

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21

9:00am Dr. Bruce Bridgewater Memorial Golf Tournament at Sedona Golf Resort

12-5pm Registration (please note that registration doesn't open until 12pm)

1-2pm Treating the Post Concussion Patient/Webb/94483-FV

Whether from car crashes, sports, or falls, the number of patients suffering from concussions is higher than ever. 100% of concussion patients have some level of ocular/visual defect. As Optometrists, we should be at the forefront for treating these patients. This course will show you step by step how to reverse the damage from a concussion.

2-3pm Neuro-Rehabilitation for the Post Concussion Patient/Webb/pending

3-4pm Treating the Post Stroke, Parkinson's and Dementia Patient/Webb/pending

4-5pm Treating Dizziness and the Balance Impaired Patient/Webb/pending

5pm Cocktail Reception

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22

7:00am Registration/Breakfast
- Please arrive at 7am for breakfast

8-10am Dry Eye Disease Masterclass/Hornick/pending

This 2 hour course is the ultimate guide to treating and managing dry eye and ocular surface disease patients. It covers diagnostic tools, treatment decision making and a review of traditional treatments. Newer pharmaceuticals and in-office treatment options will also be discussed as well as a look at what is in the future pipeline. Tips for a successful dry eye clinic will be emphasized

10:00am AOA PAC Update

10am-12pm Advanced In-Office Treatments for Ocular Surface Disease/Hornick/pending

This course will cover advanced in-office procedures to treat dry eye and ocular surface disease. Intense Pulsed Light, Low Level Light Therapy, Radiofrequency, Dynamic Muscle Stimulation and more will be discussed. Participants will learn about different types of devices, how to choose the best patient candidates, eye safety and treatment protocols. Participants will also learn how to best incorporate treatments into patient flow and how to combine treatments

in order to provide better outcomes.

12-1:30pm AZOA Membership Meeting/Lunch

3-5pm Identifying True Ocular Emergencies of the Posterior Pole/Pelino/98098-SD

The goal of this course is to present the true ocular emergencies that present in the posterior pole. It will review clinical findings, appropriate systemic testing, as well as treatment and management of each emergency. New treatment options and specific testing will be discussed. This course will be presented in a grand rounds fashion.

5:00pm Dinner on Own

7-10pm Exhibit Hall - 90s Grunge Themed
Channel your inner angsty emo teen because we are going back to the 90s! Join us at our 2025 Fall Congress as we bring back (or did it ever leave?) the grunge movement to the exhibit hall on Saturday November 22. And of course Grunge fashion is characterized by dark-colored (BLACK BASICALLY!), durable and timeless thrift-store clothing, often worn very loose to de-emphasize the silhouette. It features pieces like flannel shirts, long-sleeve T-shirts, ripped jeans, and sturdy boots. Black clothing NOT for you? No worries! Feel free to dress in any traditional 90s gear which certainly includes brights and neons. Find your 90s inspiration from movies like Clueless, Empire Records or Mallrats! Please join us at 7pm on Saturday night in the exhibit hall for appetizers, dessert items and cocktails while you mingle with your favorite industry reps.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23

7:00am Registration/Breakfast
- Please arrive at 7am for breakfast

8-10am It's Not Rare if it's in Your Chair: Recognizing and Managing Ocular Paraneoplastic Syndromes Affecting the Visual System/Vitek & Pelino/pending

This course will explore the various types of paraneoplastic syndromes affecting the visual system and the role of the optometrist in making accurate diagnoses and in their co-management. It will review the four types of paraneoplastic syndromes that influence the visual system and correlate both ocular and systemic findings. Visual symptoms, ocular findings, necessary laboratory testing, differential diagnosis, treatment modalities, and relevant cases will be discussed in detail.

10am-12pm A Comprehensive Review of Normal Tension Glaucoma/Vitek & Pelino/pending

This course will describe the possible etiologies of normal tension glaucoma. It will review all treatment options and analyze the systemic testing required to rule out other diagnoses. This course will also emphasize clinical points through case-based learning.

2025 FALL CONGRESS FACULTY

Dr. Lisa Hornick has over 20 years of clinical experience and currently practices at Stanford Ranch Optometry in Rocklin, CA where she is the Director of the Dry Eye Services. She received her doctorate in optometry from the Southern California College of Optometry where she attended on a US Navy scholarship. Dr. Hornick is therapeutics and glaucoma-certified. She practices full-scope optometry and is especially passionate about treating ocular surface and dry eye disease. Dr. Hornick is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. She is a member and past president of the Sacramento Valley Optometric Society. Dr. Hornick has lectured on dry eye disease nationwide and in Canada. She has many published articles on the topics of dry eye disease and nutrition. She has also been on numerous podcasts and media interviews discussing dry eye disease and women in leadership. Dr. Hornick graduated with her MBA from University of California, Davis in 2023 with a concentration in entrepreneurship, innovation and consulting.

Carlo J. Pelino, OD, is a 1994 graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. In 1995 Dr. Pelino completed a PCO ocular disease residency at the John F. Kennedy Memorial Hospital in Philadelphia, where he concentrated in retina and neuro-ophthalmic disease. Dr. Pelino is currently a full time Assistant Professor at the Pennsylvania College of Optometry where he serves as the director of the optometric retina service at The Eye Institute and chief of the Chestnut Hill satellite clinic. In 2005 he completed a one year retinal fellowship emphasizing medical and surgical treatments under the direction of vitreo-retinal surgeons at Crozier-Chester and Riddle Memorial Hospitals in suburban Philadelphia. Dr. Pelino is a fellow in the American Academy of Optometry where he completed his two year term as the chair of the retina special interest group (SIG) in December 2020. He is one of the chief optometric advisors to Web MD as well as a strategic advisor to multiple industry companies. Dr. Pelino has worked with the University of Pennsylvania on two retinal research projects and recently completed a third project with the Vimetrics corporation. He regularly lectures about ocular disease domestic and international programs.

Dr. Melissa Vitek graduated with her Doctor of Optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) and earned her Doctorate in Education from the University of Pennsylvania's Executive Doctorate in Higher Education Management program. She is an Associate Professor at PCO at Drexel University and the Dean of Global, Interprofessional, and Specialized Programming at Salus, Drexel University. Dr. Vitek serves as the course coordinator and instructor for the Interprofessional Evidence-Based Practice course, as well as a course facilitator in the Clinical Problem-Solving Course for PCO. Dr. Vitek serves on the Association of Schools and Colleges of Optometry (ASCO) International Optometric Education Committee, the International Education SIG, the Continuing Education SIG, and Salus' Interprofessional Education Advisory Council. Dr. Vitek also is a member of the National Council on Optometric Practitioner Education (COPE).

Dr. Annette Webb graduated from Southern College of Optometry in 1995 where she was awarded outstanding clinician. Dr. Webb is a past president for the Arkansas Optometric Association and has received multiple service awards. She is currently working on her fellowship in neuro-optometric rehabilitation. She has one son, Canyon, who is a certified sports vision trainer. Dr. Webb was born and raised in Arkansas and loves the clear, beautiful lakes located just minutes from her practice.

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