

# The Barometer Program

## Meet our Leadership Coalition



### Dr Mali Okada

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Mali Okada is a Vitreoretinal Surgeon at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital in Melbourne, Australia. Additionally, she is a consultant at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital and a senior researcher with the University of Melbourne's Centre for Eye Research Australia. She completed a fellowship at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital in both medical retina and surgical retina, with additional international fellowships at Moorfields Eye Hospital, London and the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, where she was the William H. Ross fellow in vitreoretinal surgery. She has also completed sub-specialty training as a Medical Retina and Vitreoretinal specialist at the Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital.

Dr Okada's expertise lies in the management of diseases of the vitreous and retina, including diabetic retinopathy (DR), age-related macular degeneration (AMD), retinal detachment, macular holes, and epiretinal membranes. Her research covers functional and imaging markers in macular telangiectasia type 2, and novel imaging modalities in DR and AMD, for which she was a recipient of the Global Ophthalmology Award Program research grant. She has published more than 40 papers on retinal diseases in peer-reviewed journals, including *JAMA Ophthalmology* and the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Notably, she has recently published two peer-reviewed papers aimed at addressing non-adherence and non-persistence in anti-vascular endothelial growth factor treatment.

Dr Okada is an active member of the Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists, and serves on the College's national Clinical Standards Committee.

