

CURRICULUM VITAE

Name

Stuart K Gardiner

Position Title

Senior Scientist, Discoveries in Sight, Devers Eye Institute, Legacy Health System, Portland, OR, 97232, USA

Education / Training

Institution And Location	Degree	Year(s)	Field Of Study
University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK	MA (Hons –1 st class)	1995-8	Mathematics & Statistics
University of Cambridge, Cambridge, UK	MMath	1998-9	Statistics
Nottingham Trent University, Nottingham, UK	PhD	2000-3	Applied Medical Statistics

Positions and Employment

- 2004 – 2006: Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Discoveries in Sight, Devers Eye Institute, Portland, Oregon, USA
- 2006 – 2012: Assistant Scientist, Discoveries in Sight, Devers Eye Institute, Portland, Oregon, USA
- 2007 – present: Legacy Research Statistician, Legacy Health, Portland, Oregon, USA.
- 2012 – 2021: Associate Scientist, Discoveries In Sight, Devers Eye Institute, Portland, Oregon, USA
- 2020 – present: Co-Director of Clinical Epidemiology & Biostatistics, Devers Eye Institute, Portland, Oregon, USA
- 2021 – present: Senior Scientist, Discoveries In Sight, Devers Eye Institute, Portland, Oregon, USA

Other Experience / Service to Professional Organizations (selected)

- 2002 – present: Member, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology (ARVO)
- 2002 – present: Member, Imaging and Perimetry Society
- 2014 – present: Editorial Board Member, Investigative Ophthalmology & Visual Science
- 2016: Participant, World Glaucoma Congress Global Consensus Meeting on Diagnosis of Primary Open Angle Glaucoma
- 2020 – 2021: Guest Editorial Board Member, Focus on Data, Invest Ophthalmol Vis Sci
- 2021: Grant Reviewer, NIH BIVT (Brain Imaging, Vision, Bioengineering and Low Vision Technology Development) Study Section
- 2021: Grant Reviewer, Austrian Science Fund (FWF)

Research Interests

My primary research involves using data analytic techniques to improve the acquisition and use of clinical data in ophthalmology. Specifically, we aim to enable earlier and more accurate diagnoses of the presence and progression of glaucoma in individuals. This involves improving the clinical instruments and accompanying analysis tools for both functional and structural testing of the eye, grounded in evolving knowledge of the physiology and pathophysiology; together with assessment of risk factors that might provide prognostic information. Additionally, I provide advice on study design and analysis, and help with data analysis and interpretation, for studies across a range of medical disciplines, in my role as the chief research statistician for the Legacy Health hospital group.

Previous Work

Published Papers

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10. Quinn LM, **Gardiner SK**, Wheeler DT, Newkirk M, Johnson CA. Frequency Doubling Technology perimetry in normal children. *Am J Ophthalmol* 2006; 142:983-9. PMID: 17046702.
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NEI R01 EY 020922

1 Aug 2011 – 30 Jun 2022

Role: Principal Investigator

Functional Testing for Glaucoma

Major Goals: This project aims to explain and reduce the variability observed in functional testing of the visual field in patients with glaucoma. This will allow earlier and more accurate assessment of a patient's current status and response to treatment. It will improve the ability to design an appropriate and cost-efficient personalized management strategy to preserve vision, with the aim of maintaining a patient's quality of life.

NEI R01 EY031686

30 Sep 2020 – 31 Aug 2024

Role: Principal Investigator

Blood flow and hemodynamics in glaucoma

Major Goals: This project will provide important new information about the role of blood flow in glaucoma. It is known that blood flow in the retina is altered during the disease; this project aims to determine whether that is the result of retinal ganglion cell loss, or a factor that contributes to cell loss, or both. This will be achieved by longitudinal testing of blood flow in the optic nerve head and retina in human participants with glaucoma, and comparison against other clinical testing modalities. It will reveal new targets both for diagnostic testing and for treatment, and elucidate the processes by which glaucoma progresses and ultimately leads to blindness.

NEI R01 EY029087 (PI: Marsh-Armstrong, N)

17 Jul 2018 – 30 Jun 2023

Role: Co-Investigator

Optic Nerve Head Glymphatics and Debris Clearance

Major Goals: We will test the hypotheses that: 1) ONH debris is removed either by astrocytes using glymphatic channels for waste disposal, or, alternatively, by CNS myeloid cells, 2) and the balance of these pathways differs in the ONH relative to elsewhere in the Optic Nerve (ON), and 3) is highly perturbed within the ONH early in glaucomatous optic neuropathy. If we are correct, then either increasing ONH astrocytes' phagocytosis or capacity to flush waste, or inhibiting recruitment of discrete CNS myeloid cells into ONH parenchyma will be rational therapeutic strategies for glaucoma.

NEI R34 EY 0313427 (PI: Mansberger, SL)

1 Apr 2021 – 31 Mar 2023

Role: Co-Investigator

80 Years and Older Vision & Hearing Important Persons Project (80VIP)

Major Goals: This project is to design and test protocols for a future U34 grant aimed at elucidating causes of vision, hearing and balance loss in over 80 year old individuals.

Completed Funding

NEI R21 EY18698 (PI: Levine, RA)

1 Jul 2009 – 30 Jun 2011

Role: Co-Investigator.

Measuring and Predicting Visual Field Progression with Longitudinal-Survival CART

Major Goals: The goals of this project are to develop classification and regression tree methods for longitudinal survival data that assist in prediction of which eyes with glaucoma or high-risk ocular hypertension are likely to undergo progression.

NEI R01 EY018926 (PIs: Downs, JC and Girkin, CA)

1 Apr 2010 – 31 Mar 2012

Role: Consultant

Age-related Changes in Optic Nerve Head Structure and Biomechanics

Major Goals: The major goals of this project are to build 3D reconstructions of the optic nerve heads (ONH) from human donor eyes, perform 3D histomorphometric quantification of their ONH anatomy, perform biomechanical testing of their posterior scleral shells, and construct finite element models to predict IOP-related stress and strain within their load bearing tissues. From these data, we will determine age-related changes in human ONH anatomy, ONH biomechanics, and scleral material properties.

CDC U48 DP002673 (PI: Becker, TM)

14 Jul 2010 – 13 Jul 2012

Role: Consultant

The Comparative Effectiveness of Telemedicine to Detect Diabetic Retinopathy

Major goals: Diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of blindness in working-age adults, and both the disease and ensuing blindness disproportionately affect American Indians and Alaskan Natives (AI/AN). Less than 50% of AI/AN diabetic patients receive annual eye exams. This proposal will address three critical gaps in knowledge: 1) the efficacy for detecting diabetic retinopathy with telemedicine and traditional surveillance methods; 2) the health behavior factors related to receiving annual diabetic eye examinations with telemedicine and traditional surveillance methods; and 3) the cost-effectiveness of telemedicine and traditional surveillance methods.

NEI R01 EY 019674 (PI: Demirel, S)

30 Sep 2009 – 29 Sep 2014

Role: Co-investigator

Predicting the Rate of Progression in Glaucoma

Major Goals: This project seeks to predict the future rate of vision loss in patients with glaucoma, both earlier and more accurately than is currently possible. If a patient is at risk of rapid disease progression, possibly resulting eventual visual disability or blindness, this may warrant more frequent monitoring and/or more aggressive therapy. The project will also provide new information about glaucomatous pathophysiology, which can be used to direct future developments in diagnostic testing and treatment strategies.

NEI R01 EY021281 (PI: Burgoyne, CF)

1 Feb 2015 – 31 Jan 2019

Role: Co-investigator

Optic Nerve Head SDOCT Imaging in Glaucoma

Major Goals: To use spectral domain optical coherence tomography (SDOCT) imaging to test three hypotheses regarding glaucomatous damage to the visual system. First, that clinically detectable neural, glial and connective tissue alterations occur deep in the optic nerve head at a very early stage in the pathophysiology of glaucomatous damage. Second, that the location and magnitude of the earliest of these ONH changes, (detectable in vivo by SDOCT), will predict the location of subsequent alterations of the peripapillary retinal nerve fiber layer and orbital optic nerve axon loss. Third, that ONH connective tissue structural stiffness is altered both by age and glaucomatous damage and that it underlies the clinical appearance of the glaucomatous optic disc.

NEI R01 EY011610 (PI: Burgoyne, CF)

1 Mar 2017 – 28 Feb 2021

Role: Co-investigator

IOP-Related Force and Failure in the Optic Nerve Head

Major Goals: The goal of this project is to identify clinical targets that predict eye-specific optic nerve head (ONH) behavior (depth of cupping and remodeling) and retinal ganglion cell (RGC) axon susceptibility within the monkey unilateral experimental glaucoma model so as to translate this knowledge to human patients in future research. To do so we will first test the hypothesis that the behavior and susceptibility of individual eyes to glaucomatous damage can be predicted from the results of in vivo spectral domain optical coherence tomography (SDOCT) ONH compliance testing, post-mortem 3D reconstruction of the ONH connective tissues and stress/strain outputs of engineering finite element (FE) models. We will then test the hypothesis that ONH connective tissue deformation and remodeling are linked to RGC axon susceptibility in an age-related manner by being both more robust and more protective of axons in compliant and/or young ONHs.