



Faruk H. Öрге MD, FAAO, FAAP, is the **William R. and Margaret E. Althans Chair and Professor** in Pediatric Ophthalmology, **Director and the Fellowship Director** of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus in Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital which is one of the few US News ranked Children's Hospitals. He also is a **Professor of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics**, CWRU. After completing a research fellowship for 2 years, an internship, residency, and a clinical fellowship in Indiana University he opted to return to his country to serve as an academician in Yeditepe University. He has been in his current institution since 2007, and serving as the Director since 2010. Dr. Öрге was named the **William R. and Margaret E. Althans Chair and Professor in Pediatric Ophthalmology** in 2012.

Clinical Interests He is recognized as one of the prominent clinicians regionally, nationally and internationally and is listed in the **Best Doctors of America** (since 2009), **Top Doctors** (since 2011), and **Who's Who** (2014). He was named one of the UH CMC "**Distinguished Physicians**" in 2019, which was given to only select physicians as a highest recognition of clinical excellence and exemplary track record as a faculty member.

Teaching He has been serving the **American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus** in many committees (Nominated to join the **AAPOS BOD in 2018 as Director et Large, Scientific Program committee, Public Information Committee, Professional Education Committee, former Chair of the Social Media Committee**). He is a current **ABO examiner** and served as the **first AAPOS Liaison for ABO**. He is a holder of the medical **Educators Education Certificate**. He is currently the **Fellowship Program Director** and has previously served as the **UH EI Residency Associate Director**. His innovations in teaching were integrated in national organizations such as ORBIS/Cyber-sight, AAPOS and the AAO; such as **ophthalmic telemedicine, live webinars** (first to produce national and international sessions in the field of ophthalmology), **online journal clubs**, unique learning tools such as **interactive basic and complex strabismus simulators, retinoscopy simulator**. He is the **Editor in Chief** for the AAO's **KTEF Pediatric Ophthalmology Education Center** since its inception (the biggest online educational source in the world for pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus with more than 4.5 million visits by 2023 from 215 countries since its inception in 2015). Due to these efforts **AAO** has received the biggest single gift of **\$5 Million from the KTEF** in 2022 to form the "**AAO KTEF Virtual Education Center**", where Dr Öрге continues to help leading the efforts. He is the **Immediate Past President (Term 2020-2022)** and continues to serve as an **Executive Board Member** of the **International Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus Council** overseeing multiple international projects to prevent and eradicate childhood blindness such as ROP in **Stop Infant Blindness in Africa Co-Chair and Steering Committee Member**. He is the **past President of Cleveland Ophthalmological Society** in the 2019-2020 cycle.

Research Interests He many ongoing projects regarding almost all aspects of pediatric ophthalmology (ROP, glaucoma, microsurgery, cataract, genetic conditions, lid trauma, compliance, consultation, sedation, strabismus, nystagmus, amblyopia, etc.) Funded by NIH/NEI, **KTEF Research Grant**, Cleveland Foundation, Rainbow research awards, Case Coulter grant, UH TVSF funding (two separate projects), **CWRU PFI Funding, Ohio Amblyope Registry**, UH Innovation Day, pharmaceutical companies (Regeneron, Alcon, Bausch and Laumb, Novartis, ORA). He is holding **patents** for a

novel ***glaucoma device***, **3D Ultrasound Biomicroscopy** as well as filed several patents on **various glaucoma devices** and **inserter systems**, **3D ocular ultrasonography**, **drug delivery platforms**, **OVD**, various **eye imaging** and **image enhancement algorithms**, **wound healing** and **other therapeutic technology**.

Dr Öрге graduated from ***University Hospitals Leadership Development Program*** in 2012, ***AAO Leadership Development Program 2015 class***, ***Harvard Program for Chairs and Chiefs of Clinical Services 2020*** and is on track to graduate from ***University of Michigan Ross School of Business Executive MBA program in 2025***.