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Dear Colleagues:

The American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery firmly believes in and strongly encourages research related to prevention of postoperative endophthalmitis. Toward that end we support the proposed investigation by Drs. Emily W. Gower, Oliver Schein, and colleagues and we urge practitioners to participate in the study by contributing case information and data as may be appropriate. As we understand, very little time will be necessary to provide the needed information.

The Executive Committee, on behalf of ASCRS, congratulates and encourages Drs. Gower and Schein for organizing the proposed investigation and endorses the concept. We anticipate full cooperation among the members.

Very truly yours,

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