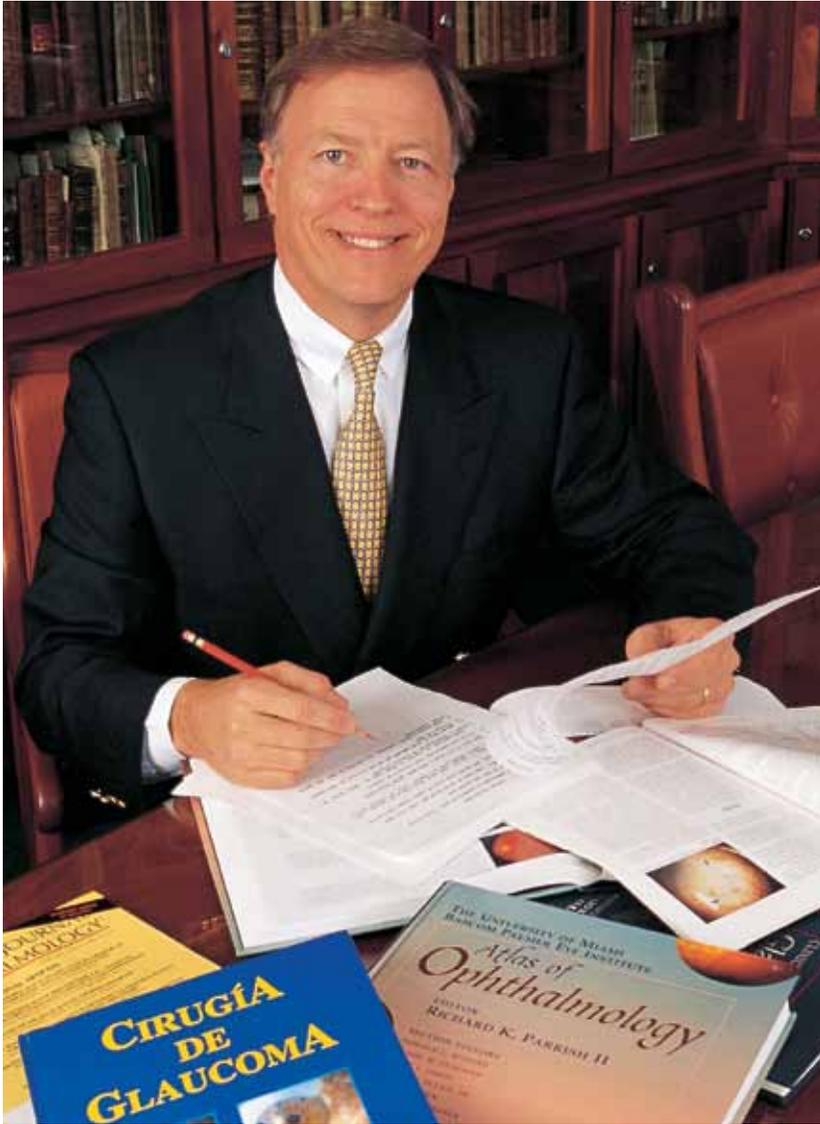


Richard K. Parrish II, M.D.

Edward W.D. Norton Chair in Ophthalmology



“I stayed at Bascom Palmer not to be a teacher, but to remain a student for the rest of my life. A day does not pass that I learn far more from the residents, fellows and my patients than I teach them.”

 While the evolution of medical science during the twentieth century provided opportunities for many inspired ophthalmic leaders, few have excelled to achieve the worldwide acclaim accorded Edward W.D. Norton, M.D., founding chair of Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. A man of unquestionable integrity, wisdom and energy dedicated to the preservation of vision, it is appropriate that the endowed chair to support ophthalmic research, named in his honor, be awarded to **RICHARD K. PARRISH II, M.D.**, a dedicated scientist, teacher and world-renowned glaucoma specialist.

An alumnus of Bascom Palmer’s glaucoma fellowship program, Parrish embraced the concepts and principles that Norton established to ensure the Institute’s success. Parrish joined the faculty in 1982, and has served the University of Miami as professor of ophthalmology, residency program director and Bascom Palmer’s third chairman. He is currently the associate dean for medical education, chairman of the graduate medical education committee, and the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education’s designated institutional official for the Jackson Health System.

Parrish’s research interests have focused on clinical trials in glaucoma: the Fluorouracil Filtering Surgery Study, the Ocular Hypertension Treatment Study, and the Tube versus Trabeculectomy Study. The improvement of visual health care delivery in South Florida’s Haitian-American community is his current research focus.

His early publications on the modulation of wound healing after filtering surgery with fluorouracil stimulated interest in how to measure and improve outcomes of glaucoma surgery. “Visual impairment, visual functioning and quality of life assessments in patients with glaucoma,” his American Ophthalmological Society thesis, described the patients’ perspective on how glaucoma affects their daily lives.

Parrish has served as member of the editorial board of *Archives of Ophthalmology* and is executive editor of *American Journal of Ophthalmology*. He was president of the American Ophthalmological Society and served as councilor to the American Academy of Ophthalmology from the American Glaucoma Society.