

BY THE NUMBERS

Do patients have different perceptions of female retina specialists than they do of men? Do colleagues treat female peers differently? See how our poll takers answered these and other questions.

Retina Today conducted an informal poll to get honest—and anonymous—feedback from some women in the retina subspecialty on a few questions we had. We received a total of 20 responses. Of those who answered our questions, 47% identified their race/ethnicity as white, 5% as black, 37% as Asian/Pacific Islander, and 11% as “other.” A total of 21% of those who responded were between the ages of 30 and 40 years, and 68% were older than 40 (11% did not answer this question). Additionally, 84% were from North America and 5% were from Europe (11% did not answer this question).



85% Percentage of women who reported being treated differently by a colleague because of their gender

95% Percentage of women who reported being treated differently by a patient because of their gender

65% Percentage of women who believe that rising in the ranks is becoming easier for women in the retina subspecialty

CHALLENGES ENCOUNTERED BY FEMALE RETINA SPECIALISTS



Balancing career and motherhood

70%

Putting career on hold or cutting back for maternity leave or child care

45%



Patient bias toward women physicians

40%

Bias from (male and female) colleagues

40%



Pay differential

40%

None of the above/other

15%

