

DRY EYELAND™

# Journey to a world

WHERE A LOSS OF TEAR FILM  
HOMEOSTASIS LEADS TO DRY EYE<sup>1</sup>



When it comes to dry eye disease and the loss of tear film homeostasis, there's a broader integrated system that needs exploring. We call it Dry Eyeland.<sup>2,3</sup>

**Come travel this anatomical landscape, where:**

- Loss of tear film homeostasis is the unifying characteristic of all dry eye<sup>1</sup>
- The parasympathetic nervous system plays a major role in tear film homeostasis<sup>2</sup>
- The lacrimal functional unit (LFU) is far more than just the lacrimal gland<sup>3</sup>

**Allow us to be your guide to dry eye—visit [DryEyeland.com](http://DryEyeland.com) to see the sights.  
Because a whole world awaits beyond the ocular surface.**



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# Destination AAO 2021

GET READY FOR NEW ORLEANS • PART 2 OF 6

## SPOTLIGHT ON CATARACT

### Celebrating 20 Years

At AAO 2021, join your colleagues in celebrating the 20th anniversary of the Spotlight on Cataract.

Cochairs David F. Chang, MD, and Nicole R. Fram, MD, will present rapid-fire mini-lectures and spontaneous panel discussions built around eight video cases of intra- and postoperative complications. Throughout the session, audience members will be asked to weigh in with their case management choices via audience polling.

This popular session will conclude with the Charles D. Kelman Lecture given by Michael E. Snyder, MD, who combines clinical activities with teaching and research at the Cincinnati Eye Institute and the University of Cincinnati School of Medicine.

The Spotlight on Cataract takes place the morning of Cataract Monday, and is followed in the afternoon by The American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery symposia “Essentials for the Cataract Surgeon in 2021.”  
**When:** Monday, Nov. 15, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.

**Learn more** at [aao.org/program](https://aao.org/program).



**SPOTLIGHT ON CATARACT.** Dr. Chang (left) and Dr. Fram (right) will cochair the 20th Spotlight on Cataract during AAO 2021 (Friday, Nov. 12 to Monday, Nov. 15).

New Orleans and/or viewing AAO 2021 Virtual content online.

#### Events not included.

Tickets must still be purchased for Skills Transfer labs and AAOE Master Classes, and you must register separately for Sub-specialty Day meetings.

**Find more registration information** at [aao.org/registration](https://aao.org/registration).

## REGISTRATION

### Register for AAO 2021

Members can register now for AAO 2021, Subspecialty Day meetings, and the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives (AAOE) Coding Sessions. Registration for nonmembers opens July 7.

The early registration fee for Academy and AAOE members, including retired and life members, is \$200. Fees increase starting Aug. 19.

**Registration benefits.** Your AAO 2021 registration includes:

- new this year: all AAO and AAOE instruction courses;
- clinical sessions and original papers;
- Skills Transfer lectures;
- videos and posters;
- Expo;
- Industry Showcases;
- AAO 2021 Virtual annual meeting content (see next article); and
- the opportunity to earn a maximum of 50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits for attending the in-person meeting in

### Can't Join in Person? Register for the Virtual Meeting

For the same cost (\$200) as the in-person meeting, you can register for AAO 2021 Virtual and get these benefits:

- annual meeting sessions, including highlights streamed live and available later to view on demand;
- annual meeting on-demand-only content;
- videos and posters;
- access to the Virtual Expo; and
- the opportunity to earn a maximum of 50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits.

You can also register separately for the Subspecialty Day virtual meeting by day: Friday, Saturday, or both. Registration includes:

- content from all Subspecialty Day sessions on that day, streamed live and available later on demand;
- detailed course syllabi online;
- access to the Virtual Expo; and
- the opportunity to earn 12 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits per day.

**Learn more** at [aao.org/registration](https://aao.org/registration).



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## Reserve Your Hotel Room

Members may reserve a hotel room now. The online hotel booking system opens to nonmembers on July 7. Remember that this year's Opening Session is on Friday, Nov. 12 and the meeting runs through Monday, Nov. 15.

The Academy works with the official hotel reservation provider, Expovision, to help you get the lowest price available, as well as your hotel loyalty points.

**Fraud alert!** Several companies pretending to be associated with the Academy and AAO 2021 may appear in web searches or may contact you via email. These companies claim that they can book hotel rooms for the Academy's annual meeting, but they are unaffiliated with the Academy. Book only through AAO 2021's official hotel reservation provider, Expovision.

**Find more hotel reservation information** at [aao.org/hotels](http://aao.org/hotels).

## HEALTH & SAFETY

### Your Safety Is Top Priority

For AAO 2021 in New Orleans, the Academy is implementing enhanced health and safety measures in compliance with CDC guidelines, as well as state and local regulations, to help you remain safe. Layout and cleaning procedures for all session rooms, labs, and public areas are currently under review. Meeting planning will evolve as regulations and guidelines change.

**Find the latest information** at [aao.org/health-safety](http://aao.org/health-safety).

## PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

### Search the Program

Available now, Program Search ([aao.org/programsearch](http://aao.org/programsearch)) is an online tool to find course information and abstracts. It allows you to look up information by day, topic, format, or presenter. You may log in on the search page to add items to your calendar.

### Celebrate at the 2021 Orbital Gala Masquerade

Join the pageantry and reconnect with your colleagues at the 18th annual Orbital Gala fundraiser on Sunday,



**ORBITAL GALA.** The Host Committee is working hard on exciting auction offerings. Bid high, bid often, and support the Academy programs you love.

Nov. 14, at the House of Blues in New Orleans. Swap stories at the cocktail party and bid on one-of-a-kind auction treasures to support the Academy's vital educational programs. You will also have the opportunity to celebrate David J. Noonan, former Academy deputy executive vice president, for his numerous contributions to ophthalmology. Can't attend in person? Join virtually.

**Learn more** at [aao.org/gala](http://aao.org/gala).

## SUBSPECIALTY DAY

### Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

This month, program directors from two Subspecialty Day meetings preview some of this year's highlights.

**View the schedules** at [aao.org/programsearch](http://aao.org/programsearch).

### REFRACTIVE SURGERY 2021: How Can We Do Better?

**Program Directors:** Burkhard Dick, MD, and Deepinder K. Dhalliwal, MD.

**When:** Friday, Nov. 12 (8:00 a.m.-5:27 p.m.)

One result of the pandemic is a growing interest in refractive surgery in many countries. This year, the theme of the International Society of Refractive Surgery (ISRS) meeting is "How Can We Do Better?" In other words, how can refractive specialists deliver the best results to patients? Highlighting this theme will be a lecture titled "Building on New Interest in Refractive Surgery

and How to Keep Momentum Going." The meeting will also cover pearls and the latest techniques that all refractive surgeons should know regarding different approaches to the surgical correction of refractive errors: cornea-based, lens-based, and combined refractive-cataract procedures.

In addition to a video-based section on complication management, this Subspecialty Day meeting will showcase the future of refractive surgery, including lectures on future trends and

innovation. It will be an exciting program that will have a positive impact on your current and future practice.

*The Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day is also the annual meeting of ISRS.*

### OCULOFACIAL PLASTIC SURGERY 2021: Face Forward.

**Program Directors:** Catherine J. Hwang, MD, and Thomas E. Johnson, MD.

**When:** Saturday, Nov. 13 (8:00 a.m.-4:48 p.m.)

This meeting will cover a variety of trending topics in oculofacial plastic surgery, including advanced facial filler techniques, the addition of corneal neurotization to your practice, and updates in thyroid eye disease, as well as tips on improving your practice's social media presence and cosmetic offerings. There will also be a new section of surgical videos and pearls that will feature Kyung In Woo, MD, on Asian blepharoplasty; Julian Perry, MD, on managing festoons; and Evan Black, MD, on the nuances in brow lifting. The meeting will close with a risk management talk by Rob Fante, MD, and Linda D. Harrison, PhD, of the Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company (OMIC members who attend this event will receive a discount on their annual premium). This year's Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Subspecialty Day is not to be missed!

*The Oculofacial Plastic Surgery meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Society of Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.*