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Eugene, Ore.--Eugene ophthalmologist I. Howard Fine, MD, has been appointed to the position of Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at the Oregon Health and Science University. Dr. Fine has served in the School of Medicine's Department of Ophthalmology for almost 15 years.

The appointment, which is the highest status that can be conferred upon part-time faculty at a medical school, was announced by Christine Cassel, MD, Dean of the School of Medicine, in recognition of Dr. Fine's "valuable contributions" and "the high regard" with which he is held by his colleagues.

Dr. Fine travels to the medical school approximately every six weeks to assist residents-in-training with cataract surgery. He has been a visiting professor at 23 medical schools within the U.S. and abroad, and has demonstrated his innovative surgical techniques in more than 30 countries. In recognition of these and other accomplishments, Dr. Fine has been named one of the 25 most influential ophthalmologists of the Twentieth Century in a survey of 16,000 ophthalmologists worldwide. Dr. Fine is also a co-founder of Eugene's Oregon Eye Surgery Center and has been in private practice in Eugene for more than 30 years. His associates, Richard S. Hoffman, MD, and Mark Packer, MD, hold clinical appointments as faculty at the Oregon Health and Science University as well.

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