

DMICC Meeting Agenda

Innovative Research Partnerships in Diabetic Retinal Disease: Insights and Opportunities

June 24, 2026

12:00PM – 3:00PM EDT

Virtual Webinar - Teams

12:00 – 12:10 p.m. Welcome and Introductions:

- Dr. William Cefalu, MD, Director of the Division of Diabetes, Endocrinology and Metabolic Diseases, NIH/NIDDK
- Co-Chairs:
 - Dr. Sangeeta Bhargava, Ph.D., Director of Division of Extramural Science Programs, NIH/NEI
 - Dr. Emily Chew, MD, Director of Division of Epidemiology and Clinical Applications, NIH/NEI

12:10 – 1:20 p.m. Presentations

- “DRS to ETDRS and NEI collaboration with the DCCT/EDIC, DPPOS, and ACCORD”: Emily Chew, MD, National Institutes of Health, National Eye Institute
- “Changing Care Through Collaborative Research in Diabetic Retinal Disease”: Jennifer Sun, MD, MPH, Joslin Diabetes Center, Harvard Medical School
- “Opportunities for T2DM Research using the AI-READI dataset”: Cecilia Lee, MD, MS, and Aaron Lee, MD, MSCI, Washington University St. Louis

1:20 – 2:00 p.m. Perspectives on Retinopathy Gaps and Opportunities

(Moderated by Drs. Bhargava and Chew)

- S. Robert Levine, MD, Mary Tyler Moore Vision Initiative
- Lloyd Paul Aiello, MD, Ph.D., Joslin Diabetes Center, Harvard Medical School
- Adriana Plevniak, patient perspective and advocate, Mary Tyler Moore Vision Initiative, Breakthrough T1D
- Sanjoy Dutta, Ph.D., Breakthrough T1D

2:00-2:45 p.m. Panel Discussion: Moderated by Drs. Bhargava and Chew, Panelists: Drs. Jennifer Sun, Aaron Lee, and Cecilia Lee

2:45 – 3:00 p.m. Closing Remarks: Dr. William Cefalu