

## **Abdhish R. Bhavsar, MD**

Abdhish R. Bhavsar, MD is a retina and vitreous surgeon who was born in Connecticut, grew up in Michigan and has practiced in the Minneapolis/St. Paul area since August 1997. He graduated from Dartmouth College with an Honors Thesis in Biochemistry and from the Wayne State University School of Medicine with Alpha Omega Alpha honors. He completed his internship in internal medicine at Duke University, his ophthalmology residency at the University of Illinois Eye and Ear Infirmary in Chicago and his retina surgery fellowship training at the Jules Stein Eye Institute at UCLA. He was also a Heed Ophthalmic Foundation Fellow.

Dr. Bhavsar has maintained research interests in macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, endophthalmitis and retinal oxygen metabolism. He is a principal investigator in multiple clinical trials and has designed national clinical trials in macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy and venous occlusive disease. He has authored a number of scientific papers, book chapters and the textbook, *Retina and Vitreous Surgery*. He has delivered over 250 presentations and lectures at local, national and international meetings. Most recently, Bhavsar's latest book, *Operative Techniques in Vitreoretinal Surgery* was published by Elsevier in 2022.

Dr. Bhavsar maintains a broad range of interests in managing vitreoretinal medical and surgical diseases such as macular holes, epiretinal membranes, retinal detachments, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy with additional interests in retinopathy of prematurity and intraocular tumors in both children and adults.

Dr. Bhavsar is an active member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, The American Society of Retina Specialists and the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology. He is an Adjunct Assistant Professor at the University of Minnesota and an Attending Surgeon at the Surgical Care Center of Minnesota and the Phillips Eye Institute/Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis. Dr. Bhavsar has served as a past President of the Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology, past President of the Minneapolis Ophthalmological Society, past Chair of the Phillips Eye Institute Department of Ophthalmology, founding Chair of the Minnesota Academy of Ophthalmology Web Site Committee and as the state Chair for Diabetes Eye Exam Initiative. Dr. Bhavsar was the first Chair of the American Academy of Ophthalmology Web Advisory Task Force and graduated from the American Academy of Ophthalmology Leadership Development Program in 2001. He currently serves as a clinical spokesperson for the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Bhavsar has received the Honor Award and Senior Honor Award of the American Society of Retina Specialists. He has also received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Secretariat Award on two separate occasions and received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Honor Award in 2006. Dr. Bhavsar has been named in Who's Who in America since 2012 and he received the Foundation Fighting Blindness Visionary Award in 2013.

On a lighter note, Bhavsar has even served his local hockey community as a coach for Wayzata Youth Hockey Association for many years as well as the founding captain of his adult hockey team, the Wolf-Rayets. He also serves as a coach for the Minnesota Wild Blind Hockey Association team. When he is not on the ice, he enjoys collecting and racing classic muscle cars.

He even helped represent Minnesota in a Guinness World Records attempt to break the record for the most draught horses plowing simultaneously!

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