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After graduating from Jefferson Medical College in Philadelphia, Dr. Levin completed a pediatric residency at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and continued on at CHOP as a staff child abuse pediatrician. He then completed an ophthalmology residency at Wills Eye Hospital in Philadelphia. This was followed by a pediatric ophthalmology fellowship at The Hospital for Sick Children in Toronto where he continued as a staff ophthalmologist and Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics, Genetics and Ophthalmology and Vision Science at the University of Toronto for over 16 years. At The Hospital for Sick Children he was the designated primary ophthalmology consultant for child abuse cases and also served from 2002-2008 as a child abuse pediatrician on the SCAN team. In 2008 he relocated back to Philadelphia to become Chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Ocular Genetics at Wills Eye Hospital. He is now the Chief of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Ocular Genetics at the Flaum Eye Institute and the Chief of Pediatric Genetics at Golisano Children's Hospital, at the University of Rochester in New York where he holds the Adeline Lutz - Steven S.T. Ching, M.D. Distinguished Professorship in Ophthalmology and is appointed as Full Professor in the Departments of Ophthalmology and Pediatrics.

Dr. Levin has a long-standing interest in child abuse that has continued as a major clinical and academic focus throughout his career. His research focus has been the pathophysiology and differential diagnosis of retinal hemorrhages. In addition to his clinical studies in this area, he has conducted research on woodpecker, rat and computer models. He has published 320 peer reviewed papers, 162 book chapters, and 13 books, including the book *Child Abuse Research Ethics*. Much of his published work addresses topics related to child abuse including several major review chapters and articles including the American Academy of Ophthalmology Focal Points update on the ophthalmic manifestations of child abuse and the American Academy of Pediatrics policy statement on eye examinations in cases of suspected abuse. He was previously the Chair of the International Advisory Board of the National Center on Shaken Baby syndrome and is a Charter Member of the Ray E. Helfer Society. He is one of less than 10 double boarded pediatrician pediatric ophthalmologists worldwide and the only with the triple board certification including Child Abuse Pediatrics. He has given over 1640 invited lectures and visiting professorships nationally and internationally many of which are on topics related to retinal hemorrhage and child abuse.