Highlights for International Attendees

Your Guide to Inspiring Events at AAO 2019 in San Francisco

AAO 2019
October 12 – 15
Subspecialty Day October 11 – 12

- Program recommendations from Academy Regional Advisors
- Meeting highlights

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Special greetings to our international attendees. AAO 2019 will bring thousands of ophthalmologists from more than 130 countries to San Francisco. To make the best use of your time at the largest ophthalmology meeting in the world, download this brochure onto your tablet, phone or laptop and reference it at any time.

On pages 8 and 9, you will find program recommendations for international attendees, chosen by the Academy’s Regional Advisors Committee. This committee of volunteer members from around the world reviewed the entire AAO 2019 program and selected the sessions they believe will be of greatest interest to you.

While at AAO 2019, stop by the International Lounge in Moscone South, Room 104. Enjoy snacks, coffee and plenty of seating to relax and chat with colleagues every day during the meeting. Assistance will be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Mandarin.

If you have questions about AAO 2019, please email the Academy at international@aao.org.

R.V. Paul Chan, MD, MBA, MSc, FACS
Secretary, Global Alliances

Regional Advisor Osama I. Ibrahim, MD, PhD, discusses reaching out to international members with committee members Nada S. Jabbur, MD, (left) and Jacek P. Szaflak, MD, PhD (right).

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Join Your Colleagues in San Francisco

Rediscover what inspires you as more than 16,000 ophthalmic professionals gather at AAO 2019 for the world’s largest ophthalmic congress.

Reconnect with your colleagues and find clinical pearls and inspiration in 1,000 presentations from the most prestigious thought leaders in our profession. Discover the latest tools and technology from over 500 exhibiting companies. Learn what inspires you at AAO 2019 — Where all of ophthalmology meets®.

Register
Register for the meeting and purchase an Academy Plus course pass and tickets at aao.org/registration. Register by Sept. 13 for discounted fees. You can also register onsite at Registration counters in the Moscone North, South and West lobbies.

NEW! Pick Up Your Badge Onsite
Badges will not be mailed this year. When you register online, you’ll receive an email confirmation with a unique bar code. Bring your mobile device or a printout of that email, along with your photo ID, to a Registration counter in the Moscone North, South or West lobbies.

Book Your Hotel
Fraud Alert: The official hotel reservation provider for AAO 2019 is Expovision. Only book hotel rooms and register through the Academy’s website at aao.org/hotels. If you have questions, contact the Academy’s Meetings department at meetings@aao.org or +1 415.561.8500, or contact Expovision directly at aaohotels@expovision.com.

Purchase the Academy Plus Course Pass
Get unlimited access to more than 350 Academy and AAOE Practice Management Program instruction courses with the Academy Plus course pass. Seating is available on a first-come basis.

New this year — The Academy Plus course pass includes complimentary access to the Meetings on Demand AAO 2019 Highlights product. It includes presentations captured from AAO 2019 and the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives® (AAOE) Practice Management Program.

AAO 2019 Meetings on Demand
New this year:
• Register for a Subspecialty Day 2019 meeting and receive complimentary access to the Meetings on Demand All-Subspecialty product, which includes presentations from all seven Subspecialty Day meetings.
• Purchase an AAO 2019 Academy Plus course pass for complimentary access to the Meetings on Demand AAO 2019 Highlights product, which includes presentations from AAO 2019 and the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives® (AAOE) Practice Management Program.

Get Your Visitor Visa
You should have your visitor visa by now, if needed. For more information on the Visa Waiver Program (VWP), Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) or other visa procedures, go to our Visitor Visas webpage.
International Lounge: Connect With Colleagues

Gain new inspiration from your peers by sharing your AAO 2019 learning experiences and networking.

Find out how to take advantage of innovative Academy resources such as the Ophthalmic News and Education (ONE®) Network, the world’s leading online resource for ophthalmic clinical education. Assistance will be available in English, Spanish, Portuguese and Mandarin.

MEETING AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
First time attending an Academy annual meeting? Sign up for the Meeting Ambassador Program. Engage with an experienced colleague in your subspecialty who will give you advice and support navigating AAO 2019. The Academy will match you with an ambassador about one month before AAO 2019 so you can get to know each other through calls and emails. Then, you’ll meet in person at the Meeting Ambassador Program Reception and experience the meeting together.

- Want to connect with a meeting ambassador? Fill out this five-question survey.
- Interested in becoming a meeting ambassador? Visit our website to volunteer by Aug. 31.

INTERNATIONAL LOUNGE HOURS
Location: South, Room 104

Saturday, 12 October: 8:00 – 17:00
Sunday, 13 October: 8:00 – 17:00
Monday, 14 October: 8:00 – 17:00
Tuesday, 15 October: 8:00 – 13:00

AAO 2018 International Attendees by Region

- Pan-America: 1,764
- Middle East/Africa: 549
- Asia-Pacific: 955
- Europe: 1,321
Join International Young Ophthalmologists at AAO 2019

Take advantage of special offerings for international YO members during AAO 2019. Watch for more information this fall in the YO Highlights Brochure and at aao.org/yo.

YO Lounge
The YO Lounge is free for all Academy members and offers daily power hours, massage, and networking opportunities. Academy member badge and YO ribbon is required for admission.

YO LOUNGE HOURS
Location: South, Room 102

Saturday, 12 October: 8:00 – 17:00
Sunday, 13 October: 8:00 – 17:00
Monday, 14 October: 8:00 – 17:00
Tuesday, 15 October: 8:00 – 13:00

YO Course Highlights

YO Program
F | SPE41 | Sunday, 13 Oct. | 10:00 – 14:00
The YO Program is an essential course for physicians who are starting their careers. A variety of speakers will offer their advice on finding a job and mental health strategy, and will look at ophthalmology on a global level. Also included in the AAO 2019 Virtual Meeting.

YO Symposium: The Millennial Movement: How Gender Equality, Big Data and Technology Will Be Embraced by the Young Ophthalmologist
F | SYM52 | Tuesday, 15 Oct | 8:30 – 10:00
During this dynamic symposium, speakers will discuss how millennials will be the driving force that changes future treatment paradigms and creates new norms for workplace solutions. Also included in the AAO 2019 Virtual Meeting.

The 2019 YO Lounge and YO Program are supported in part by Allergan, Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals and Regeneron.

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$: Not included in the Academy Plus course pass and must be purchased separately
F: Free session or event

For the most up-to-date information, check the Program Search at aao.org/programsearch.
AAO 2019 Highlights

Opening Session

F | SYM 67 | Sunday, 13 October | 8:30 – 10:00 | West, Level 3

Get inspired at the AAO 2019 Opening Session. Hear insights into ophthalmology’s future from Academy leaders, recognize volunteers for their dedication and listen to the Jackson Memorial Lecture, the Academy’s most prestigious scientific lecture.

Laureate Awardee
Marilyn T. Miller, MD

Jackson Memorial Lecture: Age-related Macular Degeneration: Nutrition, Genes and Deep Learning
Emily Y. Chew, MD

350 Instruction Courses

Gather pearls from expert instruction in nearly 350 courses to enhance your clinical and practice knowledge. With the Academy Plus course pass, you get unlimited access to Academy and AAOE Practice Management Program instruction courses. Drop in on the courses you want without signing up ahead of time.

Skills Transfer Labs

Work closely with an instructor and master surgical techniques in a hands-on environment. (Ticketed)

Academy Café Sessions

Enjoy a cup of coffee in this casual learning environment. Text or email questions to a presenting expert panel. No ticket necessary — just drop in.

Virtual Meeting: Free Online Access to AAO 2019

Connect with the global ophthalmic community and advance your skills with pearls from AAO 2019 — even if you can’t come to San Francisco. The Virtual Meeting is a free live stream happening 11 to 15 Oct. with approximately 25 hours of AAO 2019 educational content. Or, access the archived content until January 31, 2020. Visit the Academy’s website to learn more and register. Note: The Virtual Meeting is not eligible for CME credit.

To see all AAO 2019 courses and events, check the Program Search at aao.org/programsearch.

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Recommendations From the Academy’s Regional Advisors Committee

Cataract Monday

Spotlight on Cataract: Complicated Phaco Cases — My Top 5 Pearls
F | SPO2 | Monday, 14 October | 8:15 – 12:15
Chairs: David F. Chang, MD and Nicole R. Fram, MD

ASCRS Essentials: The Complete Guide to the Management of Astigmatism at the Time of Cataract Surgery
F | SYM45 | Monday, 14 October | 14:00 – 16:00
Chairs: Edward J. Holland, MD and Kevin M. Miller, MD
Cosponsored by the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

Cataract

Cataract Surgery: The Cutting Edge
F | SYM18 | Sunday, 13 October | 12:15 – 13:45
Chair: Robert H. Osher, MD

IFIS Pearls for Management and Prevention
+ | 245 | Sunday, 13 October | 14:00 – 15:00
Senior Instructor: Steve A. Arshinoff, MD

Cliffhanger: Vitrectomy by the Anterior Segment Surgeon for the Broken Posterior Capsule, the Sinking Nucleus and the Dangling IOL
+ | 509 | Monday, 14 October | 16:30 – 17:30
Senior Instructor: Amar Agarwal, MD

Fundamentals of Anterior Segment Reconstruction
+ | 677 | Tuesday, 15 October | 12:45 – 15:00
Senior Instructor: Brandon Ayres, MD

Cornea

SLET Made Easy
+ | 236 | Sunday, 13 October | 14:00 – 15:00
Senior Instructor: Tuhi Chowdhury, MS

Advanced Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSEK/DMEK): Overview and Surgical Pearls
+ | LEC137 | Monday, 14 October | 10:15 – 12:30
Course Director: Clara C. Chan, MD

Top 10 Hot Corneal Surgical Tips for 2020
+ | 485 | Monday, 14 October | 14:00 – 16:15
Senior Instructor: David G. Hwang, MD, FACS

Glaucoma

OCT and OCT Angiography in Glaucoma: Pearls and Pitfalls in Diagnosis, Monitoring and Management of the Disease
+ | 270 | Sunday, 13 October | 15:15 – 17:30
Senior Instructor: Ahmet Akman, MD

Imaging of the Optic Nerve and Nerve Fiber Layer
$ | LAB122A | Monday, 14 October | 12:30 – 14:30
Course Director: Howard Barnebey, MD

Trabeculectomy Techniques
$ | LAB145A | Tuesday, 15 October | 8:00 – 9:30
Course Director: Emily P. Jones, MD

Neuro-Ophthalmology

What You Need to Know About Headache: A Pain for the Patient and a Pain for the Doctor
+ | 436 | Monday, 14 October | 10:15 – 12:30
Senior Instructor: Peter A. Quiros, MD
Cosponsored by the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society

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Ocular Pathology, Oncology

Retinoblastoma 2019: What Has Changed and What Has Not?
| 472 | Monday, 14 October | 14:00 – 15:00
Senior Instructor: Bhavna Chawla, MD

Controversies in Ocular Oncology
| 497 | Monday, 14 October | 15:15 – 17:30
Senior Instructor: Fairooz Puthiyapurayil Manjandavida, MD

Practice Management

Rise of the Machines: Telemedicine and Artificial Intelligence in Ophthalmology
| 461 | Monday, 14 October | 14:00 – 15:00
Senior Instructor: Ho Sun Choi, MD
Cosponsored by the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives

Oculofacial Plastic Surgery

Management of Orbital Tumors: Case Presentation and Discussion
| 251 | Sunday, 13 October | 14:00 – 16:15
Senior Instructor: Vivian T. Yin, MD
Cosponsored by the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery

Pediatric Ophthalmology, Strabismus

Pearls in Pediatric Eye Disorders
| 240 | Sunday, 13 October | 14:00 – 15:00
Senior Instructor: Ralli Khitri, MD

Difficult Strabismus Problems: Diagnosis and Management 2019
| 267 | Sunday, 13 October | 15:15 – 17:30
Senior Instructor: David G. Hunter, MD, PhD

Refractive Surgery

Danger Zone: Refractive Surgery Nightmares and Worst-Case Scenarios — A Video-Based Course
| 282 | Sunday, 13 October | 16:30 – 17:30
Senior Instructor: Amar Agarwal, MD
Cosponsored by the International Society of Refractive Surgery

Therapeutic Corneal Refractive Surgery
| 423 | Monday, 14 October | 9:00 – 11:15
Senior Instructor: Dan Z. Reinstein, MD
Cosponsored by the International Society of Refractive Surgery

Retina, Vitreous

Retinal and Choroidal Manifestations of Selected Systemic Diseases 2019
| 214 | Sunday, 13 October | 10:15 – 12:30
Senior Instructor: J. Fernando Arevalo, MD, FACS
Cosponsored by the Pan-American Retina & Vitreous Society

Diabetes 2019: Course on Diabetic Retinopathy
| LEC127 | Sunday, 13 October | 14:00 – 16:15
Course Director: Keye L. Wong, MD

Management of High-Risk ROP in the 21st Century: Thermal-Destructive vs. Pharmacologic Treatment
| 629 | Monday, 14 October | 15:15 - 17:30
Senior Instructor: Michael T. Trese, MD

The Great Controversies in Ocular Oncology: A Course for Non-Ocular Oncologists
| 644 | Monday, 14 October | 15:15 - 17:30
Senior Instructor: Amy C. Schefler, MD

Uveitis

Endophthalmitis: Prophylaxis and Management
| SYM47 | Monday, 14 October | 14:00 – 15:30
Chairs: Sundaram Natarajan, MD; Namrata Sharma, MD, MBBS; Rajesh Sinha, MD, FRCS and Ravilla D. Ravindran, MBBS
Cosponsored by the All India Ophthalmological Society

Cataract Surgery and Uveitis: Controlling Inflammation, Difficult Pupils and Distorted Anatomy
| 513 | Monday, 14 October | 16:30 – 17:30
Senior Instructor: Michael Saidel, MD

Vision Rehabilitation

Smartphone Applications for Low Vision Patients
| 219 | Sunday, 13 October | 11:30 – 12:30
Senior Instructor: Lola M. Grillo, MD

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Subspecialty Day 2019

Take a deep dive into your subspecialty of choice. Your Subspecialty Day registration includes the Meetings on Demand All-Subspecialty package for free!

**Cornea Subspecialty Day 2019: Keeping Disease at Bay**
- **$ | Saturday, 12 October | 8:00 – 17:04**
- **Program Directors:** Jennifer Y. Li, MD; Sanjay V. Patel, MD, FRCOphth; and Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD
- In conjunction with The Cornea Society

**Glaucoma Subspecialty Day 2019: Crossing the Golden Gate to Exceptional Glaucoma Care**
- **$ | Saturday, 12 October | 8:00 – 17:01**
- **Program Directors:** JoAnn A. Giaconi, MD and Eydie G. Miller-Ellis, MD
- In conjunction with the American Glaucoma Society

**Neuro-Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day 2019: Diagnostic Errors and Challenges—Avoid the Traps!**
- **$ | Saturday, 12 October | 8:00 – 17:04**
- **Program Directors:** Prem S. Subramanian, MD, PhD and Peter A. Quiros, MD
- In conjunction with the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society

**Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Subspecialty Day 2019: A Decade to Remember 2010–2019**
- **$ | Saturday, 12 October | 8:00 – 17:27**
- **Program Directors:** Richard C. Allen, MD, PhD and Jeremiah P. Tao, MD
- In conjunction with the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery

**Pediatric Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day 2019: San Francisco Sound Meets Science**
- **$ | Saturday, 12 October | 7:00 – 17:05**
- **Program Directors:** Scott A. Larson, MD and Michael F. Chiang, MD
- In conjunction with the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus and the American Academy of Pediatrics

**Retina Subspecialty Day 2019: I² — Inspire Innovation**
- **$ | Friday, 11 October, 8:00 – 17:27 & Saturday, 12 October, 8:00 – 17:30**
- **Program Directors:** Mark S. Humayun, MD, PhD and Judy E. Kim, MD
- In conjunction with the American Society of Retina Specialists, the Macula Society, the Retina Society and Club Jules Gonin

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Reenergize With the EyePlay Experience and Other Wellness Activities

Visit **EyePlay Experience** at South, Booth 2349, to challenge a colleague to a game of table tennis, take a selfie with a giant #aao2019 hashtag, and more:

- Use computers with internet access
- Relax with therapy animals including goats, lambs, piglets and bunnies
- Give back through a community art service project to benefit local hospitals

Stop by the **Wellness Lounge** at West, Booth 7561, for:

- Complimentary seated massages (Saturday through Monday)
- Chair yoga (Saturday and Sunday only)
- Zen garden

**Wellness Programming Highlights**

**Ergonomics/Musculoskeletal Disorders in Ophthalmologists**

**F** | SPE49 | Sunday, 13 October | 12:45 – 13:45  
Presenters: Jeffrey L. Marx, MD; Scott E. Olitsky, MD

**Novel Approaches to Physician Wellness: No More “Feeling the Burn”**

**F** | SYM32 | Monday, 14 October | 8:30 – 10:00  
Chair: Benjejil Z. Edghill, MD  
Cosponsored by the National Medical Association Ophthalmology Section

**Extinguishing Burnout and Reigniting Joy in Medicine**

**+** | 609 | Tuesday, 15 October | 9:00 – 10:00  
Senior Instructor: Susan E. Connolly, MD

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+P: Included in the Academy Plus course pass
AAO 2019 CME/CPD Credit

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

CREDIT DESIGNATION STATEMENT FOR AAO 2019:
The American Academy of Ophthalmology designates this live activity for a maximum of 33.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Note: Maximum of 33.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ are available for those attending AAOE Master classes on Friday and AAO 2019 Saturday through Tuesday. Maximum of 30.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ are available for those attending AAO 2019 Saturday through Tuesday.

The American Medical Association has determined that non-U.S. licensed physicians who participate in this CME activity are eligible for AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™.

Two-Day Subspecialty Day Activity: Retina
The American Academy of Ophthalmology designates this live activity for a maximum of 14 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

One-Day Subspecialty Day Activities for Refractive Surgery, Cornea, Glaucoma, Neuro-Ophthalmology, Oculofacial Plastic Surgery and Pediatric Ophthalmology
The American Academy of Ophthalmology designates this live activity for a maximum of 7 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Self-Assessment Credit
Selected AAO 2019 courses and sessions meet the Self-Assessment CME requirements defined by the American Board of Ophthalmology (ABO). U.S. ophthalmologists can complete all eight annually required self-assessment (SACME) hours at AAO 2019. A listing of SACME courses will be available in the Mobile Meeting Guide. Subspecialty Day meetings no longer carry SACME.

NOTE: Credit designated as “SACME” is AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ and is also pre-approved by the ABO for the Maintenance of Certification (MOC) Learning and Self-Assessment Activity requirements.

European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) CME/CPD Requirements
European ophthalmologists can convert CME credit from AAO 2019 and the Subspecialty Day program to meet European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS) CME/CPD requirements.

The American Medical Association has an agreement of mutual recognition of Continuing Medical Education (CME) credits with the European Union of Medical Specialists (UEMS), the accreditation body for European countries. Physicians interested in converting AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™ to UEMS-European Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education CME credits (ECMECs) should contact the UEMS at mutualrecognition@uems.eu.

German State Chambers of Physicians Recognition of Certificates of Attendance
The German State Chambers of Physicians now automatically recognizes certificates of attendance for live, in-person Continuing Medical Education (CME) activities organized by accredited providers in the ACCME System. These activities must take place in the United States or its territories. This decision is limited to five years, expiring in November 2021.
Use the Mobile Meeting Guide to find your way around AAO 2019. Access this mobile-optimized website through any web browser beginning in mid-September at aao.org/mobile.

The guide contains complete AAO 2019 and Subspecialty Day program information, including abstracts and handouts.

For help onsite, visit the Tech Bar at EyePlay Experience, South, Booth 2349, for technical assistance with the Mobile Meeting Guide and any other technology related questions.
Explore the Beauty and Charm of San Francisco

San Francisco is eccentric and historic, cultured and quirky — all while being a hub for innovation and inspiration.

**Must-See Sights and Museums**
In addition to celebrated attractions such as Lombard Street, "The Crookedest Street in the World", cable cars, Alcatraz, Fisherman’s Wharf and the city’s most distinguished landmark, the Golden Gate Bridge, there are several must-see museums within walking distance of the Moscone Center:

- San Francisco Museum of Modern Art
- Yerba Buena Center for the Arts
- Museum of the African Diaspora
- Contemporary Jewish Museum
- Museum of Ice Cream

**A Foodie’s Paradise**
The Bay Area boasts 57 Michelin-starred restaurants. Don’t miss the chance to dine at Atelier Crenn, headed by chef Dominique Crenn, the first female chef in the United States to earn three stars.

**Napa Valley Wine and Beauty**
Take a drive over the iconic Golden Gate Bridge and explore the sprawling landscapes of the lovely Napa Valley. Plan to stay overnight and enjoy wine tasting, outdoor activities, events, art galleries and more. Napa Valley is a must-see while you’re in town — there are so many ways to experience its natural beauty.

**Delightful Sights of Fisherman’s Wharf**
Complete your trip to the City by the Bay with a visit to world-famous Fisherman’s Wharf. Partake in fresh seafood, sourdough bread and gorgeous views; watch the barking sea lions bask in the sun at Pier 39; and tour the USS Pampanito submarine.

**Music to the Ears**
Enjoy the prestigious musical styling of the San Francisco Symphony or the San Francisco Chamber Orchestra. Or, visit two historic venues that date back to the early 1900s: The Fillmore and The Warfield. Both showcase headliners from rock, to pop, to hip-hop and everything in between.

**Weather**
San Francisco in October is usually very comfortable with clear blue skies. Average highs are 70°F/21°C and lows are typically 54°F/12°C. Bring a jacket or other warm clothes to wear in the evenings or if sightseeing, as it can get windy.
Engage With Colleagues and the Academy on Social Media

FACEBOOK:
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TWITTER:
Follow @aao_ophth
Use the official annual meeting hashtag, #aao2019, for conversations and real-time meeting updates.

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