Dr. Akpek's Bio:

Esen K. Akpek, M.D., is a professor of ophthalmology at the Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine and has been on the surgical faculty of the Wilmer Eye Institute since 1999. Dr. Akpek is an internationally renowned leader in the field of corneal transplantation and serves as the medical director of the Eye Bank of Maryland and member of the National Medical and Scientific Advisory Board of Tissue Banks International.

Currently, Dr. Akpek is the director of the fellowship program in cornea and external disease at Wilmer and has trained numerous ophthalmologists who have become leaders in the field. She has been invited to lecture extensively within the United States as well as abroad. Dr. Akpek published over 100 peer reviewed articles, many book chapters and directed multiple online and in-person educational activities. Dr. Akpek holds a patent in the field of keratoprosthesis devices, has been awarded the Cora Verhagen Immunology Prize, the American Academy of Ophthalmology Achievement Award and other honors. She serves on the editorial board of 11 scientific journals, a member of the Clinical Trials Consortium, Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation, and a member of the Medical & Scientific Advisory Board of the Tear Film and Ocular Surface Society.

Dr. Akpek specializes in the surgical treatment of corneal and ocular surface diseases. She performs all types of donor and artificial corneal transplantation surgeries. Dr. Akpek also specializes in difficult and challenging cataract surgeries and complicated cases of anterior segment reconstruction procedures. As director of the Ocular Surface Disease and Dry Eye Clinic, she cares for patients with inflammatory eye disorders such as Sjogren's Syndrome, allergic and immunologic diseases of the cornea and the conjunctiva, scleritis and uveitis.

Dr. Akpek received her medical degree from Hacettepe University in Ankara, Turkey. Following her internship and residency training in Ankara, she completed subspecialty training in Ocular Immunology and Uveitis at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Harvard University Medical School. She then completed a surgical fellowship program in cornea, cataract and external diseases at the Wilmer Eye Institute.