



Meet Our Newest Doctor!

# Stephanie Ma, MD

CINCINNATI EYE INSTITUTE

**Member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology**

**Actively involved in clinical research and has presented scientific research at the national level at the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology**

**Practices comprehensive medical ophthalmology including the use of lasers for the management of glaucoma**

Stephanie Ma, M.D. is a member of the Urgent Eye Care team and provides comprehensive eye care. She completed her undergraduate education at the University of Michigan, where she graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Cellular Molecular Biology. She attended medical school at Wayne State University School of Medicine and was a member of the prestigious Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical Society. During medical school, she was a member of the World Health Student Organization and participated in a mission trip providing medical care to the underserved in Belize. She completed her medical internship at Beaumont Hospital in Dearborn, MI, followed by an ophthalmology residency at Rutgers University in Newark, NJ.

She is originally from Troy, MI and currently resides in downtown Cincinnati with her fiancé, a radiologist. In her spare time, she enjoys painting, playing tennis, and spending time outdoors.

## Q&A

**Why did you choose to join your affiliated CVP Practice?** I knew I wanted to join a large, multi-specialty practice as this would allow me to see and treat a variety of different patients including those with more complex eye diseases. I know at CEI I will be able to interact and exchange ideas with some of the top sub-specialists in the nation. I was also very impressed with how involved CEI is in the greater Cincinnati community through its volunteer and outreach programs. I believe being a part of an organization with these values will make me a more well-rounded ophthalmologist.

**What is your favorite hobby?** Painting with watercolors. I find it to be one of the best ways to slow down from everyday life while at the same time doing something quiet and intentional. Fun fact: growing up, my family thought I would be an artist!

**If you could pick any place in the world to vacation, where would you go?** The Amalfi coast in Italy. I went in the summer of 2018 as a treat to myself after graduating from residency and already want to go back. Its stunning ocean views, winding cliffside roads, and charming seaside towns were unforgettable.

**What was your first job?** In high school, my first job was a Kumon instructor teaching math and reading to students in an after-school program.

**How do you like to start your day?** Scrambled eggs with ketchup.

**Who has influenced you the most in your career?** As a third-year medical student I did a rotation in ophthalmology at the Kresge Eye Institute. There I met Dr. Anju Goyal, who was the director of medical student education. Her enthusiasm for ophthalmology and teaching was very influential in my decision to choose a career in ophthalmology.

**What led you to this career?** For me, medicine has always been about establishing lasting relationships with my patients. With ophthalmology, I was drawn to the ability to see the physical manifestation of diseases like diabetes and hypertension in the eye. Rarely in any other specialty can you make a diagnosis, take a picture of it, and educate a patient on what consequences it may have for both their ocular and systemic health all in one visit!