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AAO 2020 Virtual opens on Friday, Nov. 13, and runs through Sunday, Nov. 15. In addition to lively discussions and clinical pearls, the meeting offers a world-class exhibition where you can view the latest products and chat with industry representatives. You will also have the chance to participate in





JACKSON MEMORIAL LECTURE. On Saturday, Nov. 14, Dr. Repka will present "Amblyopia Outcomes Through Clinical Trials and Practice Measurement: Room for Improvement."

entertaining activities, interact with presenters, and network with peers. Don't miss it!

Register Today

Purchase your AAO 2020 Virtual All-Access Pass today. At \$425 for Academy members, \$150 for Academy members in training, \$250 for AAOE members, and \$1,100 for nonmembers, the pass provides AAO 2020 Virtual registrants double the amount of content that typically was available to those registering for the basic in-person meeting in past years, and more than double the number of CME credits.

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- over 100 hours of live-streaming, interactive sessions;
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- on-demand content from all eight Subspecialty Day meetings and the AAOE Practice Management Program; and

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Register at aao.org/2020.

What If You Had Already Registered for AAO 2020 in Las Vegas?

Did you know that registration for the in-person meeting doesn't roll over into a registration for AAO 2020 Virtual?

Automatic cancellation of in-person registration. If you registered for the in-person meeting in Las Vegas, the Academy automatically canceled your registration and sent you an email confirmation. If you paid any ticket or registration fees, they were refunded in full. This process was completed by Aug. 7.

Hotel. If you booked a hotel room in Las Vegas through the Academy's official housing service, Expovision, your reservation was automatically canceled. If you made a hotel reservation on your own, you will need to cancel directly with the hotel.

Learn more at aao.org/2020.

PROGRAM

Dr. Repka to Give the Jackson Memorial Lecture

Michael X. Repka, MD, MBA, will deliver the Jackson Memorial Lecture, titled "Amblyopia Outcomes Through Clinical Trials and Practice Measurement: Room for Improvement," on Saturday, Nov. 14, at AAO 2020 Virtual.

Dr. Repka is a professor of oph-

thalmology and pediatric medicine at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, as well as Medical Director for Governmental Affairs of the Academy. He is also a cofounder of PEDIG (Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group), a collaborative network of researchers at more than 100 sites, which has conducted or initiated many influential multicenter studies.

His lecture will draw upon PEDIG trial data on amblyopia outcomes going back to 1997 as the "groundwork." Then it will explore data on 1.7 million amblyopic patients in the IRIS Registry "to ask what amblyopia looks like in the United States in the last half of the second decade of the century," he said. In his lecture, Dr. Repka will discuss key differences between those datasets, particularly in amblyopia causation and outcomes. One striking difference he found was that in the data from the IRIS Registry, refractive causes aloneas opposed to strabismus alone or in combination with refractive error were much more common than in PEDIG. "I think that is going to change how we think about the condition when we're seeing that almost 70% of amblyopia cases are from refractive causes alone."

Regarding amblyopia outcomes, Dr. Repka said that the IRIS Registry measures showed success in 77% of treated children. "Is that the best we can do?" he asked. His lecture will explore ways to improve the outcomes.

Don't Miss the AAOE Opening Session

Join your colleagues for a highly interactive two-hour panel discussion at the AAOE Opening Session. The panel is titled "From Recovery to Resilience: Creating a Thriving Practice Post-COVID-19." Panel topics include resilient leadership, financial strategies for the COVID-19 era, and what's on the horizon with practice consolidation.

EVENTS

Attend the Virtual Orbital Gala

Get your favorite vintage Vegas outfit or show costume ready because the Orbital



VIRTUAL ORBITAL GALA. 2020 will bring similar auction activity (above) as years past, but this year the Virtual Orbital Gala will be free to attend.

Gala is coming soon to a screen near you. The 17th annual fundraiser will be a fast-paced revelry complete with drinks and appetizers (bartender and chef not included), comedic entertainment, and of course, an auction that will have you jumping into the bidding wars.

With this free, all-virtual event, the Academy expects an even bigger crowd than usual from the United States and all over the world. Plan now to join the fun on Saturday, Nov. 14, at 5:00 p.m. Pacific time.

For more information, visit aao.org/gala.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

This month, program directors from two of the Subspecialty Day meetings preview some of this year's planned highlights, some of which will be delivered live, some on demand. Keep an eye on aao.org/2020 for the most current content.

Retina 2020: Vision for the Future Program Directors: Judy E. Kim, MD, and Mark W. Johnson, MD.

The year 2020 will go down in history as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, the 2020 Retina Subspecialty Day program has incorporated an expanded Business of Retina session, which includes presentations about how we can better manage a viral pandemic as well as a panel discussion on how various practices are caring for patients in this "new normal" environment to help us adapt our practices to

the changing times. It also will include a presentation on upcoming coding changes that retina specialists need to know for 2021.

There also will be coverage of a wide range of vitre-oretinal surgery and medical retina topics, such as diabetic retinopathy, neovascular and non-neovascular age-related macular degeneration, retinal vein occlusion, uveitis, pediatric retina, inherited retinal degeneration, and oncology. The ever-popular

Surgical Complications, Best Medical Retina Cases, Late Breaking Developments, and First Time Clinical Trial Results sessions will continue to inform and enlighten us this year, while a talk titled "Is It Retina or Is It Neuro?" will be helpful to ophthalmologists of all subspecialties.

This year, we have included more panel discussion after the main topics in order to dig deeper. Finally, important emerging topics such as artificial intelligence and gene- and cell-based therapies have been introduced to help us to look to the "vision for the future."

Retina Subspecialty Day is organized in conjunction with the American Society of Retina Specialists, the Macula Society, the Retina Society, and Club Jules Gonin.

Ocular Oncology and Pathology 2020: Collaboration Now More Than Ever

Program Directors: Dan S. Gombos, MD, and Paul J. Bryar, MD.

The Ocular Oncology and Pathology Subspecialty Day will begin with a discussion and pro/con debate about the role of intra-arterial chemotherapy (IAC) in treating patients with retinoblastoma. Jasmine H. Francis, MD, and Matthew W. Wilson, MD, will discuss the clinical role of IAC, including indications, contraindications, efficacy, and adverse effects. The presentation will go into detail on the question of whether IAC is associated with an increased risk of systemic metastasis. This session provides an up-to-date, evidence-based examination of the benefits and pitfalls of this emerging treatment.

Jose S. Pulido, MD, MS, will discuss

the diagnosis and management of, as well as prognosis for, vitreoretinal lymphoma. This disease presents both diagnostic and management challenges. For example, there is often a significant delay between the onset of a patient's symptoms and diagnosis of vitreoretinal lymphoma; and in many patients, multiple surgeries and biopsies are performed before a definitive diagnosis is made. After that, management and treatment can be complex. Managing vitreoretinal lymphoma requires a coordinated, collaborative approach that includes retina specialists, ocular oncologists, ocular pathologists, cytopathologists, hematopathologists, and the medical oncology team. Dr. Pulido will discuss key steps in obtaining and transporting specimens, various types of pathology testing, treatment, and surgical planning. The session will be relevant to comprehensive ophthalmologists as well as to subspecialists in areas outside of oncology and pathology, as these practitioners are often involved at each of these steps.

An entire session of the Ocular Pathology and Oncology Subspecialty Day will be devoted to COVID-19 and its impact on all aspects of the practice of ocular oncology and pathology. There will be a talk titled "Management and Personal Reflections From the COVID Hot Zone," Alison H. Skalet, MD, PhD, and Paul J. Bryar, MD, will discuss triage of ocular oncology patients and considerations for the practicing ocular pathologist during the pandemic. Hans E. Grossniklaus, MD, will focus on pathologic findings in COVID-19. Finally, Andrew W. Stacey, MD, J. William Harbour, MD, and David H. Abramson, MD, will discuss how COVID-19 influenced the management of patients with uveal melanoma, retinoblastoma, and other ocular oncology conditions during the crisis.

The session will provide a comprehensive look at how the practice of ocular oncology and pathology adapted to care for our patients during this unprecedented time.

Ocular Oncology and Pathology Subspecialty Day is organized in conjunction with the American Association of Ophthalmic Oncologists and Pathologists.





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