chosen Dallas as his new home. We now have in our community an international expert on one of the leading and fastest growing causes of vision loss in older adults – macular degeneration."

In addition to his role at Texas Retina Associates, Dr. Csaky will serve the [Retina Foundation of the Southwest](#), where he will also further his research efforts on AMD. At the Foundation, Dr. Csaky will hold the [T. Boone Pickens Chair in Macular Degeneration](#) and will serve as director of the Sybil B. Harrington Molecular

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Ophthalmology Laboratory. Located in Dallas, the Retina Foundation conducts research on the causes and treatments of AMD, infant eye disorders and inherited retinal eye diseases, attracting patients who are referred from ophthalmologists around the world.

“We received a generous gift from the [T. Boone Pickens Foundation](#) to hire the very best scientist to lead our macular degeneration program, and after a year-long, national search, we selected Dr. Csaky,” said David Birch, Ph.D., Chief Science and Executive Officer for the Retina Foundation of the Southwest. “He is on the cutting edge of research on AMD internationally and will be able to apply the science he learns first-hand with the patients he treats here in Dallas, bringing them new and improved treatments quickly and inexpensively.”

A fellow of the [American Academy of Ophthalmology](#) and member of both the [Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology](#) and the [Macula Society](#), Dr. Csaky completed a fellowship in medical retina at [Wilmer Eye Institute at Johns Hopkins University](#) in Bethesda, Maryland and a biotechnology fellowship in molecular biology with Stuart Aaronson, M.D., at the [National Cancer Institute, National Institutes of Health](#) also in Bethesda. Prior to that, he completed his ophthalmology residency at [Washington University](#) in St. Louis, Missouri and served as a research training fellow at the [Estelle Doheny Eye Foundation](#) at the University of Southern California in Los Angeles. As a Fulbright Scholar, Dr. Csaky spent a year in Germany at the University of Essen Eye Clinic after serving his residency and internship at Duke University Medical Center. He received both his medical degree and his doctoral degree from the [University of Louisville](#) in Louisville, Kentucky.

“This is an opportunity and partnership unlike any other in the country,” said Dr. Csaky. “It combines a world-class private practice with a reputation for providing great patient care and clinical research, an independent research foundation with the size and ability to move rapidly on testing the newest therapies and diagnostics, and finally, the generous, philanthropic support of the T. Boone Pickens Foundation. I have always believed in serving as a patient advocate, partnering with my patients and their families and empowering them with information and all the options available to them. This partnership will ensure that patients suffering from retinal diseases right here in Dallas will be some of the first in the country and even the world to have access to additional, innovative treatments.”

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Established in 1966, Texas Retina Associates, with 13 offices throughout the state, is Texas' largest, most experienced ophthalmology practice focused specifically on the diagnosis, treatment and surgery of the retina and vitreous. The practice's highly skilled and specially trained physician team currently participates in 11 national clinical trials, bringing the newest retina and vitreous treatments to its patients. To schedule an appointment, call 1-800-695-6941 or visit [www.texasretina.com](http://www.texasretina.com).

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