

Destination AAO 2017

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AAO 2017: Only 3 Months Away

AAO 2017 will be held at Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Nov. 11-14, preceded by Subspecialty Day, Nov. 10-11. Register now for the best prices for registration and ticketed events. Book hotel rooms and Skills Transfer labs soon before they sell out.

Register Now

The online registration system is now open and will remain open through the meeting. AAO 2017 registration is free for Academy and AAOE members. (Separate registration is required for Subspecialty Day and Saturday's AAOE half-day coding sessions.) Not a member? Learn about member benefits at aao.org/member and join at aao.org/member-services/join.

Register by Aug. 9 and save. The early registration discount ends Aug. 9, and there will be a second increase in fees on Oct. 13.

Mailing deadlines. To have your badge and other meeting materials mailed to you before the meeting, international attendees must register by Sept. 22, and U.S. attendees must register by Oct. 13.

For more information, visit aao.org/registration.



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Ensure Flexible Scheduling

Get access to 350+ Academy and AAOE instruction courses with the Academy Plus course pass. With the pass, you are free to try as many courses as you want. The pass does not provide access to AAOE Practice Management Master Classes, AAOE Coding Sessions, Breakfast With the Experts, Skills Transfer labs, Subspecialty Day meetings, and specific special meetings and events. Individual tickets are required for these.

Purchase Academy Plus when you register for AAO 2017. The cost is \$225 until Aug. 9 (early registration deadline), \$250 Aug. 10-Oct. 13, and \$275 Oct. 14-Nov. 14.

Visit aao.org/registration.

Reserve a Hotel Room

Book a room at an official AAO 2017 hotel.

Book online. Visit aao.org/hotels for reservations, information on international group reservations, and an interactive map with information on hotel amenities and availability.

Book by phone or email. Agents at Expovision, the Academy's official hotel

reservation company, can assist you from Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time. Call 866-774-0487 (toll-free from the United States and Canada) or 703-770-3908 (from elsewhere), or email aao-hotels@expovision.com.

EVENTS

Save the Dates: EyeNet Corporate Breakfasts and Lunches

Be sure to leave room in your schedule for EyeNet's free corporate educational events (no preregistration required). Located onsite at Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, these non-CME symposia are developed independently by industry—they are not affiliated with the official program of AAO 2017 or Subspecialty Day. Complimentary boxed meals are available on a first-come, first-served basis. The events are held on Saturday, Nov. 11, Sunday, Nov. 12, and Monday, Nov. 13. Topics and speakers will be announced later this summer—watch aao.org/eyenet/corporate-events for details.



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Fun, Floats, and Friends at the Orbital Gala

Join the Academy Foundation and event chairs Ruth D. Williams, MD, and Stephen C. Gieser, MD, MPH, for an evening of fun and fantasy at Mardi Gras World on Sunday, Nov. 12. Dine, dance, enjoy live entertainment, bid on great auction deals, and see Mardi Gras floats up close.

This year's honoree is H. Dunbar Hoskins Jr., MD, Academy executive vice president from 1993 to 2009. Make a tribute gift to congratulate Dr. Hoskins and you'll be able to place a personal message in his commemorative tribute book. Proceeds from this 14th annual fundraiser will support Academy programs.

For tickets and to make a tribute gift, visit aao.org/foundation.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

This month, program directors from the Cornea, Glaucoma, Neuro-Ophthalmology, and Oculofacial Plastic Surgery meetings preview some of this year's highlights.

• CORNEA 2017: Keeping the Old, or Breaking the Mold?

Program directors: Bennie H. Jeng, MD, Carol L. Karp, MD, and Jennifer Y. Li, MD.

When: Saturday, Nov. 11 (8:00 a.m.-5:05 p.m.).

"Recent Cornea Subspecialty Days have focused on evidence-based tools for management of corneal disorders. The 2017 Cornea Subspecialty Day wants to explore deeply if that is still what we should be doing," Dr. Jeng said. "In developing the program, the program directors chose topics to question if we are doing the right thing by 'keeping the old' way of doing things, or if we should 'break the mold' and do something different in various situations.

"Evidence-based medicine will still be the backbone that the speakers will use to decide if it is time for comprehensive ophthalmologists and subspecialists to change their ways on a wide variety of topics, from infectious and inflammatory disorders to ocular



"LAISSEZ LES BON TEMPS ROULER." Don't miss the Orbital Gala at AAO 2017.

surface tumors to surgical dilemmas. An all-star cast of experts was chosen for the program, and each session will include a case-based presentation to drive home the clinical relevance of the preceding talks.

"One session will be focused on keratoconus, and our long-standing diagnosis and management strategies will be examined carefully to determine if our newer modalities are better and should be adopted. In another session, the use of newer imaging technology such as intraoperative OCT and aberrometry will be evaluated to determine if it is necessary for optimal outcomes, or if our older tried-and-true methods are just as good.

"The keratoplasty session will critically evaluate which surgical procedures are best in a number of different situations, such as in failed graft. In addition, Marian S. Macsai-Kaplan, MD, will highlight the importance of the role of the eye bank technician in the many surgical procedures that we are performing today.

"The program directors are very excited about the diverse expertise of the speakers who will be participating in the program. The topics that will be covered will be of high interest to both the comprehensive ophthalmologist and the cornea specialist."

The Cornea meeting is organized in conjunction with the Cornea Society.

• GLAUCOMA 2017: Inspirations and Innovations: New Insights in Glaucoma Care

Program directors: Jody R. Piltz-Seymour, MD, and Shan C. Lin, MD.

When: Saturday, Nov. 11 (8:00 a.m.-5:26 p.m.).

"The field of glaucoma is entering a new Golden Age, with sophisticated new diagnostics and exciting new therapies—both medical and surgical," said Dr. Lin. "This year's program will focus on these new technologies that are coming into the ophthalmologist's hands. In the session entitled *What's Up Doc? New Therapeutics and Delivery Systems on the Horizon* (moderated by Robert D. Fichtner, MD, FACS, and Malik Y. Kahook, MD), you will hear talks on new drugs in clinical trials as well as some that are in preclinical investigation. New drug delivery technologies will also be discussed. In *Mastering MIGS* (moderated by Andrew Crichton, MD, and Dale K. Heuer, MD), participants will learn about the various new MIGS [minimally invasive glaucoma surgery] procedures, which to choose for different glaucoma scenarios, and surgical pearls to achieve optimal results. In the *Latest in Diagnostics* session (moderated by Nils A. Loewen, MD, and Lucy Q. Shen, MD), you will hear about recent advances in visual fields and optical coherence tomography, including the late-breaking role of OCT angiography in glaucoma management. Finally, in *The Edge of Cutting Edge—The Frontiers of Glaucoma Research* (moderated by Ta Chen Chang, MD, and Arthur J. Sit, MD), there will be presentations on the most recent research in glaucoma, including the areas of in vivo imaging of retinal ganglion cells, gene therapy for glaucoma, and neuroregeneration and stem cells in glaucoma therapy."

The Glaucoma meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Glaucoma Society.

• **NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY 2017: When Should I Worry? Dangerous Signs, Symptoms, and Findings in Neuro-Ophthalmology**

Program directors: Michael S. Lee, MD, and Prem S. Subramanian, MD, PhD. When: Saturday, Nov. 11 (8:00 a.m.-5:20 p.m.).

“This year’s program is geared toward the comprehensive ophthalmologist. This predominantly case-based Subspecialty Day will discuss vision loss, systemic disease, double vision and nystagmus, and test interpretation. Audience participation is expected—we’ll have audience response questions and the ability to text pertinent questions to the panelists,” said Dr. Lee.

Dr. Subramanian said, “New this year will be debates by the expert panelists on a clinical controversy that faces all ophthalmologists, not just neuro-ophthalmologists, in their daily practices. For example, we will consider whether all patients with suspected idiopathic intracranial hypertension need neuroimaging and a lumbar puncture, if some elderly patients with diplopia and strabismus can be managed conservatively in the office, if the reported association between nonarteritic anterior ischemic optic neuropathy and systemic diseases is real, and what workup, if any, a young patient with transient vision loss might need.”

The Neuro-Ophthalmology meeting is organized in conjunction with the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society.

• **OCULOFACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY 2017: Clinical Challenges and Surgical Technique—Strategies for Success in Oculofacial Plastic Surgery**

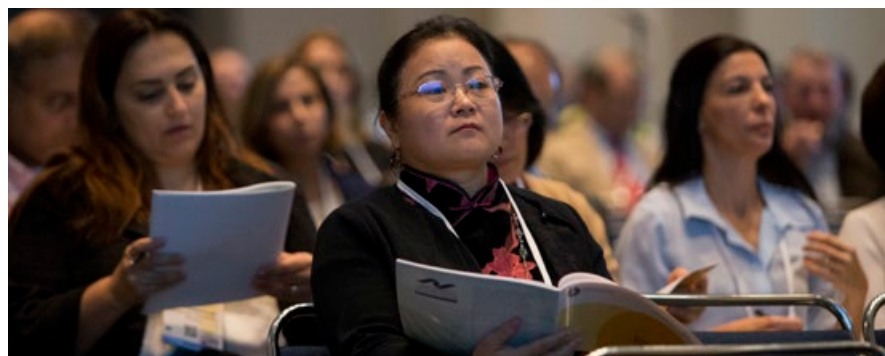
Program directors: Vikram D. Durairaj, MD, and Wendy W. Lee, MD.

When: Saturday, Nov. 11 (8:00 a.m.-5:15 p.m.).

“The objective of our program is to provide attendees with a detailed overview of functional and aesthetic oculofacial surgery with an emphasis on surgical technique and case presentation. The faculty consists of recognized experts in the field of oculofacial plastic surgery who will discuss the latest updates and contemporary management of patients requiring oculofacial plastic consultation. The program is divided into 2 sessions: Aesthetic and Functional/Reconstructive Surgery. The Aesthetic section will highlight evolving techniques in nonsurgical facial rejuvenation and cosmetic oculofacial surgery. The Functional/Reconstructive section will review updates in eyelid, lacrimal, and orbital surgery, and it will conclude with a subsection dedicated to thyroid eye disease.

“The American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery [ASOPRS] is once again pleased to be involved in Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Subspecialty Day 2017,” said Dr. Durairaj. “ASOPRS is very excited about the 2017 program and trusts the attendees will leave with a comprehensive perspective on the management of both aesthetic and functional cases.”

The Oculofacial Plastic Surgery meeting is organized in conjunction with ASOPRS.



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Feature

Patient Adherence

Glaucoma specialists weigh in on strategies that may help you crack the conundrum of non-adherence. Plus: an overview of promising drug delivery devices.

Clinical Update

Glaucoma Early adopters discuss in-clinic pattern electroretinography.

Retina How to treat macular edema that is associated with branch retinal vein occlusion. A look at the Academy’s recent Ophthalmic Technology Assessment.

Pearls

Autoimmune Retinopathy

Diagnosis and treatment of an elusive disorder.

Savvy Coder

ICD-10 Codes for AMD

How staging AMD is key to correct coding.

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