MEMORANDUM FOR SGCEE
ATTN: CAPT JOHN BENNION

FROM: 59 MDW/SGVU

SUBJECT: Professional Presentation Approval

1. Your paper, entitled **Perceived Pain During Photorefractive Keratectomy in the First Eye Operated on Compared to the Second** presented at/published to **Military Refractive Surgery Safety and Standards Symposium, CA, 10-12 Jan 2017** in accordance with MDWI 41-108, has been approved and assigned local file #16405.

2. Pertinent biographic information (name of author(s), title, etc.) has been entered into our computer file. Please advise us (by phone or mail) that your presentation was given. At that time, we will need the date (month, day and year) along with the location of your presentation. It is important to update this information so that we can provide quality support for you, your department, and the Medical Center commander. This information is used to document the scholarly activities of our professional staff and students, which is an essential component of Wilford Hall Ambulatory Surgical Center (WHASC) internship and residency programs.

3. Please know that if you are a Graduate Health Sciences Education student and your department has told you they cannot fund your publication, the 59th Clinical Research Division may pay for your basic journal publishing charges (to include costs for tables and black and white photos). We cannot pay for reprints. If you are 59 MDW staff member, we can forward your request for funds to the designated wing POC.

4. Congratulations, and thank you for your efforts and time. Your contributions are vital to the medical mission. We look forward to assisting you in your future publication/presentation efforts.

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   b. In Section 2, there may be funding available for journal costs, if your department is not paying for figures, tables or photographs for your publication. Please state "YES" or "NO" in Section 2 of the form, if you need publication funding support.

2. Print your name, rank/grade, sign and date the form in the author's signature block or use an electronic signature.

3. Attach a copy of the 59 MDW IRB or IACUC approval letter for the research related study. If this is a technical publication/presentation, state the type (e.g. case report, QA/QI study, program evaluation study, informational report/briefing, etc.) in the "Protocol Title" box.

4. Attach a copy of your abstract, paper, poster and other supporting documentation.

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   If the sponsor of a conference or meeting is a DoD entity, an ethics review of your presentation is not required, since the DoD entity is responsible to obtain all approvals for the event.

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Perceived pain during photorefractive keratectomy in the first eye operated on compared to the second

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Survey of intra-operative pain during photorefractive keratectomy

Photorefractive keratectomy is a refractive error correction procedure that helps eliminate or reduce the dependence on corrective lenses. An important aspect of PRK is pain management. Intra-operative pain is generally well tolerated but there seems to be (by simple observation) a disparate number of patients stating differences in pain levels in the first versus the second eye operated on. There have been no studies performed to explore any differences in perceived pain in the first versus second eye operated on. This study is designed to answer this question by means of a pain survey immediately post-op. This may help better manage similar patients in the future.

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