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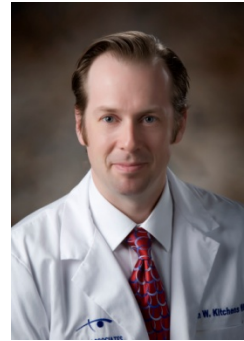
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Lexington, KY- Dr. John W. Kitchens, partner with Retina Associates of Kentucky, will be presenting at the Euretina Annual Congress in Milan, Italy in September. His talk to be given to the European Society of Retina Specialists is entitled: *Ranibizumab for diabetic macular edema: Impact of concomitant therapy with glitazomes or fenofibrates*. Dr. Kitchens joins renowned retina specialists from around the world to discuss the most current treatments and therapies for diseases of the retina and vitreous. "Diabetes and diabetic retinopathy is a major problem in Kentucky", says Dr. Kitchens, "it is rewarding to work on research that applies so directly to our patients."

Retina Associates of Kentucky is a member of the DRCR Network, a network of elite retina practices across the US researching different treatments for diabetic retinopathy.

John W. Kitchens, MD with Retina Associates of KY is the President of Kentucky Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons and is an internationally recognized authority on diseases and surgery of the retina, macula and vitreous. He completed his ophthalmology residency at the University of Iowa Hospital and completed a retina fellowship and was chief resident at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. He has served as Principal Investigator in numerous national and international research studies working in collaboration with other centers such as the National Eye Institute, the National Institute of Health and The Diabetic Retinopathy Clinical Research Network. Dr. Kitchens is the author or numerous articles in medical journals and is listed in "The Best Doctors in America" and "America's Top Ophthalmologists". He has also been featured on the Discovery Channel's *Mystery Diagnosis*.

About Retina Associates of Kentucky

Retina Associates of Kentucky's physicians and staff diagnose and treat many retina disorders, with specialization in retina detachments, macular degeneration, diabetes-related conditions and histoplasmosis. Retina Associates of Kentucky Research Division engages in research studies on national and international levels, working in collaboration with other research centers such as the National Eye Institute. Although our home office is in Lexington, we have satellite offices located in Ashland, Prestonsburg, Somerset, Richmond, London, Campbellsville, and Danville.