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### Lighthouse Guild Welcomes Calvin Roberts, MD, as New President and CEO

As of April 1, Calvin Roberts, MD, takes the helm of Lighthouse Guild. The selection of Dr. Roberts, a Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer, Eye Care, at Bausch Health Companies and Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Weill Cornell Medical College, was announced in February 2020.



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### Lighthouse Guild Salutes Retiring President and CEO Alan R. Morse, JD, PhD

After an extraordinary career of almost 52 years as a leader and

innovator in the field of vision and health, Alan R. Morse, JD, PhD, is stepping down as Lighthouse Guild's President and CEO. Dr. Morse will continue with Lighthouse Guild as President Emeritus.



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**For Excellence in Vision Science Research:  
Gerrit Melles, MD, PhD, to Receive 2020 Bressler Prize  
Philip D. Kiser, PharmD, PhD, to Receive 2020 Pisart Award**



Lighthouse Guild has announced that Dr. Gerrit Melles and Dr. Philip D. Kiser will receive our Vision Science Awards for their significant achievements in vision science research.

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## Phone-Based Apps Can Help People with Vision Loss Safely Navigate Indoors



There is a need for reliable systems that can help blind and visually impaired people safely navigate through indoor environments like buildings, airports and other public spaces.

William Seiple, Lighthouse Guild, Chief Research Officer and colleagues, Vishnu Nair, Christina Tsangouri, Bowen Xiao, Greg Olmschenk and Zhigang Zhu recently evaluated two indoor navigation systems based on smartphone apps. Each system was tested individually, and then combined, to find the most accurate and practical system for guiding users through indoor spaces.

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## Understanding Visual Dysfunctions from Traumatic Brain Injury



Traumatic brain injury (TBI) from a bump, blow, jolt to the head, or from a penetrating brain injury, can happen to people of all ages. Such injuries typically result from car accidents, playing sports, or from a fall. Children and older adults are especially at risk.

Changes in memory or cognition may come to mind first as outcomes of TBI. But visual dysfunction also is a common consequence of concussion and other head injuries.

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## **Occupational Therapists Are a Key to Addressing the Impact of Vision Issues in Child Development**

Vision is our primary information gathering system and plays a dominant role in development for children ages 0-5 years. Children with sight learn through incidental visual experiences, using their observational skills and imitating the actions of others.



For children with visual impairment, many areas of development, learning and function are affected, particularly for those with multiple impairments.



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## **Adult Day Health Care Helps People Remain Safe at Home**



Most people prefer to remain independent, live in their own homes or communities, maintain family/friendship ties and keep stress manageable despite ongoing issues. However, people who live alone can suffer from depression, chronic health problems, loneliness, a reduced sense of purpose, fear over health issues and loss of sense of self.

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## Low Vision Pioneer: Eleanor E. Faye, MD

Eleanor Eaton Faye, MD, FACS, our esteemed colleague and friend and a leader in the field of low vision, died on January 7, 2020, in New York City at the age of 96.



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## Lighthouse Guild Highlights

President and CEO **Alan R. Morse, JD, PhD**, and **William Seiple, PhD**, Chief Research Officer of Lighthouse Guild Research Institute, presented “The Effects of Feedback during Eye Movement Control Training in Patients with Age-Related Macular Degeneration” at the Gordon Research Conference on Eye Movement. **Dr. Morse** also presented “Reducing the Burdens of Vision Loss” at a Dine in the Dark event to more than 60 United Nations (UN) ambassadors and leaders from global nongovernmental organizations.

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# Online Education for Professionals



Advances in the care of people with vision loss are happening at an exciting pace. Healthcare professionals can keep up — on their own time, at their own pace, in their office or home — through online educational programs offered by Lighthouse Guild.

## We offer:

- [Introduction of Vision Rehabilitation](#), 2-hour program for ophthalmologists and residents. Available in both English and Spanish.
- [The Impact of Vision Issues on Child Development](#), a 1.5-hour program for occupational therapists. In partnership with AOTA. CE from AOTA.
- [Low Vision in Older Adults: Foundations for Rehabilitation](#), a program for occupational therapists. In partnership with AOTA. CE from AOTA.
- [Low Vision Assessment for Occupational Therapy](#), a 2-hour program for occupational therapists. In partnership with AOTA. CE from AOTA.
- [Vision Loss: A Patient-Centered Approach to Care](#), a 1-hour program for nurses and case managers. Approved for 1 credit from ANCC and 1 credit from CCMC
- [Understanding and Addressing Vision Loss](#), a 2-hour program for social workers. Approved for 2 credits from NASW and CCMC.
- [Integrating Children with Visual Impairment into the Preschool Classroom](#), a 1-hour program for preschool teachers.
- [Accommodating Students with Visual Impairment](#), a 2-hour program for existing and emerging music teachers.

- [Incorporating Vision Rehabilitation into Optometric Care](#), a 2-hour program for optometrists. Approved for 2 credits from COPE.
- [Traumatic Brain Injury \(TBI\) and Visual Dysfunction](#), a 1-hour online program, divided into two parts. For optometrists, rehabilitation professionals and others.

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