

Dr. Cummings holds distinction as the only SERA physician to have attended Oxford. As part of his undergraduate education he studied 10th century British history in England at the International Summer Graduate School in 1981. A year later he graduated magna cum laude, with a major in chemistry, from Duke University in Durham, North Carolina.

He finished his medical degree in 1987 at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical School of Dallas. In 1988 he finished an internal medicine internship at Boston University Medical Center before moving on to Maryland for a three-year residency in ophthalmology at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center.

Dr. Cummings stayed in Baltimore to complete a retina and vitreous fellowship at the Wilmer Institute of John Hopkins University School of Medicine. Then, Dr. Cummings took another postgraduate retina and vitreous fellowship, this time in Lexington at the Retina and Vitreous Associates of Kentucky.

He practiced at the Carolina Eye Associates in Raleigh, North Carolina, and the Springfield Clinic Eye Institute in Springfield, Illinois, before moving to Kingsport, Tennessee, in 1999, where he joined Southeastern Retina Associates.