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Dr. Plager has delivered over 320 lectures nationally and internationally on a wide range of topics in pediatric ophthalmology: from cataracts to glaucoma to vascular malformations and on a wide range of strabismus topics- he has a particular interest in the treatment of oblique muscle dysfunction.  He has published or coauthored over 100 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals, 15 book chapters and was editor and co-author of the textbook Strabismus Surgery: Basic and Advanced Strategies.  He has received research grants for work in ROP, pediatric cataracts and pediatric glaucoma.

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