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As president of Retina Care Specialists, Michels is responsible for all operations, including patient care, research programs and the business of the practice.



He successfully doubled capacity, initiated and grew the clinical research program to include five national clinical trials.

In the next year, Michels said he wants to establish a research foundation “so that ideas for better patient care that might be

of interest or profitable for industry can be studied and brought to fruition, independent of industry support.”

Michels received the Curtis Benton Young Ophthalmologist of the Year Award, the John Brayton Leadership Award from the Florida Society of Ophthalmology and the Ophthalmologist of the Year Award from the Palm Beach Ophthalmology Society.

He said his role models are his parents, who “embody the spirit of integrity, hard work and compassion that I try to emulate.”