

# Destination Atlanta

GET READY FOR THE JOINT MEETING PART THREE OF FIVE



## BEAT THE CLOCK

### Be an Early Bird: Register by Aug. 13 for Lower Fees

Aug. 13 is the last day to qualify for early registration discounted rates. Most registration fees for this year's Subspecialty Day (Nov. 7 and 8) and Joint Meeting (Nov. 8 to 11) will increase after that date.

If you miss that deadline, you can still avoid long queues on site—preregister by Sept. 10 and your badge and registration materials will be mailed to you before the meeting.

To register and buy course or tour tickets, visit [www.aao.org/2008](http://www.aao.org/2008).

### Book Your Flight, Reserve Your Car

Book early to ensure you get the flight that is most convenient for you.

For the lowest available fares to Atlanta, contact Association Travel Concepts (ATC), the Academy's official travel service. ATC also has arranged car rental discounts with Avis and Budget Rent a Car.

To make a reservation, go online at [www.atcmeetings.com/aao](http://www.atcmeetings.com/aao), e-mail reservations at [atcmeetings.com](mailto:atcmeetings.com), fax 858-

## Browse the 2008 Joint Meeting Program

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**EXPLORE THE ONLINE PROGRAM.** Go to [www.aao.org/2008](http://www.aao.org/2008), select the Joint Meeting Online Program, and choose from three search options:

- 1) Type the event number, e.g., "Sym03."
- 2) Use the four pull-down menus and search by a) event day, b) topic, e.g., "Cataract," c) event type, e.g., "Symposia," and/or d) special interest, e.g., "Eligible for pain management credit."
- 3) Type a) keyword(s) or b) the presenter's name.

362-3153, or phone either 800-458-9383 (which is toll-free in the United States and Canada) or 858-362-2719. ATC agents are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. PDT.

### Make Your Hotel Reservation

Visit [www.aao.org/2008](http://www.aao.org/2008) to check availability and to book a room.

You can also contact the Academy's official housing

company, Expovision, by e-mail, [aao08housing@expovision.com](mailto:aao08housing@expovision.com), by fax, 866-744-0487 (toll-free from the United States or Canada) or 703-770-3908. Expovision agents are available Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. EDT.

### How to Cancel

Cancellations for registration, courses and tours will be accepted only if written notification is received by



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There will be a per-person, per-meeting cancellation processing fee of \$50 or your total registration fee, whichever is less. No refunds will be given for cancellation requests received after the Sept. 10 deadline.

To make a cancellation, send your refund request to the Academy by fax, 415-561-8575, or by e-mail, [registration@aao.org](mailto:registration@aao.org).

## PROGRAM

### Retinal Surgery—Five Decades of Progress

One of Subspecialty Day's keynote speakers has a name that is already familiar both to practicing surgeons (who use his eponymous sponge and balloon in scleral buckling) and to ophthalmologists in training (who still read his classic 1971 paper,

“Finding the Retinal Hole”).

This year's Charles L. Schepens, MD, Lecture—**The Evolution of Retinal Surgery: A Personal Story**—will be delivered by Harvey A. Lincoff, MD, whose development of cryopexy revolutionized the treatment of retinal detachments. He continues to combine his clinical practice with research.

Dr. Lincoff will be introduced by David W. Parke II, MD.

*When. Friday, Nov. 7, from 9:49 to 9:53 a.m. (Dr. Parke) and 9:54 to 10:14 a.m. (Dr. Lincoff) during Subspecialty Day's Retina meeting.*

## Dozens of Free Events

In addition to more than 500 ticketed events, you can choose from a wide variety of free sessions. These include four Spotlight Sessions, 14 Practice Management/AAOE Special Meetings and Events, 18 Academy Special Events and 33 Academy Symposia.

To explore what's available, use the Online Program at [www.aaopt.org/2008](http://www.aaopt.org/2008).

## What's New Beyond Your Subspecialty? Get Up-to-Date Fast

What's the buzz among cornea physicians? What makes the neuro guys tick? Whether you want a window into your colleagues' subspecialties or quick updates on your own field, each Academy Symposium distills many of the latest developments into a series of eight- or nine-minute presentations.

**Speakers at the forefront of their field.** The Academy partnered with more than two dozen subspecialty societies and specialized interest groups to recruit this year's speakers, who will be provid-



**RETINA.** Dr. Lincoff will deliver this year's Charles L. Schepens, MD, Lecture.

ing perspective on recent studies, as well as sharing their personal experiences.

Go online for the full lists of speakers. Visit the Online Program and select “Symposium” from the pull-down menu of event types to browse the full range of Academy Symposia, which include:

- **Ectatic Diseases of the Cornea: Treatment With Contact Lenses or Surgery.**

“Management of corneal ectasia patients raises some difficult questions for the clinician, and this Symposium will be helpful to both the general ophthalmologist and the cornea specialist,” said Michael H. Goldstein, MD, who will be cochairing this event. “We will explore the myriad treatment options now available, both surgical and nonsurgical, for this challenging group of patients,” he said.

Attend this symposium for updates on post-refractive surgery ectasia, pellucid marginal degeneration, contact lens fitting for corneal ectasia, postsurgical contact lens fitting, Intacs, collagen cross-linking and deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty.

The event will conclude with the 2008 Whitney G. Sampson Lecture, “Corneal Infections and Contact Lenses,” delivered by George A. Stern, MD.

(This is a combined meeting with the Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists.)

*When. Sunday, Nov. 9, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. For a schedule of speakers, search the Online Program for event code “Sym02.”*

- **Top Five to Stay Alive: Five Neuro-Ophthalmology Pearls and Pitfalls for the Generalist.** Many neuro-ophthalmic conditions can result in significant morbidity—even death—if not caught early enough. And when it comes to spotting the frequently misleading manifestations of these conditions, the general ophthalmologist is on the diagnostic front line. “This Symposium provides a wonderful opportunity to get quick, need-to-know summaries from some leading neuro-ophthalmologists,” said Eric Lee Berman, MD, who will be cochairing this event. You'll learn how to differentiate a variety of less common, serious prob-

lems from more common, look-alike diseases such as glaucoma and optic neuritis. Speakers will discuss conditions such as chronic optic neuritis, giant cell arteritis, Horner syndrome, intracranial causes of “glaucoma,” and pupil-involving third nerve palsy.

The centerpiece of this session will be the 2008 William F. Hoyt Lecture, delivered by Peter J. Savino, MD.

(This is a combined meeting with the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society.)

*When. Monday, Nov. 10, from 10:15 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. For a schedule of speakers, search the Online Program for event code “Sym03.”*

- **War and Terror-Related Eye Injuries: From Triage to Management to Rehabilitation.** “This Symposium will provide the audience with a riveting experience of the risks and challenges facing the military Eye M.D.s in their quest to triage injured men and women in the combat field and safely transfer these soldiers to established medical centers for further care,” said G. Philip Matthews, MD, PhD, who is a cochairman of this event.

Although explosions and gunfire continue to cause horrific ocular trauma to troops and civilians alike, developments in triage and surgical techniques are improving the prognosis for today's patients. From Chechnya and Pakistan to Iraq and Saudi Arabia, eight speakers will explain how they were able to provide eye care in some very challenging circumstances. A ninth



**TRAUMA.** In Iraq, bombs filled with rocks or glass have put a premium on foreign body management.

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speaker will focus on the rehabilitation of veterans with permanent visual disability.

This event also will feature the 2008 Helen Keller Ocular Trauma Lecture, “Imaging and Innovation in the Evolution of Ocular Trauma Management,” delivered by D. Jackson Coleman, MD.

(This is a combined meeting with the American Society of Ocular Trauma.)

**When.** Monday, Nov. 10, from 3:30 to 5 p.m. For a schedule of speakers, search the Online Program for event code “Sym24.”

• **Genetic Basis of Pediatric Eye Diseases.** The field of genetics is advancing so rapidly and is becoming so complex that it is hard for the busy clinician to stay up-to-date. “Yet both comprehensive and subspecialist ophthalmologists alike routinely evaluate patients with a variety of genetic abnormalities affecting the eyes,” said R. Michael Siatkowski, MD, who will be cochairing this Symposium.

“Our program will provide you with a review of the fundamentals of genetics, followed by summaries of how new developments in genetics will impact the way you diagnose and manage a variety of pediatric conditions, including anterior segment malformations, cataracts and strabismus,” he said.

The Symposium will conclude with the 2008 Marshall M. Parks Memorial Lecture, “The Diagnosis and Management of Childhood Retinal Dystrophies,” delivered by Elias I. Traboulsi, MD.

(This is a combined meet-

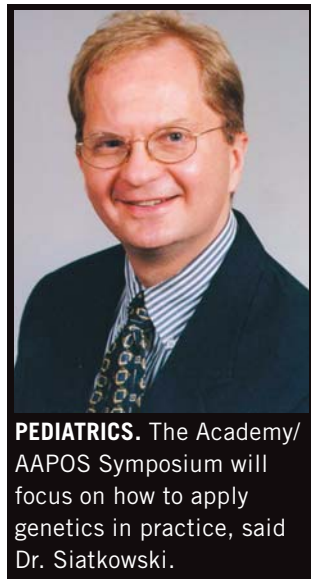
ing with the American Association of Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus.)

**When.** Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 10:15 to 11:45 a.m. For a schedule of speakers, search the Online Program for event code “Sym 29.”

• **Business, Ethical and Medical-Legal Aspects of Treating Glaucoma Patients.**

With an anxious eye on the bottom line, you may be eager to boost income and avoid unnecessary spending—but there are many pitfalls to watch out for. Seven speakers will address some key issues, including: To what extent can office staff help to make the clinic run more efficiently? What documentation and office extenders are required for the glaucoma exam? How can you avoid litigation? For patients and for society, what are the cost implications of medical therapy vs. laser/surgery therapy? What are the ethical issues in treating or not treating glaucoma patients? And what of the indigent patient?

“These are issues that every ophthalmologist will encounter and that every



**PEDIATRICS.** The Academy/AAPOS Symposium will focus on how to apply genetics in practice, said Dr. Siatkowski.

glaucoma specialist must know,” said Teresa Chen, MD, who will be cochairing this Symposium.

“The speakers will offer insights on how to make the glaucoma visit better for both the doctor and the patient,” she said.

This symposium will conclude with the 2008 Robert N. Shaffer Lecture, “The Molecular Genetics of Glaucoma,” delivered by Wallace L. M. Alward, MD.

(This is a combined meeting with Prevent Blindness America.)

**When.** Tuesday, Nov. 11, from 10:45 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. For a schedule of speakers, search the Online Program for event code “Sym31.”

**Caffeinate the Debate at the Academy Café**

Attend a series of expert panels at the Academy Café, which is new this year, and you’ll enjoy both free coffee and lively debates.

Four sessions will cover four subspecialties: cataract (this discussion will be moderated by Terry Kim, MD; event code “Sym33”), cornea and external disease (Edward J. Holland, MD; “Sym34”), glaucoma (Garry P. Condon, MD; “Sym32”), and retina (Donald J. D’Amico, MD; “Sym35”). All four sessions are free and no ticket is required.

Bring your cell phone, PDA or laptop computer and you’ll be able to text queries or comments for each panel to consider.

**When.** Sunday, from 1 to 2:15 p.m. for glaucoma; from 2:30 to 4 p.m. for cataract. Monday, from 9 to 10:15 a.m. for cornea and external disease; from 10:30 a.m. to noon for retina.



**CATARACT.** Dr. Holland will cochair a discussion of IFIS and its management.

**How to Minimize the Problems of Flomax: Strategies for IFIS**

What’s the best way to meet the challenge of intraoperative floppy iris syndrome? Pioneering ophthalmic surgeons have been exploring a variety of approaches.

Attend **Spotlight on Intraoperative Floppy Iris Syndrome** to learn about different pre- and intraoperative strategies, and to hear the results of a recent survey. This free session is cochaired by David F. Chang, MD, and Edward J. Holland, MD.

**When.** Monday, Nov. 10, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. This last-minute addition to the Joint Meeting was not listed in the Advance Program. For more details, search the Online Program for event code “Spo4.”

**AAOE Program Can Enhance the Skills of Practice’s Entire Team**

The AAOE is offering a comprehensive practice management program to meet the needs of ophthalmologists and administrators from practices of all types and sizes. Participants will return to their practices with renewed

energy and ideas.

In addition to more than 11 hours of free programs, the AAOE program includes 75 Instruction Courses and 31 Roundtables. Of these, 50 are new this year and several of them have been approved for continuing education credits by the Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology or the American Academy of Professional Coders.

Registration for the Joint Meeting is free for AAOE members. The deadline to join or renew your membership in the AAOE is Aug. 15.

For more on the AAOE, visit [www.aoa.org/aoae](http://www.aoa.org/aoae).

## You Can Now Register for the 2008 Job Fair

The Professional Choices Job Fair provides a forum for job-seeking ophthalmologists to meet hiring practices.

If you are a job seeker, registration is free. By registering in advance, you will receive profiles for the 100-plus practices that will be represented at the Job Fair. To register as a job seeker, go to [www.aoa.org/2008](http://www.aoa.org/2008) and use event code "Spe23A."

If you are a hiring practice, the registration fee is \$360 for members and \$560 for nonmembers. Since space is limited, advance registration is required; you will not be able to register on site. You will receive profiles for all registered job seekers. To register as a hiring practice, go to [www.aoa.org/2008](http://www.aoa.org/2008) and use event code "Spe23."

For more information, visit [www.aoa.org/jobfair](http://www.aoa.org/jobfair) or contact Janine Barth by phone, 415-447-0335, or by e-mail, [jbarth@aoa.org](mailto:jbarth@aoa.org).

When. Sunday, Nov. 9, from 2:15 to 5 p.m.

## Bringing Guests?

Will family members or guests be accompanying you to Atlanta? Once you are registered for the Joint Meeting, they can register in the Spouse and Guest Program. This will allow them to purchase tour tickets, visit the exhibition, attend free scientific sessions and, once they're at the convention center, purchase Instruction Course tickets.

**Twenty tours to choose from.** Explore Atlanta's unique history and sample its modern allure. Visit Stone Mountain Park to see the Confederate Memorial, which is the world's largest bas-relief carving (tour code "S09"). Get a behind-the-scenes look at a CNN news-cast ("S13") or enjoy a cooking demonstration at the Viking Store ("S14").

For more information, or to register, visit [www.aoa.org/2008](http://www.aoa.org/2008) and select "Spouse and Guest Program."

## APROPOS YO


### Atlanta—Six Reasons for the YO to Go

If you're a young ophthalmologist (YO), the Joint Meeting provides a variety of programming that will help you launch a successful career.

**1. Relax and learn at the YO Lounge.** Get advice from practice experts, hear tips on making the most of the Joint Meeting, and enjoy free Wi-Fi access and refreshments.

**2. Bring your notebook, interview suit and dancing shoes on Sunday, Nov. 9.** From 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., learn about key business issues during the Young Ophthalmologist Program (event code "Spe10;" tickets cost \$35). From 2:15 to 5 p.m.,

## EyeBuild, You Build...



Help families in Atlanta. By participating in EyeBuild, you can give back to the community that supports the Joint Meeting. This year, EyeBuild is partnering with Atlanta Habitat for Humanity.

**Build on last year's success.** In New Orleans, more than 400 people participated in EyeBuild.

**Who can participate?** EyeBuild is open to all Joint Meeting attendees and exhibitors. No special skills are necessary to participate and no specific fitness level is required. Volunteers with physical limitations are welcome. All participants will be trained on site. Fees are \$25 per day (including insurance and supplies).

**Find out more online.** Go to [www.aoa.org/eyebuild](http://www.aoa.org/eyebuild).

**WHEN.** Thursday, Nov. 6, and Friday, Nov. 7. Sign up for one or both days.


Generous support for this project has been provided by Advanced Medical Optics, Alcon, The Allergan Foundation, BD Medical-Ophthalmic Systems, Carl Zeiss Meditec, Genentech, Inspire Pharmaceuticals, Pfizer Ophthalmics, Santen and Vistakon Pharmaceuticals.

attend the Professional Choices Job Fair ("Spe23A;" see above). Finish your day at the YO Reception, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. (no ticket required).

**3. Get practice advice at Welcome to the Real World of Ophthalmology: Reality 101 for Residents and Fellows.** Established practitioners will be sharing practice pearls from 12:30 to 1:45 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10 ("Spe31;" no ticket needed).

**4. Get a broader perspective at Training, Globalization and the Young Ophthalmologist.** Learn about training differences and hurdles to collaboration experienced by physicians from different countries. This event is organized in conjunction with the SOE Young Ophthalmologists. It takes place from 2 to 3 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 10 ("Sym21;" no ticket needed).

**5. Ticket discounts for Members in Training.** If you are a member in training, you'll automatically receive a 50 percent discount on tickets for all standard Instruction Courses, Skills Transfer courses or Breakfasts With the Experts. (Please note, this only applies if you are a member of the Academy.)

**6. Look for events endorsed by the YO committee.** More than 25 of this year's events have been flagged as being of special interest to young physicians—look for the  icon or go to the Online Program at [www.aoa.org/2008](http://www.aoa.org/2008), click on the "Special Interest" menu and select "Endorsed by the Young Ophthalmologist Committee."

For more information about the Academy's resources for young ophthalmologists, visit [www.aoa.org/yo](http://www.aoa.org/yo).