

CURRICULUM VITAE



Name: Najam (Naj) Sharif, PhD, DSc, FARVO, FBPhS, FAOPT

Job Title / Company: Vice President

Global Alliances & External Research Ophthalmology Innovation Center Santen Incorporated (USA), Emeryville, CA 94608. **Mobile:** (817)-565-7686

Department: Ocular pharmacology

Email: najam.sharif@santen.com ; naji333sha@yahoo.com

University: Santen Inc

Country: United States

Biography:

Naj Sharif completed his graduation from Southampton University, England (UK), where he received his BSc (Joint Honors: Biochemistry and Physiology) and his PhD (Neuroscience). His pharmaceutical industry experience (>30 years) includes holding leadership positions in discovery research, drug development and regulatory affairs at Pfizer, Syntex (Roche), Alcon-Novartis. He is currently at Santen Inc. (Executive Director, R&D). His 23-tenure at Alcon resulted in his contributions to the discovery/development and US FDA approvals of Travatan®, Patanol®, Simbrinza®, and Pazeo® to treat glaucoma/ocular hypertension and ocular allergies. He is a Fellow of ARVO (FARVO), and of British Pharmacological Society (FBPhS). He received the inaugural Dr. Roger Vogel Award for ocular pharmaceutical research (2014), and the “Sir James Black Award” for contributions to drug discovery (2017). He serves on the editorial boards of numerous scientific journals and is an Adjunct Professor at several universities. He has published 200 scientific articles and edited 2 books, and is the holder of 23 issued patents.

Dr. Sharif was recently elected as a Fellow of ARVO (FARVO), and was also honored as the first recipient of the inaugural Dr. Roger Vogel award for pharmaceutical research presented by the ARVO Foundation. He has been an organizer, chairman and invited speaker at numerous global symposia and workshops. Dr. Sharif serves on the editorial boards of numerous scientific journals, is an adjunct professor at several universities, and a thesis advisor for MS- and PhD-level students. He has published >190 scientific articles and edited 2 Neuroscience books. Dr. Sharif is also a prolific inventor, having secured >22 issued US and EU patents on ocular cell-lines and small molecules to treat human diseases of the CNS and the eye.

Research Interests:

His research interest includes ocular function/disease, Prostanoid release, Ocular hypertension, Glaucoma, Ocular allergies, Neuroprotection, Receptor pharmacology, Drug discovery and development.