



American Medical Women's Association

Dr. Natalie Afshari Recognized by the American Medical Women's Association as the Woman in Science Award Recipient

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The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) will honor Dr. Natalie Afshari with the 2019 Women in Science Award at the MWIA Centennial Congress closing ceremony on July 28, 2019. This award is given to a woman scientist who has made exceptional contributions to medical science, through her basic research, publications and leadership in the field.

Natalie Afshari, MD is the Stuart I. Brown MD Chair in Ophthalmology in Memory of Donald P. Shiley, Chief of Cornea and Refractive Surgery, Vice Chair and Professor of Ophthalmology at the Shiley Eye Institute, University of California, San Diego. She received her medical degree from Stanford University and her residency and fellowship trainings at Harvard University. Dr. Afshari is an accomplished clinician, surgeon, and research scientist. In her clinical practice, Dr. Afshari specializes in cataract surgery as well as corneal transplants and diseases. She is the co-editor of a two-volume cornea book titled Principles and Practice of Cornea. Her National Institutes of Health research grant is on the study of anterior eye disorders as she investigates CRISPR Cas9 and stem cell regeneration of the cornea. When not researching or practicing, Dr. Afshari donates her time and surgical expertise as an international volunteer.

In the words of her nominator, Dr. Eliza Chin, "Dr. Afshari is Chief of Cornea and Refractive Surgery at UC San Diego and an accomplished clinician, surgeon, and research scientist. [She] is a highly skilled cataract surgeon and has held national positions in professional societies. She is also a recognized expert in corneal transplantation and refractive surgery and has successfully treated many complex cases referred to her by other leading surgeons. Dr. Afshari's dedication to research and clinical care also inspires her teaching. She has mentored countless residents and fellows in the field of ophthalmology and has received the Teacher of the Year award at Duke University Eye Center."

About AMWA

The American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) is an organization that functions at the local, national, and international level to advance women in medicine and improve women's health. We achieve this by providing and developing leadership, advocacy, education, expertise and mentoring and through building strategic alliances. Founded in 1915, AMWA is the oldest multi-specialty organization of women physicians. As the vision and voice of women in medicine for over a century, AMWA empowers women to lead in improving health for all, within a model that reflects the unique perspective of women.