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Discover, Connect, Innovate – Boston Awaits

Experience cutting-edge education, top-notch speakers, groundbreaking research, and an exceptional exhibit hall – all in the dynamic city of Boston! Academy 2025 Boston, taking place October 8–11, offers 300+ hours of clinically relevant CE, from engaging hands-on workshops to impactful symposia. Explore the latest advancements in optometry with more than 150 industry-leading exhibitors, innovative papers and posters, and exciting networking opportunities. As always, the Academy delivers the outstanding education and collaboration you expect, now set against the historic and lively backdrop of Boston.

Boston seamlessly blends historic charm with modern innovation, offering a dynamic destination rich in culture, cuisine, and world-class attractions. Explore diverse neighborhoods, each with its own character, or wander the city’s walkable streets lined with historic landmarks and contemporary hotspots. From thrilling sports at Fenway Park to vibrant arts, shopping, and dining at Faneuil Hall Marketplace, every moment in Boston is an unforgettable experience.



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Schedule at a Glance

Wednesday, October 8

8:00 am–9:00 am	Innovations in Vision and Eyecare
8:00 am–4:00 pm	Surgical Procedures Course \$\$
10:00 am–11:40 am	Plenary Session: Biologics in Eye Care
12:00 pm–1:00 pm	Fellows Business Meeting
12:00 pm–1:00 pm	Industry Innovation Lunch & Learn
3:00 pm–4:00 pm	Fellowship Information Session
5:00 pm–7:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Opens & Welcome Reception
5:30 pm–6:30 pm	New! Evening Industry Insights*
7:00 pm–9:00 pm	New! Evening CE*
7:30 pm–9:30 pm	EssilorLuxottica Student Welcome Reception

Thursday, October 9

8:00 am–8:45 am	Academy Breakfast Talks
8:00 am–9:00 am	Hot Topic Paper Sessions
8:00 am–6:00 pm	Surgical Procedures Course \$\$
11:30 am–1:00 pm	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
12:00 pm–1:00 pm	Industry Innovations Lunch & Learn
4:30 pm–6:30 pm	Attendee Reception & Scientific Program Posters in Exhibit Hall
5:30 pm–6:30 pm	New! Evening Industry Insights*
6:30 pm–7:30 pm	New! Evening CE*
6:30 pm–9:00 pm	Academy Honors: Celebrating Excellence
	6:30 pm–7:30 pm Including the New Fellows Reception
7:30 pm–11:30 pm	EssilorLuxottica Academic Challenge

Friday, October 10

8:00 am–4:00 pm	Laser Procedures Course \$\$
8:00 am–10:00 am	Academy Awards & Prentice/Fry Lectures
11:30 am–1:00 pm	Lunch in the Exhibit Hall
11:30 am–1:00 pm	Residency & Graduate Program Fair
1:30 pm–3:30 pm	Joint Scientific Program/Resident Program Poster Session
7:00 pm–9:00 pm	Alumni Receptions
7:00 pm–9:00 pm	International Reception
9:00 pm–12:00 am	Academy Party

Saturday, October 11

8:00 am–4:00 pm	Laser Procedures Course \$\$
8:00 am–12:00 pm	New! Aesthetics Workshop \$\$
4:00 pm–5:30 pm	Closing Reception

New! *Evening Industry Insights & CE

This year the Academy will offer several CE sessions in the evenings on Wednesday and Thursday. Topics include:

Wednesday, October 8, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

- **Complications of Pharmaceuticals Every Optometrist Should Know!**
Greg Caldwell
- **Hot Off the Press: Updates in Glaucoma Diagnosis and Treatment**
Mitchel Ibach, Jessica Steen

Thursday, October 9, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

- **Can Artificial Intelligence Really See What We See? The Truth About AI in Eyecare**
Richard Maharaj, Claudine Courey
- **Comprehensive Retinal Venous Occlusive Disease: More Than Meets the Eye**
Carolyn Majcher, Komal Patel
- **Catching Cancer of the Anterior Segment Before It's Too Late**
Pierce Kenworthy
- **Diseases in Disguise: Syphilis, Herpes, and Lyme**
Julie Tyler

Before CE begins, join our sponsors from 5:30 pm–6:30 pm for a bite to eat at the Evening Industry Insights sessions, showcasing the latest, cutting-edge innovations in optometry.

Registration

Registration opens on April 21, 2025. You may register online at aaopt.org/2025. If you need assistance, please call (321) 319-4860 or toll free (844) 323-3937 or email registration@aaoptom.org.

Registration Hours

Main Registration: Boston Convention & Exhibition Center

- Tuesday, October 7, 1:00 pm–7:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 8, 7:00 am–8:00 pm
- Thursday, October 9, 7:00 am–7:00 pm
- Friday, October 10, 7:00 am–5:00 pm
- Saturday, October 11, 7:00 am–3:30 pm

Satellite Registration: Westin (Headquarters hotel)

- Tuesday, October 7, 12:00 pm–7:00 pm
- Wednesday, October 8, 7:00 am–9:30 am
- Thursday, October 9, 7:00 am–9:30 am

Cancellation Policy

Requests for meeting refunds, which include registration fees, workshops, leadership courses, etc., must be received by August 6, 2025, at which time a full refund less \$25 will be administered. Requests on or after August 7, 2025, and not later than August 27, 2025, will be assessed an administrative charge of 25% of the total fees. No refunds will be given to requests received on or after August 28, 2025.



Registration Types

There are six types of registration available:

- **Full Registration**
The full conference
- **One-Day Only Registration**
Includes everything on one day
- **Exhibit Hall Pass**
Access to the hall only for all three days or just one
- **Student and Resident Registration**
The full conference including student lunch sessions on Thursday and Friday
- **Other Registration**
For PhDs, librarians, and non-OD staff
- **Guest Pass**
Must accompany attendees with Full or Student registration

All registration excludes events with **\$\$** or that are invite-only.

Registration Pricing

Registration Type	Category	Early Bird 4/21–8/6	Regular 8/7–9/26	On-Site 9/27–10/11
Full Registration includes: - Continuing Education Session Access including all general educational programming except sessions marked with a \$\$ icon (additional fees apply) - Continuing Education Certificate - Exhibit Hall Access including complimentary lunch on Thursday and Friday and evening receptions on Wednesday and Thursday - Social and Special Events including the Academy Honors: Celebrating Excellence event on Thursday evening (which encompasses the New Fellows Reception and former paid Leadership & Legacy program) excluding sessions with a \$\$ icon or invite only *Fellow category includes Fellows, Senior Fellows, and Senior Emeritus Fellows (retired Fellows)	Fellow*/Candidate	\$695	\$795	\$870
	Honorary/Emeritus	\$110	\$110	\$110
	Nonmember Optometrists/Vision Scientists	\$1,210	\$1,310	\$1,385
One-Day Only includes the following for the day selected: - Continuing Education Session Access for the day selected, including all general educational programming except sessions marked with a \$\$ icon (additional fees apply) - Continuing Education Certificate - Exhibit Hall Access for the day selected which may include complimentary lunch on Thursday and Friday and/or evening receptions on Wednesday and Thursday - Social and Special Events offered the day selected, excluding sessions with a \$\$ icon or invite only	Member	\$405	\$430	\$530
	Nonmember	\$685	\$710	\$810
Exhibit Hall Pass includes: Exhibit Hall Access for the day(s) selected. This registration type does not include the Exhibit Hall lunches.	Three-Day	\$105	\$155	\$155
	One-Day	\$36	\$86	\$86
Student and Resident Registration includes: - Continuing Education Session Access all four days of the annual meeting including all general educational programming except sessions marked with a \$\$ icon (additional fees apply) - Student enrichment complimentary lunch sessions on Thursday and Friday (learn more on page 49) - Opportunity to participate in the Student Fellowship program (learn more on page 49) - Exhibit Hall Access on Wednesday through Friday (excludes Exhibit Hall lunches) - Social & Special Events, excluding sessions with a \$\$ icon or invite only	Student/Resident	\$75	\$100	\$125
	Nonmember Student/Resident	\$125	\$150	\$175
Other Registration includes: - Available to PhDs, Librarians, and Non-OD staff who do not need a CE Certificate or their CE credits reported - Access to attend CE sessions all four days of the annual meeting including all general educational programming except sessions marked with a \$\$ icon (additional fees apply) - Exhibit Hall Access on Wednesday through Friday (excludes Exhibit Hall lunches)	Other	\$234	\$334	\$409
Guest Pass includes: - Access to social events and the exhibit hall on Wednesday-Friday (excludes Exhibit Hall lunches) - No CE/education access permitted - Must accompany an attendee with Full Registration or Student/Resident Registration	Guest Pass	\$155		

Academy Education – All CE, All the Time™

Earn up to 32.5 hours of CE credit while you're attending Academy 2025 Boston, October 8–11, 2025. The American Academy of Optometry is accredited by COPE to provide continuing education to optometrists. Our motto “All CE, All the Time™” means CE is available for all lectures, workshops, Section and Special Interest Group (SIG) symposia, papers, posters, and some special events.

Engage with the most cutting-edge speakers and researchers in the field with more than 300 hours of CE sessions to choose from, thanks to the careful, thoughtful review of the Academy's Lectures and Workshops and Symposia Committees.

- **Rapid Fire sessions** offering fast-paced, captivating talks in 12-minute increments from several excellent presenters. Look for sessions beginning with “Rapid Fire” in the CE Preview.
- **Hands-on workshops** are available at additional charge. You must be registered for the meeting on the day of the workshop to enroll. View the complete list of workshops on [page 43](#).
- **Academy Classroom Exchange (ACE) courses** offer attendees a small group learning experience with emphasis on maximizing discussion and interaction with the course presenter(s). Available at an additional charge, look for the ACE icon  on various CE sessions.
- **CEE courses** will be offered each day. Information on CEE examinations will be available via the mobile app and at the Education Desk on-site. Look for any courses marked with a CEE icon  throughout the CE Preview.
- **IPE: Interprofessional Education:** attendees will have the opportunity to explore the transformative power of Interprofessional Education (IPE) in healthcare. IPE brings together professionals from various disciplines – medicine, nursing, pharmacy, and beyond – to learn with, from, and about each other, fostering a team-based approach to patient care.
- **The Academy's Advanced/Ophthalmic Procedures Laser and Surgery Course** is back this year. See a breakdown of the program on [page 46](#).
- New this year, the Academy will offer a new **Aesthetics Workshop** on Saturday. Read more about this session on [page 45](#).

No need to register for individual courses. Nearly every session* is open to all registered participants on a first come, first served basis. RFID towers will automatically scan your badge upon entering each course. Be sure to enter and exit the doors where the towers stand.

Preview the CE to be offered this year beginning on [page 8](#). Keep an eye out for the full Education Grid in July 2025!

*Workshops, ACE Courses, Diplomate Prep Courses, and the Advanced/Ophthalmic Procedures Laser and Surgery Course require an additional fee.

Research

Academy 2025 Boston will offer many hours of the latest research curated by the Scientific Program and Residents Program Committees. We invite you to attend these insightful paper and poster presentations throughout the meeting. CE can be accumulated in 15-minute increments during the various paper and poster sessions.

Scientific Program and Residents Program

The Academy's Scientific Program accepts abstracts for presentation in two engaging formats: paper and poster presentations. Paper sessions offer innovative research presented in 15-minute increments. Join us on Thursday, October 9, at 8:00 am for several special Hot Topic paper presentations, each eligible for one hour of CE.

Scientific and clinical education posters offer a visual presentation of cutting-edge research, instructive case reports, clinical education, and clinical trials. Plan to attend our interactive poster sessions during the meeting.

Thursday Evening Poster Session

Thursday, October 9, 4:30 pm–6:30 pm

Visit this special poster session combined with the Attendee Reception at the Exhibit Hall, combined with a cocktail hour, including a complimentary drink with Full Registration. Plan to stop by for some CE before heading out to dinner.

Joint Scientific Program/Residents Program Poster Session

Friday, October 10, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

Stop by for additional poster presentations given by your peers and optometry residents in this joint session featuring the Residents Program.

Residents Program Paper Sessions

Friday, October 10, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm and Saturday, October 11, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Come listen as 2025-26 residents present their Grand Rounds cases during this two part Residents Program paper session. Session details will be finalized in August 2025.

Abstract Submission Windows

You can present your research in Boston by submitting an abstract for the Scientific Program or Residents Program!

Scientific Program submissions will be open from May 1–May 31, 2025, at 5:00 pm ET. View abstract examples and submission guidelines [here](#).

Residents Program will open from August 1–August 15, 2025, at 5:00 pm ET for 2025-26 optometry residents. Learn more and see sample submissions [here](#).

CE Preview

Click the topic below to jump directly to the list of courses on the schedule for Academy 2025 Boston and start planning your meeting experience. Keep an eye out for the official Education Grid, to be released in July 2025.

CL	Contact Lenses	PH	Pharmacology
EJ	Ethics / Jurisprudence	PM	Practice Management
FV	Functional Vision / Pediatrics	PO	Peri-Operative Management of Ophthalmic Surgery
GL	Glaucoma	SD	Systemic Disease
GO	General Optometry	SE	Special Events
GR	Grand Rounds	SP	Surgery Procedures
IS	Injection Skills	SS	Section or SIG Symposium Including Diplomate Prep Courses
LP	Laser Procedures	TD (AS)	Treatment & Management of Ocular Disease: Anterior Segment
LV	Low Vision	TD (PS)	Treatment & Management of Ocular Disease: Posterior Segment
NO	Neuro-Optometry	WK	Workshop Separate registration and fee.
PB	Public Health		

Legend

- ACE** Academy Classroom Exchange Course
Separate registration and fee.
- CEE** Continuing Education with Examination
TQ – Available for attendees from required states: FL, IL.
- \$\$** Separate Registration and Fee Required

Advanced/Ophthalmic Procedures Laser and Surgery Course

Formerly the Academy's Clinical Procedures Skills Transfer Courses, sign up for this cutting-edge, multi-day program exploring all you need to know about lasers and surgical procedures. Additional fees apply. Read more on [page 46](#).

Wednesday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

OGS Symposium

Wednesday, 10:00 am–11:40 am

Plenary Session: Biologics in Eye Care: Therapeutic Applications, Clinical Considerations, and Category Evolution

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Carl Spear, OD, MBA, FAAO, Sarah Lopez, OD, FAAO, Dipl AAO,
Lucia Sobrin, MD, MPH, Shilpa Desai, MD

Biologics play an important role in the current evidence-based treatment of a variety of ophthalmic diseases, with new drugs and applications being regularly developed. Their use in other medical specialties has also increased, making the diagnosis and management of their ocular complications an important element of optometric practice. An overview of biologics and their possible side effects when prescribed systemically will be given. Subspecialist ophthalmologists will review the current uses and therapeutic shortcomings of ophthalmic biologics and share opinions on how their applications may evolve in the future.

Thursday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

Monroe J. Hirsch Symposium

Friday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

Academy Awards and the Prentice and Fry Lectures

Eligible for 1 hour of CE, must attend full 2 hours

Friday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

American Academy of Optometry and American Academy Ophthalmology Joint Symposium: Myopia Today and Tomorrow



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The Academy is a must for me – my highlight in continuing education and camaraderie with friends from all over the world.

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Wednesday, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

SS-01 Modern Lifestyles, Modern Challenges: Protecting Children's Systemic and Ocular Health in Today's World (Nutrition, Disease Prevention & Wellness SIG/Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry Section)

Marilyn Vricella, Ann Morrison, Phillip Yuhas, Lauren Fiechtner, David Bickham

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm

SS-02 Understanding Non-Glaucomatous Optic Neuropathies in Clinical Practice: A Collaborative Approach (Glaucoma Section)

Sarah MacIver, Andrew Rixon, Kelly Malloy, Mohammad Rafieetary, Donald Hood

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm

SS-16 Ophthalmic Lasers and Surgical Procedures Special Interest Group Symposium

Cliff Caudill, Ryan Kern, Alissa Coyne, Brandon Runyon

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm

SS-06 Novel Clinical Applications of Vision Tests (Vision Science Section)

Fuensanta Vera-Diaz, Andrew Carkeet, Nicole Ross, Peter Bex, Preeti Verghese, Corinna Bauer

Thursday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

SS-05 Bridging Perspectives: Advances in Diagnosis and Management of Adult Strabismus (Binocular Vision, Perception & Pediatric Optometry/Comprehensive Eye Care Sections)

Marjean Kulp, Sheela Kumaran, Jason Pergallo, Robert Tauscher, Ann Morrison, Alissa Coyne

Thursday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

SS-03 From the Trenches: Complex Cases at Academic Medical Centers (AMCO SIG)

Derek Louie, Sara Hitchman, Ellen Van Norman, Amanda Dieu

Thursday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

SS-04 Addressing the Impact of Myopia: Management Strategies and Access to Care in the United States (Myopia Management, ¡Salud! Latinx/Hispanic/Chicanx SIGs)

Shelby Johnson, Kevin Chan, Erin Tomiyama, Melissa Contreras

Thursday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

SS-08 Mental Health Considerations in Older Adults and Vision Impairment (Low Vision Section, Vision in Aging SIG)

Ashley Deemer, Jennifer Harnish, Dorothy Hutchinson, Jennifer Kaldenberg, Micaela Gobeille



Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

SS-10 Human Trafficking and its Covert Presentation in Optometric Practice: Hidden in Plain Sight (Public Health & Environmental Vision Section)

Lynn Greenspan, Deborah Getz, Donna Gavin, Jasmine Marino, Rachel Brackley

Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

SS-11 Mature Eyes, Modern World: International Strategies for Presbyopia (Cornea, Contact Lenses & Refractive Technologies Section)

James Wolffsohn, Cristina Schnider, Obinwanne Chukwuemeka, Renee Reeder

Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

SS-12 Shared Decision Making (SDM): Applications to Optometric Practice and Education (Optometric Education Section, Academic Optometry SIG)

Karen Sepucha, Leigh Simmons, Raymond Chu

Friday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

SS-13 Neurovascular Disorders and Vision (Neuro-ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry Section)

Kelsey Mileski, Patricia Modica, Joseph Rizzo, Lorella Battelli

Friday, 3:30 pm–5:30 pm

SS-14 When the Eye Mingles with Shingles – Advances in Zoster Eye Disease (Anterior Segment Section)

Christen Kenrick, Kathryn Colby, Thomas Dohlman

Friday, 3:30 pm–5:30 pm

SS-15 Vision for All: Promoting Health and Collaboration in Community Health Centers (Community Health Centers SIG)

Amy Moy, Gary Chu, Crystal Lewandowski, Michael Curry, Julie Le, Monica Bohra, Essence Johnson, Lindsey Tucker

Diplomate Prep Courses

Not Just for Diplomates!

Take advantage of the chance to learn from the best at the below educational events. Please be sure to register!

Anterior Segment Section

Thursday, October 9, 8:00 am–12:00 pm

Add to your Academy 2025

Boston registration – \$100.

- **Cracking the Code on Corneal Infections: From Diagnosis to Treatment**
Breanne McGhee
- **Anterior Segment Diplomate Cases: “What Would You Do?”**
Richard Weisenberger
- **Anterior Segment Jeopardy! 2025**
Christen Kenrick
- **Extreme Makeover Corneal Edition**
Sophia Leung

Wednesday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

CL-11 Finding Presbyopic Contact Lens Success

Erin Rueff

Wednesday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

CL-02 Rapid Fire: When Scleral Lenses Go Wrong

Cherie Nau, Muriel Schornack, Jennifer Harthan, Amy Nau

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

CL-03 HOA and Scleral Lenses: Measurement to Application

Alan Kwok, Chirag Patel

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

CL-04 The Lost Art of Corneal GP Fitting for Regular Corneas

ACE

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Susan Gromacki, Daniel Fuller

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

CL-05 Rapid Fire: From Surgery to Sight: Contact Lens Fitting after Ocular Surgery

Travis Pfeifer, Janna Pham, Matthew McGee, Valery Medina

Thursday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

CL-06 Be Regular When Fitting Irregular Corneas: A Clinical Grand Round

CEE

Clark Chang, Daniel Brazeau, Langis Michaud

Thursday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

CL-07 Rapid Fire: Data-Backed Practice Behaviors to Attract & Retain Patients

Susan Gromacki, Roxanne Achong-Coan, Shelby Brogdon

Thursday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

CL-08 Case-Based Approaches to Non-Conventional Scleral Lens Fitting

Roya Habibi, Sheila Morrison, Maria Walker

Thursday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

CL-09 To Surgery or to Scleral? A Medical and Refractive Approach to Treatment and Decision-Making

Roberto Saenz, Stephanie Tran

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

CL-10 This Is Why Your Sclerals Aren't Working

Jamie Kuzniar, Brooke Messer, Karen DeLoss

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Love this organization for bringing optometry together! My favorite part was seeing all my classmates again since graduation.

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Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

CL-01 OK for OK – Key Steps to Mastering Orthokeratology for Practitioners

Kevin Chan, Dave Kading

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

CL-12 Wavefront Guided Scleral Lenses

John Gelles

Friday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

CL-13 Go Big or Go Small: Scleral vs Corneal Lenses for Irregular Corneas

Dawn Lam, Britney Kitamata-Wong

Friday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

CL-14 The Art and Science of Scleral Lens Fitting: Pearls, Pitfalls and Best Practices

Tiffany Andrzejewski, Brooke Messer

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

CL-15 Rapid Fire: Drawing the Line in Specialty Contact Lenses

Langis Michaud, Patrick Simard, Jason Jedlicka, Gregory DeNaeyer

Friday, 2:30 pm–4:30 pm

CL-16 Manipulating the Myopia Control Signal Dosage for Each Individual Child

Patrick Caroline, Randy Kojima

Friday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

CL-17 Evaluating and Managing Pediatric Patients with Rigid Gas Permeable Lenses

ACE



Nathan Cheung

Friday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

CL-18 Not So Basic Corneal GP's

Andrea Lasby, Sheila Morrison

Saturday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

CL-19 Contact Lens Management of Infants with Aphakia: Evidence-Based Strategies and Case Discussions

Dawn Lam, Lauren Zabaleta

Saturday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

CL-20 When a Scleral Contact Lens Is Not the Best Choice

Marsha Malooley, Tiffany Andrzejewski



Saturday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

CL-25 Rapid Fire: Managing High Astigmatism: Exploring Contact Lens Options and Key Considerations

Elaine Chen, Abigail Gillogly Harsch, Carl Kramer, Nurit Wilkins

Saturday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

CL-22 Hold em or Fold them? The High Risk Stakes in Geriatric Patients and Contact Lenses

Jason Chin

Saturday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

CL-23 Eye-Conic Makeover: The Magic of Cosmetic Prosthetics

Vakishan Nadarajah, Celia Gong, Karen Molina

Saturday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

CL-24 No Child Left Behind: A Deep Dive into the Wonder World of Pediatric Scleral Lenses for Ocular Surface Disease

Karen Carrasquillo

Saturday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

CL-21 Pediatric Contact Lens – Specialty Fits Don't Have to be Scary

Yos Priestley, Chelsea Scriven



Thursday, 2:30 pm–4:30 pm

EJ-01 Prevention of Medical Errors

Joseph Sowka

Thursday, 4:30 pm–6:30 pm

EJ-02 Florida Jurisprudence

Joseph Sowka

Saturday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

EJ-03 Optometry in the Digital Age – Why Human Rights Matter

Sophia Capó, Wendy Wong



Wednesday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

GR-01 Ellerbrock Presents: Grand Rounds I

Heather Van Law, Kelsey Mileski, Rachael Canania

Wednesday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

GR-02 Ellerbrock Presents: Grand Rounds II

Jacqueline Theis, Jordan Gott, Lor Sildiryan

Thursday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

GR-03 Ellerbrock Presents: Grand Rounds III

Erin Draper, Sharon Keh, Joseph Kane

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

GR-04 Ellerbrock Presents: Grand Rounds IV

Daphne Chan, Jimmy Nguyen, Kiera Jeschke

Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

GR-05 Ellerbrock Presents: Grand Rounds V

Tracey Strombeck, Sean Dempsey, Colin Kane

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

GR-06 Ellerbrock Presents: Grand Rounds VI

Carol Yu, Samantha Rosen, Aaron Salzano

Saturday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

GR-07 Ellerbrock Presents: Grand Rounds VII

Karin Lypka, Kayla Karpuk, Alek Karthikeyan

Saturday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

GR-08 Ellerbrock Presents: Grand Rounds VIII

Jocelyn Daniel, Tina Zeng, Jennifer Simmonds



I am always impressed with the presenters at the Ellerbrock presentations. The quality is worth the trip in itself!



Wednesday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

FV-01 Rapid Fire: Pearls of Prism Prescribing

Aaron Salzano, Paula Luke, Matthew Truong

Wednesday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

FV-02 Congenital Cranial Nerve Palsy Impersonators: A Diagnostic Challenge

Anne Tasaki, Jennifer Fisher

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

FV-03 Rapid Fire: Optical Intervention for Non-strabismic Binocular Vision Disorders in a Primary Care Setting

Kristen Kerber, Nicole Quinn, Gayathri Srinivasan

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

FV-04 Evaluation and Management of Vertical Deviations

Kristine Huang, Angela Chen

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

FV-05 Binocular Outcomes in Pediatric Patients with Accommodative Esotropia

Christina Twardowski, Jennifer Qayum

Thursday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

FV-06 Clinical Presentations of Strabismus and Sensory Adaptations

Tim Hug

Thursday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

FV-07 My Patient Can't See! Diagnosis and Management of Visual Conversion Disorder or Psychogenic Amblyopia

Ann Morrison, Maureen Plaumann

Thursday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

FV-08 Strategies in Managing Dry Eye Disease in Children and Teenagers

Yi Pang, Jennifer Harthan

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

FV-09 Pediatric Anterior and Posterior Segment Cases – Enough Pearls to Make a Necklace

Nidhi Rana



Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

FV-10 Rapid Fire: Amblyopia...or Not?

Marie Bodack, Morgan Ollinger, Lor Sildiryan, Jessica Haynes

Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

FV-11 Diagnosis and Management of Aniseikonia ACE \$\$

Grace Brasel, Andrew Toole

Friday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

FV-12 Strabismus Hacks: Rapid-Fire Clinical Tips for Everyday Practice

Angela Chen, Susan Cotter

Friday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

FV-13 Advanced Amblyopia Management

Yi Pang, Kelly Frantz

Friday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

FV-14 High Tech Interventions in Sports Vision ACE \$\$

Richard Baird, Frederick Edmunds

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

FV-15 Rapid Fire: Esotropia in Adults: Assessment & Treatment

Michelle Buckland, Ann Morrison, Andrew Toole, Douglas Widmer

Friday, 2:30 pm–4:30 pm

FV-16 Intermittent Exotropia: Etiology, Diagnosis, Clinical Findings and Treatment CEE

Jeffrey Cooper

Friday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

FV-17 From Exam Room to Classroom: Applying Eye Exam Findings to Academic Performance and Learning

Aparna Raghuram

Saturday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

FV-18 Clinical Pearls and Recommendations for Examining the Neurodiverse Patient in Optometry/Ophthalmology Practice

Anna Maria Baglieri, Anna Kirillova

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This was my 29th consecutive Academy meeting, starting my first year in school. I love this meeting and have not missed one during my whole career.

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Saturday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

FV-19 Technology in the Vision Therapy Room

David Maze, Marc Taub

Saturday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

FV-20 Down's Syndrome: A Review of Ocular Associations and Their Management

Amy Waters

Saturday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

FV-21 The Role of Genetic Testing in Pediatric Eyecare

Abigail Witmer

Saturday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

FV-22 Common and Can't Miss Pediatric Cases for Swifties: Avoid Errors in the Pediatric Era

Yos Priestley, Chelsea Scriven

Saturday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

FV-23 Evidence-based Vision Screenings: A Practical and Data-driven Approach

Katie Connolly, Rachel Slater Whitt

Saturday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

FV-24 The Mispositioned Eyelid: Pediatric Rapid-Fire Cases

Madi Brown, Olivia Bass, Kristi Choy

Saturday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

**FV-25 What Do We Know about Myopia and its Control –
The International Myopia Institute White Papers, 2025**

James Wolffsohn, Elise Harb, Debbie Jones, Timothy Fricke



Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

GL-01 Exploring the Intersection of Glaucoma Management with Scleral Lens Wear

Gloria Chiu, Stephanie Tran

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

GL-02 25 Disk Hemorrhage Facts: An Evidence-Based Overview

Edward Chu

Wednesday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

GL-03 Hot Off the Press: Updates in Glaucoma Diagnosis and Treatment CEE

Mitchel Ibach, Jessica Steen

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

GL-04 Clinical Conundrums in Glaucoma: Navigating Diagnostic & Management Challenges

Danica Marrelli, Sarah MacIver

Thursday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

GL-05 Detecting and Understanding Glaucomatous Damage with Only OCT: An Old, but Novel Approach

Donald Hood, Michael Chaglasian, Emmanouil Tsamis

Thursday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

GL-06 Glaucoma Jigsaw: The Puzzling Elements of OCT Correlating Form and Function

Jennifer Turano, Emily Carr

Thursday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

GL-07 Rapid Fire: Not So Fast! When Glaucoma Isn't the Real Villain?

Elena Biffi, Daniel Bastian, Katherine Lynch

Thursday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

GL-08 Rapid Fire: Tackling Secondary Angle Closure Glaucoma

Pathik Amin, Lisa Young, Michael Sullivan-Mee

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

GL-09 Incorporating Corneal Hysteresis into Glaucoma Management

Bridget Hendricks



Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

GL-10 Controversies in Glaucoma

Daniel Epshtein, Anupam Laul

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

GL-11 The Trouble with Trauma: When Injury Turns into Glaucoma

Melissa Tawa

Friday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

GL-12 AI in Glaucoma: Could the Black Box Become the Silver Bullet?

Andrew Rixon, Derek MacDonald, Sarah MacIver, Michael Cymbor

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

GL-13 Cornea vs Glaucoma: Balancing Demands

Brooke Messer, Mitchel Ibach

Friday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

GL-14 OCT Interpretation of Optic Nerve Head and Retinal Nerve Fiber Layer Scans

Lee Vien, David Yang

Saturday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

GL-15 Rapid Fire: What's Your Angle? Clinical Utilization of Gonioscopy, UBM, and AS-OCT in Glaucoma

Pathik Amin, Andrew Rixon, Sarah MacIver, Andrew Di Mattina

Saturday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

GL-16 Looking Beyond the Cup: Peripapillary Changes in Glaucoma

Melissa Tawa



Wednesday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

GO-01 Rapid Fire: Decoding Disabilities: Pearls for Care Physical, Communicative, and Cognitive Disabilities

Caroline Marhefka, Jem Martin, Katherine Green

Wednesday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

GO-02 Debunking Nutrition Myths: Implications for Eye Health

Breanne McGhee

Wednesday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

GO-03 Integrating Strategies in Clinical Teaching for Enhanced Student Learning

ACE



Jameel Rizwana Hussaindeen, Babu Noushad Pilaparambil

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

GO-04 Rapid Fire: Pardon the InterOPTion: A 2025 Year in Review

Jacob Lang, Jaclyn Garlich, Mark Buboltz, Roya Habibi

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

GO-05 Enhancing Optometric Communication: Strategies for Patients Across the Lifespan and Diverse Communication Profiles

Todd Peabody, Erin Peabody

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

GO-06 Rapid Fire: The Impact of Sleep and Breathing on Ocular Health and Disease

Maria Walker, Diane Sayah, Melanie Frogozo, Kaitlyn Sapoznik

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

GO-07 Periocular Dermatitis: Diagnosis, Management, and Clinical Insight

Christopher Kuc, Justin Sherman

Wednesday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

GO-08 Clear Vision, Clouded Mind: Recreational Drug Use and the Eye

Benjamin Young

Wednesday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

GO-09 Low-Level Light Therapy: Navigating the Science and Applications of Photobiomodulation in Eye Care

Joseph Allen

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

GO-10 Visual Examination of the Preschool Child

Marietjie Richter

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

GO-11 Beyond the Exam: A Comprehensive Approach to Cultural Competence in Optometry

Mari Fujimoto, Breanne McGhee

Thursday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

GO-12 An Ounce of Prevention: Pre-Myopia and Delaying Myopia Onset

Mark Bullimore, Kate Gifford, Olga Prenat

Thursday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

GO-13 Frontiers in Eye Care: Innovations Shaping the Future of Optometry CEE

Justin Schweitzer, Selina McGee, Ian Gaddie

Thursday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

GO-14 Performing an Eye Exam in Spanish

ACE



Alexander Martin

Thursday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

GO-15 Implicit Bias in Health Care: How Optometrists Can Improve Patient Interactions by Understanding Implicit Bias

Bridget Hendricks, Janette Dumas Pepper

Thursday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

GO-16 Rapid Fire: Spectacle Lenses for Myopia Management

Debbie Jones, Jill Woods, Ashley Wallace-Tucker, Deborah Laughton

Thursday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

GO-17 Sight & Sound: Innovative Technologies & Practical Clinical Strategies for Patients with Hearing Loss

Rachelle Lin



Thursday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

GO-18 Leveraging Social Determinants of Health to Manage Complex Cases in Optometric Practice

Breanne McGhee, Essence Johnson, Jacobi Cleaver

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

GO-19 Cosmetic Eye Enhancements: The New CEE

Ruth Hyatt, Son Ho

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

GO-20 Invisible Impact of PFAS – Their Risk, Role, and Future in Eyecare

Kelsey Mileski

Thursday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

GO-32 Can Artificial Intelligence Really See What We See? The Truth About AI in Eyecare

Richard Maharaj, Claudine Courey

Friday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

GO-21 Detecting the Invisible: Simple Next-Level Primary Eye Care for Mild TBI/Concussion Patients

Ronald Gall, Ingryd Lotenzana

Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

GO-22 Rapid Fire: AI, SEO, and Social Media: The New Frontiers for the Evidence-Based Optometrist

Roberto Saenz, Carly Rose, Inna Lazar

Friday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

GO-23 Compelling Cases in Myopia Management



Kate Gifford, Jeanne Saw

Friday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

GO-24 Rapid Fire: Dry Eye Masqueraders

Mila Ioussifova, Hardeep Kataria, Ada Noh

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

GO-25 Rapid Fire: Inherited Retinal Diseases, IRL, A Case-Based Approach

Andrew Rixon, Jessica Haynes, Christopher Kuc, Rachel Steele

Friday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

GO-26 Play-By-Play: Sports Vision Through Video Analysis

Fraser Horn



Friday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

GO-27 Rapid Fire: Eyes on Parkinson's Disease: The Optometrist's Role in Diagnosis and Management

Debora Lee Chen, Jennifer Fisher, Angela Shahbazian

Saturday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

GO-28 How Glasses Could Mess Up a Perfectly Good Refraction

Rebecca Marinoff, Charlie Saccarelli

Saturday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

GO-29 Drawing the Needle: Blood Work and Laboratory Testing for the Eyecare Provider CEE

Matthew Bovenzi, Kamila Contento

Saturday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

GO-31 Perfect 10 – Ten Common Fixes of Myopia Management

Dave Kading, Kevin Chan

Saturday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

GO-30 A Stepwise Approach to Understanding and Prescribing Powerboost Lenses

Michelle Hoff, Isabel Kazemi

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IS

Injection Skills

Thursday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

IS-01 Clinical Uses of Botulinum Toxin and Hands-On Dosing **ACE** **\$\$**

Leonid Skorin, Bruce Onofrey

LP

Laser Procedures

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

LP-01 Laser Interventions in Open and Closed Angle Glaucoma

Komal Patel

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

LP-02 Not Another Laser Lecture: Novel and Advanced Uses of Ophthalmic Lasers

Andrew Steele

SP

Surgery Procedures

Thursday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

SP-01 LASIK Myths & Misconceptions: Separating Fact from Fiction on Risks and Results

Phillip Brunson, My Lan Nguyen

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

SP-02 Optometric Surgical Procedures **ACE** **\$\$**

Jason Duncan

Saturday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

SP-03 Managing Refractive Surgery Complications

Derek Cunningham



Wednesday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

LV-01 The Power is in Your Pocket

Bryan Wolynski

Wednesday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

LV-02 Shared Care of Young Patients with Visual Impairment: Comanaged Cases between a Pediatric & Vision Rehabilitation Optometrist

Denise Skiadopoulos, Tracy Matchinski

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

LV-03 Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about Telescopes but Were Afraid to Ask

Greg Hopkins, Curt Fritts-Davis

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

LV-04 Rapid Fire: Low Vision Grand Rounds

Micaela Gobeille, Rebecca Deffler, Alexis Malkin

Wednesday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

LV-05 Managing Basic Low Vision for the Primary Care Provider

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Shamroze Khan, Tammy Labreche

Thursday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

LV-06 Low Vision Technology Update 2025

Serena Sukhija, Rebekah Lin

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

LV-07 Lifelong Lessons in Difficult Conversations: What Ocular Disease Can Learn from Low Vision

Rebecca Deffler, Emily Humphreys

Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

LV-08 Artificial Intelligence for the Blind and Visually Impaired: A Guide on Apps, Head Borne Devices and More

Patrick Yoshinaga, Wayne Heidle

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

LV-09 (Testing for) The Intersection of Vision and Function

ACE



Jem Martin, Alexis Malkin

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

LV-10 RP Potpourri: Rehabilitative Strategies for the Many Flavors of Retinitis Pigmentosa

Joshua Robinson, David Simpson





Friday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

LV-11 Enhancing Driving Safety: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Driving Assessment

Parres Wright, Lydia Royeen, Susan Charnley

Friday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

LV-12 Evidence-Based Review of Dry AMD: Imaging and Evaluation of Emerging Treatments

Nicole Ross, David Ramsey

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

LV-13 Low Vision Billing, Coding, and Documentation: Staying Audit-Proof in Challenging Clinical Scenarios

Robert Chun

Friday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

LV-14 The Rehabilitation Intersection

Rebecca Marinoff, Serena Sukhija

Friday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

LV-15 Never Miss This: Diagnosis and Management of Rare Multisystem Disease

Tracy Matchinski, Frederick Collison, Kara Crumbliss

Friday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

LV-16 Seeing Beyond Vision: Social Determinants of Health in Low Vision

Alexis Malkin, Micaela Gobeille, Erica Steckert

Saturday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

LV-17 Navigating Low Vision in Glaucoma

Parres Wright, Pathik Amin

Saturday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

LV-18 Empowering Independence: Low Vision Management in Primary Care Optometry

Olga Whitman, Brenda Eckenrode, Amy Rebovich

Saturday, 12:00 pm–2:00 pm

LV-19 Post-stroke Optometric Rehabilitation: Where Functional Vision Meets Visual Function

CEE

Micaela Gobeille, Jem Martin, Katherine Green

Saturday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

LV-20 An Introduction to Wearable Video Magnifiers

Carlos Grandela



The best CE is always at the Academy. It is always something new that will change not only what I am doing today in my practice but also what I will do 5 and even 10 years from now.



Wednesday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

NO-01 Neuro-Ophthalmic Urgencies & Emergencies: An Inter-Disciplinary Approach

Joseph Kane, Rachel Druckenbrod, Jacob Rachlin, Vanesa Carlota Andreu Arasa

Wednesday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

NO-02 Clinical Manifestation of Orbital Disease – Subtle Signs That Should Not Be Missed **ACE** **\$\$**

Sweta Das

Wednesday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

NO-03 How to Triage Transient Vision Loss

Gleb Sukhovolskiy

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

NO-08 All Things Optic Neuritis **CEE**

Raman Bhakhri, Leonard Messner, Carlo Pelino

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

NO-05 Optic Neuropathy: The Benefits of Differing Perspectives

Andrew Meagher, Ashley Maglione

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm

NO-06 Optometric Role in the Diagnosis and Management of Headaches **CEE**

Patricia Modica

Thursday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

NO-07 Pediatric Neurology Grand Rounds

Lor Sildiryan

Thursday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

NO-04 Is it Real or No Big Deal? **CEE**

Kelly Malloy, Erin Draper, Ashley Maglione

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

NO-09 Optic Nerves, Big and Small

Marie Bodack, Andrew Di Mattina

Friday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

NO-10 Navigating the Terrain of Subtle Optic Nerve Anomalies for Primary Care Optometrists

Kuniyoshi Kanai



Friday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

NO-11 Rapid Fire: Acute Optic Neuropathies in Adults: Differentiating Non-arteritic Anterior Ischemic Optic Neuropathy From Those with Evidenced-based Treatments

Andrew Mick, Heather Jones, Sandra Harpster

Friday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

NO-12 Dizziness - Is It Coming from the Eyes? And If Not... Where Is It Coming From? CEE

Jacqueline Theis

Friday, 3:30 pm–5:30 pm

NO-13 Grand Rounds in Optic Neuropathies: “You’ve Got Some Nerve” CEE

Joseph Sowka

Saturday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

NO-14 What Our Service Members and Veterans Have Taught Us About Mild Traumatic Brain Injury: Ten Years Later

Sandra Fox

Saturday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

NO-15 Neuro vs Glaucoma: You Make the Call

Katherine Rachon, Walter Whitley, Joshua Black, Nora Cothran

Saturday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

NO-16 Acquired Vertical Deviations in the Primary Care Setting

Jennifer Fisher, Surbhi Bansal, Tyler Phan



Wednesday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

PH-01 Doctor, I'm Pregnant – Is This Drug Safe? Systemic Medications, from Peds to Pregnancy CEE

Bruce Onofrey

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–5:00 pm

PH-02 Practical Pain Management in Optometric Practice

Blair Lonsberry

Wednesday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

PH-03 Complications of Pharmaceuticals Every Optometrist Should Know! CEE

Greg Caldwell

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

PH-11 What ODs Need to Know about GLP1-RA Medications like Semaglutide and Tirzepatide

Stacy Hu

Thursday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

PH-05 Pediatric Pharmapalooza

Nidhi Rana

Thursday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

PH-06 UFOs: Unexpected Follow-up Outcomes: A Grand Rounds Series

Anne Mika Moy, Angela Shahbazian, Pam Satjawatcharaphong, Melanie Mason

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

PH-14 Hydroxychloroquine Toxicity: Cases and Conundrums

Samantha Polster

Friday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

PH-07 Ocular Side Effects of Systemic Medications CEE

Blair Lonsberry, Anthony DeWilde

Friday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

PH-08 GLP-1 RAs: Effects on the Body, Brain, and Eyes

Kaitlyn Sapoznik



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PH-09 Evolution of Medical Management of Ophthalmic Disease: A Neuro-Ophthalmologist's and Pharmacist's Perspective CEE

Leonid Skorin, Bruce Onofrey

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PH-10 I'm Going Off Label: Novel Therapeutic Applications in Managing Ocular Disease

Andrew Steele

Friday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

PH-04 Biologic Therapies In Eyecare

Jeffrey Varanelli, Nicholas Colatrella

Saturday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

PH-12 Biologic Agents for the Eye CEE

Greg Caldwell

Saturday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

PH-13 OTC Treatments for Allergic Conjunctivitis: What Every Optometrist Needs to Know

Milton Hom





Wednesday, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

PB-01 Beyond the Binary Update: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach to Equitable Eye Care

Alyssa Lancaster, Monica Nguyen, Julie Thompson

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

PB-02 Burnout Among Optometrists in the United States: Findings from a Nationwide Study

Kaleb Abbott, Neda Gioia

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

PB-03 Vision in Collaboration: Driving Positive Health Outcomes in Community Care

Angela Shahbazian, Tyler Phan, Christine Pham, Caroline Marhefka

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PB-04 Optimizing Optometry: Leveraging AI and Self-Care to Combat Burnout

Anthony DeWilde, Brianne Hobbs

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PB-05 Vision and Cognitive Health: Reducing Dementia Risk and Maintaining Independence in Older Adults

Mark Eltis, Christina Chen

Friday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

PB-06 Air Quality and Ocular Disease

Steven Quan

Saturday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

PB-07 Ecology and Optometry: A Unique Perspective on Ocular Parasites

Brianne Hobbs, Bethany Kunz

Saturday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

PB-08 Mistrust as a Clinical Concern

Matthew Pearce

Saturday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

PB-09 Mental Health in the Dry Eye Space

Rana Taji



Wednesday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

PM-01 Building Your Brand: Branding & Social Media Strategies for Healthcare Professionals

Joseph Allen

Wednesday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

PM-02 Trials and Tribulations: How to Bring Clinical Trials into your Optometric Practice

Sathi Maiti, Laura Periman

Thursday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

PM-03 Medical Gaslighting – Who It Hurts, and Why It's Happening

Joy Harewood, Cristen Adams

Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

PM-04 Optometric Telehealth: Where It Started, Where We Are, and What's Next

Rahim Bhaloo, Stephen Dellostritto, Thomas Wong



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PO-01 Care for the Cone: Perioperative Management of Keratoconus

Sydni Davis Farhat, Pierce Kenworthy

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

PO-02 Refractive Cataract Surgery: Patient Selection and Ocular Surface Optimization

Mitchel Ibach, Damon Dierker

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

PO-03 Update on Corneal Transplants Front to Back

Trevor Fosso

Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

PO-04 Rapid Fire: Advanced IOLs – The Quest for the Holy Grail

Rebecca Miller, Brett Mueller, Nicholas Bruns

Friday, 3:30 pm–5:30 pm

PO-05 The Boston See Party – A Collaborative Case-Based Discussion in Refractive Surgery CEE

Kyle Sandberg, Roberto Saenz, Taj Nasser

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PO-06 OD/MD Collaborative Care – Perioperative Management of Premium IOLs

Christen Kenrick, Richard Rodman

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PO-07 Corneal Surgery 101: The Who, How and What Guide

Avani Dave, Bitu Asghari, Brittany Yelle



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SD-01 Become a Syphilis Sleuth: Mastering History, Testing, and Staging

Brianne Hobbs, Erika Anderson

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SD-02 Ophthalmic Considerations in Anticancer Agents

Brittany Wright

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SD-16 Inadequate Flow to Make the Eye Go: Ocular Ischemic Syndrome and Beyond

Julie Tyler

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SD-04 Retinal Imaging in Hematological Disorders

Sherrol Reynolds

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SD-05 Beyond the Retina: Recognizing Syndromic Inherited Retinal Diseases Through Genetics & Systemic Clues

Rachelle Lin

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SD-06 Breathe In, Refer Out

Kelly Malloy

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SD-07 Front to Back: Looking for Life-threatening Signs and Symptoms that Can't Be Missed! CEE

Raman Bhakhri, Joseph Shovlin

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SD-08 The Mind's Eye: An Interdisciplinary Approach to Functional Vision Loss

Jennifer Turano, Neil Kaye

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SD-09 The Retina in Systemic Disease CEE

Steven Ferrucci, Carolyn Majcher, Mary Beth Yackey

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SD-10 The Retina Under Pressure: Unveiling the Impact of Hypertensive Retinopathy

Michael Cymbor

Thursday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

SD-11 Diseases in Disguise: Syphilis, Herpes, and Lyme

Julie Tyler

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SD-12 Diabetes Case Studies with an Eye to the Future CEE

Julie Rodman, A. Paul Chous

Friday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

SD-13 Rapid Fire: Ocular Oncology: Cases You Can't Afford to Miss!

Julia Canestraro, Harriette Canellos, Evan Canellos, Daniel Kowalsky Moskaliuk

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SD-14 Sleep Apnea and the Eye

Brad Sutton

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SD-15 The ABCs of Thyroid Eye Disease – Antibodies, Biologics, and Clinical Pearls

Greg Caldwell

Friday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

SD-03 Diabetes Update: What's New in 2025

Jeffrey Gerson, A. Paul Chous

Friday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

SD-17 Lutein for Eye and Brain Health

Jacqueline Theis

Saturday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

SD-18 Sjögren's Syndrome: Systemic Review and Ocular Management

Michael Lyons

Saturday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

SD-19 Autoimmune Eye Conditions: Case-Based Discussion from the Eyecare and Rheumatology Perspective

Brandon Runyon, Brandon Ko

Saturday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

SD-20 Multimodal Imaging in the Management of Ocular and Systemic Disease

Douglas Coon



Wednesday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

TD(AS)-25 Stress Management: The Evolving Role of Ocular Biomechanics in Keratoconus

Phillip Yuhas

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

TD(AS)-02 Pediatric Conjunctivitis

Christina Twardowski, Jennifer Qayum

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

TD(AS)-03 TFOS DEWS III: Evidence-Based Update on Dry Eye Disease

James Wolffsohn, Jennifer Craig, Lyndon Jones, Fiona Stapleton

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

TD(AS)-04 Don't Fall Behind: What's New in Dry Eye

Erin Rueff, Elaine Chen

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

TD(AS)-06 Anterior Segment Grand Rounds... With a Twist

Anne Mika Moy

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TD(AS)-07 Neurologic Dry Eye: What, like It's Hard? CEE

Jacqueline Theis

Thursday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

TD(AS)-08 Advances in Regenerative Medicine for the Ocular Surface

Pamela Theriot, Cecelia Koetting, Komal Madan

Thursday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

TD(AS)-05 Dry Eye Jeopardy – Part 3! ACE \$\$

Lisa Hornick, Melissa Barnett

Thursday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

TD(AS)-09 Unusual Corneal Infiltrates: Rare Infections of the Cornea

Joseph Shovlin

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

TD(AS)-10 Dry Eye – Where to Start?

Jaclyn Garlich, Jessilin Quint



“My experience at the Academy was more than I expected. I had heard a lot from previous attendees and had set expectations, but it was better than I imagined. It was a great experience, and I wish for every optometrist and student out there to experience this at least once. And oh, I became a Fellow to top it all. Great meeting!”

Thursday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

TD(AS)-11 Catching Cancer of the Anterior Segment Before It's Too Late

Pierce Kenworthy

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

TD(AS)-12 Essential Clinical Pearls for Managing Uveitis

Erich Hinel

Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

TD(AS)-13 The Ravages of the Herpes Group CEE

Joseph Shovlin, Paul Karpecki, Michael DePaolis

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

TD(AS)-14 Neurotrophic vs. Neuropathic Corneas: What Do I Do? ACE \$\$

Andrew McLeod, Amy Nau

Friday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

TD(AS)-15 Keratoconus and Its Imposters

William Tullo, Michelle Chung

Friday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

TD(AS)-16 Trick or Treat? Debating the Management of Hypertensive Uveitis

Sarah Lopez, Shreya Malli, Aysha Shafi

Friday, 4:30 pm–5:30 pm

TD(AS)-17 Comprehensive Management of Corneal Nerve Dysfunction

Ahmad Fahmy, Walt Whitley, Justin Schweitzer

Saturday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

TD(AS)-18 Helping Scars Fade: Innovations and Strategies in Corneal Scarring Management

Avani Dave, Steven Sorkin

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TD(AS)-19 Pediatric Ocular Disease: Common Pediatrician Referrals

Adam Peiffer



Saturday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

TD(AS)-20 Rapid Fire: Pediatric Uveitis

Simran Brar, Tracey Strombeck, Edward Randerson

Saturday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

TD(AS)-21 Eyelid Lesions: Relax or Refer

Blair Lonsberry

Saturday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

TD(AS)-22 Pediatric Glaucoma

Samantha Rosen

Saturday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

**TD(AS)-01 Rethinking Meibomian Gland Dysfunction as a
Sebaceous Gland Disorder**

Kaleb Abbott

Saturday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

**TD(AS)-24 Keratoconus: Updates on Mental Health, Quality of
Life, and Cost-Effective Interventions**

Abigail Menner, Stephanie Pisano

Saturday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

**TD(AS)-23 A Comparative Analysis between Developed and
Developing Countries**

Grace Ogbonna



Wednesday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

TD(PS)-01 OCT: The Optometrist's MREye

Brad Sutton

Wednesday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

TD(PS)-02 From Eyelid to Retina: A Spectrum of Ocular Trauma

Komal Patel

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

TD(PS)-03 OCT Angiography Bootcamp

Daniel Epshtein, Sarah Gleason

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

TD(PS)-04 Retina OCT Interpretation for Beginners ACE \$\$

Samantha Polster

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

TD(PS)-05 Things That Go “Bump” in the Retina

Melissa Tawa, Jessica Yuen, Betty Ng, Emily Stephey

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

TD(PS)-06 Ocular Disease Jeopardy ACE \$\$

Marcus Gonzales, Andrew Kemp

Wednesday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

TD(PS)-07 Rapid Fire: The Use of Multimodal Imaging for Retinal Disease

Julie Rodman, Carolyn Majcher, Daniel Epshtein, Jessica Haynes

Wednesday, 4:00 pm–5:00 pm

TD(PS)-08 Intravitreal Injections: Can They Treat Everything?

Leonid Skorin

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

TD(PS)-09 Retinopathy of Prematurity: Bi-Phasic Clinical Pathogenesis, Global Trends and Treatment Updates

Olachi Mezu-Ndubuisi

Thursday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

TD(PS)-12 Level Up Your OCT Interpretation ACE \$\$

Emily Stephey



Thursday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

TD(PS)-10 Retinal Toxicity Secondary to Systemic Drugs: Indications, Mechanisms, Patterns of Toxicity, and Management

Michael Habib, Kevin Shahnazi

Thursday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

TD(PS)-11 Applications of Enhanced Depth Imaging (EDI) OCT

Sherrol Reynolds

Thursday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm

TD(PS)-13 Intravitreal Injections: What We Must Know

Jay Haynie

Thursday, 6:30 pm–7:30 pm

TD(PS)-14 Comprehensive Retinal Venous Occlusive Disease: More Than Meets the Eye

Carolyn Majcher, Komal Patel

Friday, 8:00 am–9:00 am

TD(PS)-21 Optogenetic Therapies for Retinal Degenerative Diseases – Clinical Developments and Updates

Jeffrey Gerson

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

TD(PS)-22 Pediatric Retinal Tumors: Retinoblastoma and Simulating Lesions

Aaron Gold, Carlo Pelino

Friday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

TD(PS)-24 Rapid Fire: Retina Special Interest Group Grand Rounds

Barbara Mihalik, Mohammad Rafieetary, Rachel Steele, Roya Attar

Friday, 1:30 pm–2:30 pm

TD(PS)-17 Seeing Through the Years: New Approaches to Managing Age-Related Eye Conditions with Confidence

Roya Attar, Pamela Theriot

Friday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

TD(PS)-18 Retinal OCT Biomarkers: Established and Emerging

Kaitlyn Sapoznik

“This was my first Academy experience. The lectures alone made it worth attending; seeing old friends made it a must attend event.”

Friday, 2:30 pm–3:30 pm

TD(PS)-19 Breaking Down the Genetics of Inherited and Acquired Retinal Disease

Anna Bedwell, Brad Sutton, Larissa Krenk

Saturday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

TD(PS)-20 Optimizing Glaucoma Care: Managing the Comorbidities

CEE

Jessica Steen

Saturday, 11:00 am–12:00 pm

TD(PS)-25 From Bad to Worse: Established and Emerging Imaging Biomarkers in Age-related Macular Degeneration

Derek MacDonald, Ethan Wohlgemuth

Saturday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

TD(PS)-23 Utilization of Fundus Autofluorescence in Clinical Practice

Mohammad Rafieetary

Saturday, 1:00 pm–2:00 pm

TD(PS)-16 The Pachychoroid Spectrum: Beyond Central Serous

Matthew Bovenzi

Saturday, 2:00 pm–3:00 pm

TD(PS)-26 Multidisciplinary Approach to Managing Cystoid Macular Edema

Alexander Martin, Elena Biffi





All workshops require pre-registration and will cost \$50 per credit hour unless otherwise noted.

Wednesday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

WK-01 Medical Spanish for Optometric Care: Diabetic Retinopathy Essentials

Damaris Raymondi

Wednesday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

WK-02 Fielding Cranial Nerve II Lesions – Tools for Assessing Afferent Abnormalities

Elizabeth Marunde, Kelly Malloy, Erin Draper, Ashley Maglione, Kiera Jeschke

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–3:00 pm

WK-03 Sutureless Amniotic Membranes: How to Properly Insert and Remove Them

Nicholas Colatrella, Jeffrey Varanelli, Stacy Hinkemeyer, Jeanette Varanelli

Wednesday, 1:00 pm–4:00 pm

WK-04 Beyond the Surface: Evaluation and Treatment of Visual Information Processing Skills in Patients with Acquired Brain Injury

Surbhi Bansal, Silvia Han, Jennifer Fisher

Wednesday, 2:00 pm–4:00 pm

WK-05 Treating Dry Eye with Intense Pulsed Light (IPL) and Radio Frequency (RF)

Andrew McLeod, Amy Nau

Thursday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

WK-06 Injectable Medications in Primary Eyecare Workshop

Andrew Rixon, Jason Duncan, Michael Dorkowski, Catherine Hogan, Jennifer Sanderson

Thursday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

WK-07 New Testing and Treatments for Dry Eye Disease Workshop

Lisa Hornick, Ada Noh, Mila Ioussifova, Cory Lappin, Sathi Maiti

Thursday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

WK-08 Foreign Body Removal Workshop

Walter Potaznick, Irwin Shwom, Elena Biffi

Thursday, 1:30 pm–4:30 pm

WK-09 The Art and Science of Fitting Gas Permeable Scleral Contact Lenses

Stephen Byrnes, Ronald Watanabe, Josh Lotoczky



The Academy meeting is THE standard for excellent CE. Getting industry best CE from well-respected presenters in great meeting locations is hard to beat.



Thursday, 1:30 pm–4:30 pm

WK-10 Dilation and Irrigation and Punctal Plug Drug Delivery Systems and Adjunctive Treatment for Dry Eye

Walter Potaznick, Irwin Shwom, Jeffrey Ho

Thursday, 2:30 pm–4:30 pm

WK-11 Brain Injury Vision Dysfunction Diagnosis and Management for the Primary Eye Care Provider

Geeta Girdher, Chuan Hu, Megan Hueske, Joseph Rispoli, Jacqueline Theis

Friday, 8:00 am–11:00 am

WK-12 Dizziness: Is It Your Eyes or Your Ears? Interprofessional Management with Physical Therapy

Abby Wicks, Tyler Phan, Stephen Vandenberg

Friday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

WK-13 Gonioscopy: Practicing Skills and Analyzing Images

Kelly Thompson, Amila Herbert, Hye Seon Yoo

Friday, 10:00 am–12:00 pm

WK-14 Advanced Strategies in Ocular Surface Disease Management: Intense Pulsed Light Therapy, Radio Frequency, and Nasolacrimal Lavage

Anna Tichenor, Hin Cheung, Kaleb Abbott

Friday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

WK-15 Student Bootcamp for Ocular Surface Disease Procedures and Techniques

Anna Tichenor, Hin Cheung, Kaleb Abbott, Ellie Crossman

Available to student and resident registrants only, learn more on [page 51](#)

Friday, 1:30 pm–4:30 pm

WK-16 Vision Therapy for Binocular Vision Disorders

Angela Chen, Kristine Huang, Silvia Han, Surbhi Bansal

Friday, 2:30 pm–4:30 pm

WK-17 Optometric Surgical Procedures Workshop

Jason Duncan, Catherine Hogan, Jacqueline Fiddler



Saturday, 8:00 am–10:00 am

WK-18 Field Expansion with Magnetic Clip-On Multiplexing Prism (MxP) For Monocular Patients and Patients with Bitemporal Hemianopia

Eliezer Peli

Saturday, 9:00 am–11:00 am

WK-19 Suturing Workshop for Optometrists

Mark Sawamura, Judy Tong

Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

WK-20 Examining Infants and Toddlers in a Primary Care Setting

Reena Patel

New! Beyond Vision: Blurring the Lines – The Art and Science of Aesthetics in Optometry

Saturday, October 11, 8:00 am–12:00 pm

Selina McGee, Aubry Tackett

This new workshop will feature two hours of lecture and two hours of labs. Space is limited, so be sure to sign up when you register online!

Pricing

Member: \$250

Nonmember: \$300



Advanced Ophthalmic Procedures Laser and Surgery Course

The Academy is pleased to offer the innovative laser and surgery courses once again in Boston! The program is divided into two 2-day parts: surgical procedures and laser procedures. Attendees may choose to complete one or both of the courses and will receive a certificate of completion in addition to COPE-accredited CE.

Pricing

Member:	\$1,000 for one course	\$1,500 for both
Nonmember:	\$1,250 for one course	\$1,750 for both

Participants must be registered for Academy 2025 Boston under the Full Registration category. These sessions must be purchased as an add-on during online registration. Seating is limited and registration is first come, first served.



Surgical Procedures

Wednesday and Thursday, October 8-9 | 16 CE hours

- **Intro to Optometric Surgery, Consents, Ophthalmic Surgical Instruments, Asepsis** – Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO
- **Review of Surgical Anatomy of the Ocular Adnexa & Eyelids** – Jeff Miller, OD, FAAO
- **Eyelid Lesions: A Thorough Overview** – Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO
- **Office-based Local Anesthesia** – Jeff Miller, OD, FAAO
- **Radio Frequency Surgery & Lesion Removal in Optometric Practice** – Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO
- **Intense Pulsed Light Therapy (IPL) in Optometric Practice** – Komal Patel, OD, FAAO
- **Chalazion Management & Botox Applications** – Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO
- **Video Grand Rounds & Surgical Concepts** – Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO
- **Intro to Suturing** – Komal Patel, OD, FAAO, and Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO
- **Suture Techniques Lab** – Drs. Patel, Lighthizer, Miller, Whittle, Caudill, and Kern
 - **Lab Rotations: Injection Techniques/Botox, Eyelid Lesion Removal Techniques, and Intense Pulsed Light (IPL)/Crosslinking Debridement**

Advanced Ophthalmic Procedures Laser and Surgery Course

Laser Procedures

Friday and Saturday, October 10–11 | 16 CE hours

- **Laser Physics, Hazards & Safety** – Neal Whittle, OD
- **Laser Tissue Interactions** – Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO
- **Clinical Workshops: Intro to Therapeutic Lasers** – Drs. Lighthizer, Miller, Whittle, Patel, Kern, Hall & Caudill
- **Gonioscopy: How to Interpret What You Are Seeing** – Neal Whittle, OD
- **Laser Therapy for the Open Angle Glaucomas: ALT & SLT** – Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO
- **Laser Therapy in Narrow Angles/Angle Closure: LPI & ALPI** – Jeff Miller, OD, FAAO
- **YAG Laser Capsulotomy & Managing Laser Complications** – Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO, and Komal Patel, OD, FAAO
- **Medicolegal Aspects of Anterior Segment Laser Procedures: Panel Discussion** – Drs. Lighthizer, Miller, Whittle, Patel, Caudill, Kern and Hall
- **Lab Rotations** – Drs. Patel, Hall, Miller, Kern, Whittle, Lighthizer, Caudill
 - **YAG Capsulotomy, Laser Peripheral Iridotomy, Gonioscopy & Laser Lenses, Laser Trabeculoplasty: ALT & SLT**
- **Review and Final Exam** – Nate Lighthizer, OD, FAAO



Special Events

Fellows Business Meeting

Wednesday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Fellows, please join the Board of Directors to hear news and updates on Academy business over lunch.

Academy Honors: Celebrating Excellence

Sponsored by **abbvie**

Thursday, 6:30 pm–9:00 pm

Formerly known as the Leadership & Legacy Celebration, the Academy welcomes all Fellows to this special celebration on its new night, Thursday, October 9 – no ticket required. Kicking off from 6:30 pm–7:30 pm, join us over drinks and hors d'oeuvres to welcome the new Fellows of the American Academy of Optometry who pass their oral exam at Academy 2025 Boston.

Directly following the New Fellows Reception hour at 7:30 pm, we'll begin a brief dinner program with drinks and delicious food stations honoring the new Fellows and Diplomates, past leaders, and the newest inductees to the Academy Hall of Fame.



Alumni Receptions

Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

Come network and mingle with colleagues from your alma mater during our Alumni Receptions! A full list of participating schools and colleagues will be available in the Academy.25 app this fall.

International Reception

Friday, 7:00 pm–9:00 pm

This special event celebrates Academy 2025 Boston's international attendees. Join us for an evening of cultural exchange, hors d'oeuvres, cocktails, and camaraderie. RSVP required.



Academy Party

Friday, 9:00 pm–12:00 am

After the Alumni Receptions end, bring your school spirit to the Academy Party for our first annual Spirit Showdown! Come dressed to impress in your school gear and colors to compete for the 2025 Academy Spirit Award. Dance the night away with our DJ and enjoy drinks and small bites to close out Friday evening.

Closing Reception

Saturday, 4:00 pm–5:30 pm

Close out another wonderful Academy meeting and look forward to Academy 2026 Anaheim with your friends and colleagues at the Closing Reception.

Student and Resident Events & Programs

Resident Kick-off Lunch

Sponsored by **Johnson&Johnson**

Wednesday, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

All 2024-25 and 2025-26 residents are invited to attend this special lunch hosted by the Residents Program Committee. Learn about the Academy, the meeting, and much more, and enter to win Academy swag not available elsewhere. Be sure to pre-register for this event when you register online.

Fellowship Information Session

Wednesday, 3:00 pm–4:00 pm

Students and residents, join the Membership and Admittance Committees for this detailed session on the Academy and the process of becoming a Fellow (FAAO!).

Student Welcome Reception

Sponsored by **EssilorLuxottica**

Wednesday, 7:30 pm–9:30 pm; Convention Center, The Lawn on D

Don't miss out on the opportunity to brighten your optometry career while taking in all the energy at South Boston's most vibrant and innovative space! Bring your friends and shine together while you network with fellow optometry students and explore the possibilities ahead. Enjoy a variety of savory snacks and refreshing beverages during this illuminating evening. This is a night you definitely won't want to miss!

Young ODs Reception

Sponsored by **ZEISS**

Wednesday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm; Westin, Grand A

If you're an optometrist in practice for 0-7 years, this is your chance to connect, unwind, and test your knowledge in a fun and engaging setting. Enjoy appetizers, cocktails, and exciting prizes while competing in ZEISS' interactive "Jeopard-Eye" game, an optometry-themed twist on the classic quiz show! Don't miss this opportunity to network with peers, challenge yourself, and experience ZEISS' commitment to supporting the next generation of ODs.

VSP Resident Reception

Sponsored by **vsp vision**

Wednesday, 8:00 pm–10:00 pm; Westin, Marina Ballroom

Join your fellow optometric residents for an evening of networking, career exploration, and fun at the VSP Resident Reception. Enjoy light snacks and beverages while engaging with VSP Vision representatives to learn about exciting OD employment opportunities. Whether you're looking to explore career paths, make valuable connections, or simply unwind with colleagues, this reception is the perfect place to do it all.

Student and Resident Events & Programs

Student Education Event

Sponsored by **EssilorLuxottica**

Thursday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm; Convention Center, Ballroom East

Join EssilorLuxottica for this special lunch event designed to help you plan for and elevate your future.

Resident Practitioner Reception

Sponsored by **abbvie**

Thursday, 5:00 pm–6:30 pm; Westin, Harbor 1

Join AbbVie for an exclusive opportunity to connect with fellow residents and practitioners, exchange insights, and expand your professional network. Engage in meaningful conversations, explore resident programs, and build relationships that will shape your career. Don't miss this dynamic event designed to support your growth and success in the field!

EssilorLuxottica Academic Challenge

Sponsored by **EssilorLuxottica**

Thursday, 7:30 pm–11:30 pm; offsite at Big Night Live

Join us for the EssilorLuxottica Academic Challenge (ELAC), a team competition among all the optometric schools in the United States and Canada! Available to all students attending Academy 2025 Boston, the ELAC pits three students from each school against other schools in an interactive quiz that covers all levels of optometric education, culminates with a champion being crowned, and provides a strong learning experience for everyone who attends.

Student Exhibit Hall Hour

Friday, 9:00 am–10:00 am

Grab a free cup of coffee and take advantage of Student Focus Hour! This dedicated time allows students to explore the exhibit hall, connect with companies, and discover the latest innovations in eye care. Don't miss this unique opportunity to engage with industry leaders and learn about cutting-edge products and technology!

Case Report Workshop

Friday, 10:00 am–11:00 am

Interested in becoming a Fellow? Join the Admittance Committee for this informative workshop with Q&A all about case report writing for Fellowship! Bring your specific questions and take advantage of this opportunity to prepare for the application process.

Become a Student Fellow!

The [Student Fellowship program](#) is an opportunity for students to engage in advanced knowledge and technology through lectures, workshops, posters, events, and more. Successful participants will earn complimentary student registration for Academy 2026 Anaheim! More information will be available summer 2025.

Student and Resident Events & Programs

Residency and Graduate Program Fair

Friday, 11:30 am–1:00 pm

Students, enjoy lunch and networking with representatives from residency and graduate programs in North America. Start planning your next steps post-graduation and learn about opportunities available to you.

New! Student Bootcamp for Ocular Surface Disease Procedures and Techniques

Friday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

This workshop will teach students procedures/techniques useful in the treatment and management of dry eye patients: intense pulsed light therapy (IPL), radio frequency (RF), nasolacrimal lavage, and meibomian gland expression and eyelid debridement. Students will learn the mechanisms behind IPL and RF, protocols for dry eye and rosacea, and learn how to effectively perform meibomian gland expression and eyelid debridement. Students will learn how to select patients, review side effects, indications for nasolacrimal lavage, and build their confidence in using these therapies and techniques.

Space is limited and available on a first come, first served basis. Pre-registration is required—be sure to add this workshop to your online Academy 2025 Boston registration!

Joint Scientific Program/Residents Program Poster Presentations

Friday, 1:30 pm–3:30 pm

Stop by to hear presentations from the Scientific Program and Residents Program while earning CE in 15-minute increments.

Residents Program Paper Sessions

Friday, 3:30 pm–4:30 pm and Saturday, 9:00 am–12:00 pm

Tune in to support residents presenting their grand rounds cases during this special paper session.

Volunteers Needed!

Students and residents will have a chance to serve as room monitors during Academy 2025 Boston. This is a great opportunity to fulfill one of the Student Fellowship requirements, earn CE credits, and get involved with the Academy. Keep an eye out for additional information from the Education team in the coming months.

EssilorLuxottica Student Lounge

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Booth #1417 – Exhibit Hall

Stop by the Student Lounge during exhibit hall hours!
More information will be available in the coming months.

Merton C. Flom Leadership Academy

The Merton C. Flom Leadership Academy is a year-long training program that provides a framework and platform for leaders in optometry to learn from each other and hone their leadership skills for professional development.

The program kicks off with a live, in-person course called, “Know Yourself: Foundations for Effective Leadership,” which is held during Academy 2025 Boston. Participants will then work through eight different virtual modules throughout the year, meeting with expert faculty and colleagues every 4-6 weeks for live activities and discussion sessions. The program culminates in a Capstone Celebration at Academy 2026 Anaheim to honor the new graduates of the program and welcome them to an exciting Leadership Community in the Academy.

Watch the video below from the program organizers to learn about what you’ll take away from this interactive and enriching program.

This innovative series will be available exclusively to Fellows. The application window is open May 15–July 15, 2025, 5:00 pm ET. This year-round program will be \$195 for those selected.

Continuing throughout 2026, the Leadership Academy will offer eight learning modules focusing on:

- Principles of Effective Leadership I
- Principles of Effective Leadership II
- Embracing Diversity in Leadership
- Effective Communication in Leadership
- Leader’s Guide to Productive Meetings
- Public Speaking for Leaders
- Writing Skills for Leaders
- Mentorship: Present and Future Leaders



Exhibit Hall

Hours

Wednesday, October 8

5:00 pm–7:30 pm – Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception

Thursday, October 9

10:00 am–6:30 pm

11:30 am–1:30 pm – Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

4:30 pm–6:30 pm – Attendee Reception

Friday, October 10

9:00 am–3:00 pm

9:00 am–10:00 am – Student Focus Hour

11:30 am–1:30 pm – Lunch in the Exhibit Hall



Hall Events

Exhibit Hall Welcome Reception

Wednesday, October 8, 5:00 pm–7:30 pm

Kick Off Academy 2025 Boston! Be part of the excitement as we officially open the Exhibit Hall at Academy 2025 Boston. With 150+ leading companies in optometry, cutting-edge innovations, and a bustling atmosphere, this is your first chance to explore the latest advancements in eye care. Enjoy delicious hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary drink ticket (for full registrants) while networking with colleagues and exhibitors. Don't miss this energetic start to the exhibit experience!

New! Sip & Stroll: Coffee in the Exhibit Hall

Thursday, October 9, 10:00 am–11:00 am

Grab a coffee in the Exhibit Hall and recharge while exploring the exhibits. Enjoy complimentary coffee while supplies last. Don't miss this perfect pick-me-up to fuel your day at Academy 2025 Boston!



Exhibit Hall



Attendee Reception

Thursday, October 9, 4:30 pm–6:30 pm

After a full day at Academy 2025 Boston, join us in the Exhibit Hall for an evening of conversation, exploration, and relaxation. Engage with 150+ top optometry companies, catch up with colleagues, and take in the exciting exhibits all while enjoying hors d'oeuvres and a complimentary drink (for full registrants).

Whether you're continuing discussions from the day or making new connections, this reception offers the perfect setting to socialize, recharge, and experience the energy of the conference. Don't miss it!

Student Focus Hour

Friday, October 10, 9:00 am–10:00 am

Take advantage of Student Focus Hour! This dedicated time allows students to explore the exhibit hall, connect with companies, and discover the latest innovations in eye care. Don't miss this unique opportunity to engage with industry leaders and learn about cutting-edge products and technology!

New! Sip & Stroll: Coffee in the Exhibit Hall

Friday, October 10, 9:30 am–11:00 am

Grab a coffee in the Exhibit Hall and recharge while exploring the exhibits. Enjoy complimentary coffee while supplies last. Don't miss this perfect pick-me-up to fuel your day at Academy 2025 Boston!





BOOTH #1106



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Visit the **American Academy of Optometry Membership Booth** to learn about becoming a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO)! Come learn about the process, speak to experienced Fellows, and, as an added bonus, **new applicants will receive a \$60 application fee waiver** for stopping by.

Booth 1106

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Sponsored Meals

At Academy 2025 Boston, we're offering more opportunities than ever to explore the latest in optometry while enjoying a meal. Join a sponsored session to hear from leading companies in optometry as they share cutting-edge advancements in the field. Conveniently located near education rooms in the convention center, these sessions make it easy to grab a bite and gain valuable insights between courses.

Industry Innovation Lunch & Learn Sessions

One-hour presentations offered daily from top leading companies in optometry, featuring the latest advancements and insights.

- Wednesday, October 8, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm
- Thursday, October 9, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm
- Friday, October 10, 12:00 pm–1:00 pm

Academy Breakfast Talks

Start your day with a 45-minute presentation from industry leaders, paired with a delicious morning meal.

- Thursday, October 9, 8:00 am–8:45 am
- Friday, October 10, 8:00 am–8:45 am

New! Evening Industry Insights Sessions

A brand-new offering! These special evening events feature sponsors showcasing cutting-edge innovations in optometry. Scheduled just before Evening CE begins, they provide a convenient lead-in to your evening education sessions.

- Wednesday, October 8, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm
- Thursday, October 9, 5:30 pm–6:30 pm

With more options than ever and easy access near your education sessions, don't miss these engaging and informative events!



Academy 2025 Boston Hotels

The Academy has contracted with several hotels to offer attendees conference rates in hotels near the convention center. Upon completion of registration, you will receive a link to book your room at the contracted hotel of your choice. For assistance booking a hotel (registration required prior to calling) please call Orchid Events at 1-866-365-1113 (International: +1-385-766-1649).

Westin Boston Seaport (Headquarters)

425 Summer St, Boston, MA 02210

\$396/night

Omni Boston Hotel at the Seaport

450 Summer St, Boston, MA 02210

\$359/night

Aloft Boston Seaport District

401-403 D St, Boston, MA 02210

\$289/night

Renaissance Boston Seaport Hotel

606 Congress St, Boston, MA 02210

\$359/night

Hampton Inn Boston Seaport District

670 Summer St, Boston, MA 02210

\$302/night | Student Rate: \$249/night



Seaport Hotel Boston

1 Seaport Ln, Boston, MA 02210

\$376/night

Element Boston Seaport District

391-395 D St, Boston, MA 02210

\$324/night

Yotel Boston

65 Seaport Blvd, Boston, MA 02210

\$329/night

Hyatt Place Boston/Seaport District

295 Northern Ave, Boston, MA 02210

\$359/night

Boston Highlights

The Academy is no stranger to Boston and we're looking forward to being back in this vibrant city that seamlessly blends historic charm with modern innovation. Here is a sampling of some of the exciting activities to take advantage of while you're in town for Academy 2025 Boston.



Bites of Boston Food Tours

Our walking food tours provide a unique opportunity for you to experience local flavors while gaining insight into the historical, architectural, and cultural components of the city. Our goal is to provide both a fun and filling experience as we walk – and eat – our way through Boston's most scenic, historic and delicious neighborhoods.

Boston CityView Trolley Tours

CITYVIEW offers you the best of historic Boston and The Freedom Trail! Fully narrated sightseeing by live tour guides. Hop on and off, see the sights, hear the history! You'll enjoy our comfortable, padded seats, and our trolleys are all-weather. Buy online and save up to \$10 per person.

Boston Ghosts

This entertaining, informative, and engaging walking ghost tour will take you to multiple haunted and historic locations, where your experienced local tour guide and haunted history expert will tell you of the hauntings that persist at iconic buildings surrounding Boston's historic district.

Boston Harbor City Cruises

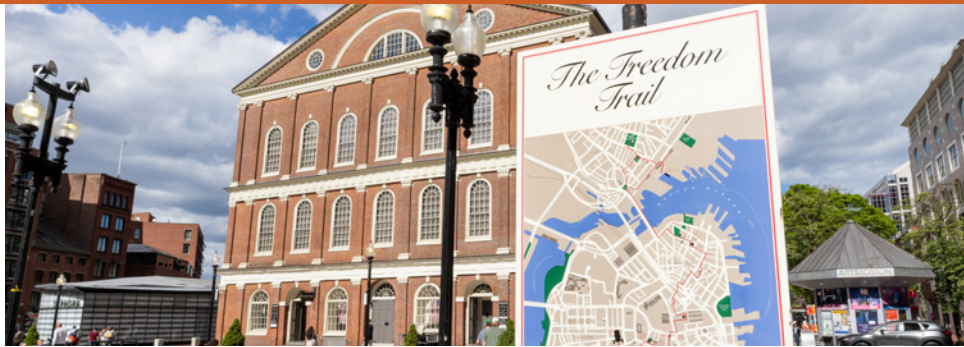
Corporate cruises, private functions, whale watching, Cape Cod fast ferry, sightseeing cruises, Codzilla and more. There are several offerings available for all interests the week of the Academy meeting.



Boston Red Sox Fenway Park Tours

Visit Fenway Park, "America's Most Beloved Ballpark," nestled in the city of Boston and visited by fans from around the world. Fenway Park is a place where dreams are made, traditions are celebrated and baseball is forever. See the home of Red Sox Legends, Williams, Yaz, Fisk and Rice. Visit Pesky's Pole and sit atop the fabled Green Monster 37 feet 2 inches high above deep leftfield. Our tour guides will provide a thrilling, one hour, walking tour of Fenway Park.

Boston Highlights



Official Freedom Trail Tours®

Boston's official Freedom Trail tours! Walk through history along the iconic Freedom Trail – the 2.5 mile red line leading to 16 revolutionary historic sites-and experience more than 250 years of history on fun, entertaining tours led by 18th-century costumed guides.

Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum

Boston Tea Party Ships & Museum is a new, spectacular venue located on the Fort Point Channel with 360-degree views of the beautiful Boston Harbor and the surrounding cityscape. This multi-sensory experience includes live actors, interactive exhibits, and full-scale replica 18th century sailing vessels.

View Boston

View Boston is a 360 taste of the city, offering breathtaking indoor and outdoor views atop one of Boston's most iconic buildings. Whether discovering famed landmarks and coveted hidden gems or meeting friends for a sunset cocktail, your unforgettable Bostonian experience begins here.

Harpoon Brewery

With license 001, Harpoon Brewery is Massachusetts' original brewery. Come explore the history of Boston over craft beer made on-site and our soft pretzels. Located on Boston's waterfront, Harpoon Brewery is New England's largest brewer of specialty beers. Get a behind the scenes look on one of our tours.



Museum of Fine Arts, Boston

The Museum of Fine Arts, Boston is one of the world's great art museums with masterpieces from around the world and across the ages, including more Monets than any museum outside of Paris, an unrivaled Japanese art collection, treasures from Egypt and the ancient world, and American art from colonial to modern times. At every turn, travel to a time and a place that will inform, enlighten, and inspire.



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