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American Academy of Ophthalmology Mid-Year Forum 2022 Program

The Mid-Year Forum is one of the American Academy of Ophthalmology's most significant yearly meetings, bringing the ophthalmology community together to instigate change and shape our profession's future.

Wednesday, April 6	Congressional Advocacy Day
4:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Registration/Information Potomac Ballroom Registration Desk
4:00 pm - 9:30 pm	Congressional Advocacy Day - Appointment Pick-up* Potomac Ballroom Registration Desk
	*Appointment Pick-Up Desk Hours: 4:00 to 6:45 pm and 8:30 to 9:30 pm.
7:00 pm - 8:30 pm	Dinner Briefing Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2
	Moderator: Sohail J. Hasan, MD, PhD – Chair, OPHTHPAC Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology
	This year's Congressional Advocacy Day features a hybrid format of in-person events and meetings on Capitol Hill, as well as virtual Zoom meetings as necessary, and builds on our successful efforts to protect sight through action at the federal level. Our efforts will highlight the regulatory burden that impacts our profession and we will be urging members of Congress to support efforts to improve our ability to care for our patients. Before we make our way to Capitol Hill, you will be fully trained on how to best represent our profession to members of Congress and their staff, whether your meeting is in-person or virtual. All Academy members are urged to take part in this critical event to bring your voice to these important issues. Only you can protect your patients, practice and profession.
7:00 pm - 7:05 pm	Welcome Sohail J. Hasan, MD, PhD – Chair, OPHTHPAC Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology
7:05 pm - 7:10 pm	Remarks from the President Robert E. Wiggins, MD, MHA - President, American Academy of Ophthalmology
7:10 pm - 7:20 pm	Recognition of the Robert A. Copeland Jr., Advocacy Fund Fellow Sohail J. Hasan, MD, PhD – Chair, OPHTHPAC Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology
7:20 pm - 7:25 pm	OPHTHPAC Sohail J. Hasan, MD, PhD - Chair, OPHTHPAC Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology
7:25 pm - 7:30 pm	Surgical Scope Fund Lee A. Snyder, MD – Chair, Surgical Scope Fund Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology
7:30 pm - 7:40 pm	Advocacy Pointers

7.40	Le vieletine Briefing
7:40 pm - 8:25 pm	Legislative Briefing Cathy G. Cohen, MHSA, CAE - Vice President, Governmental Affairs, American Academy of
	Ophthalmology
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	of Ophthalmology
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	Closing
8:25 pm - 8:30 pm	Sohail J. Hasan, MD, PhD – Chair, OPHTHPAC Committee, American Academy of
	Ophthalmology
8:30 pm	Adjourn
8:45 pm - 10:00 pm	Advocacy Ambassador Program Briefing and Reception - by invitation only
	Anacostia Ballroom: Salon D & E
Thursday, April 7	Congressional Advocacy Day (Continued)
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Breakfast
8:30 am - 3:00 pm	Congressional Visits - In-person and virtual
11:00 am - 2:00 pm	Boxed Lunch
Congressional Advocad	cy Day Q&A Breakfast
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast – Questions and Answers
	Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2
7:00 am - 7:05 am	Welcome
	Sohail J. Hasan, MD, PhD – Chair, OPHTHPAC Committee American Academy of Ophthalmology
7:05 am - 7:10 am	EyeCare America
7.05 am - 7.10 am	Eyecare America
7:10 am - 7:25 am	Navigating Capitol Hill and Schedule Logistics
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7.25 dill = 7.45 dill	Question and Answer Session
7:45 am - 8:00 am	Question and Answer Session Remarks from Rep. Kim Schrier, MD (WA-08) 2

Metro to Capitol Hill

Members will be provided with Metro SmarTrip cards to accommodate their trips to and from Capitol Hill. A map of the Metro system and Capitol Hill is provided in the "Getting Around D.C." section of the Congressional Advocacy Day Legislative Briefing Book. Please allow at least 45-60 minutes to get to the Hill before your meetings.

Meetings with Members of Congress and Staff 8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Appointments with your members of Congress have been made for you based on your home address provided at registration. Please check your schedule to ensure that you are on the Hill in time for your meetings and allow an extra 30 minutes for security checks and a staff escort when entering congressional office buildings. Space is available at the Renaissance Hotel to facilitate virtual meetings. For questions about your appointments, contact **Dash Delan at ddelan@aao.org or call 202.587.5823**. Return from Capitol Hill to the Renaissance Downtown Hotel by Metro.

Contact Dash Delan immediately if you will not be available to attend your scheduled meeting. Missed appointments reflect poorly on the Academy and make scheduling future meetings more difficult.

Boxed Lunch 11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Reserve Officers Building, One Constitution Ave. NW

See the map of Capitol Hill provided in the "Getting Around D.C." section of the Congressional Advocacy Day Legislative Briefing book

Thursday, April 7	Leadership Development Program
12:30 pm- 2:45 pm	Leadership Development Program Luncheon and Meeting - <i>by invitation only</i> Capitol Hill Club, 300 First St SE, Washington, D.C. Participants in the Academy's Leadership Development Program XXIII, class of 2022, who have been selected through a competitive nomination process, meet in the leadership program which addresses a variety of leadership, advocacy and association management topics.
Thursday, April 7	Politics. Policy. Practice Management.
	Learn about changes that impact how you practice, and develop key strategies for successfully implementing new programs into your patient-care approach. Commercial support provided in part by Allergan and HORIZON - Platinum Level
3:30 pm	Welcome and Introduction to Mid-Year Forum 2022 Potomac Ballroom: Salons 1 & 2 Stephen D. McLeod, MD - CEO, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Robert E. Wiggins, MD, MHA - President, American Academy of Ophthalmology
3:40 pm- 5:30 pm	 Behind the Scenes in D.C. Moderators: George A. Williams, MD – Senior Secretary for Advocacy, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Michael X. Repka, MD, MBA – Medical Director for Governmental Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology
	The Administration and Congress are not the only things affecting Federal laws and regulations. Real life examples of forces affecting Medicare and other policy decisions impacting ophthalmology and its patients will be shared. This session will provide attendees with insight into how things work in Washington by examining some of the outcomes related to ophthalmology's advocacy priorities. Attendees will gain a better understanding of the important role they play in advancing our profession's legislative and regulatory agenda. The session will also examine the potential impact of the 2022 midterm elections and what policy shifts ophthalmologists might see in 2023.

3:40 pm - 3:50 pm	How the Pieces Fit Together Sohail J. Hasan, MD, PhD - Associate Secretary, OPHTHPAC Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology
3:50 pm - 4:00 pm	My Advocacy Journey to the U.S. Congress The Honorable Marianette Miller-Meeks, MD (R- IA) - Representative, U.S. House of Representatives
4:00 pm - 4:15 pm	The Importance of Physician Advocacy: A View from Capitol Hill Invited Guest
4:15 pm - 4:25 pm	Values from Building Strong Congressional Ties: A Case Study Cathy G. Cohen, MHSA, CAE - Vice President, Governmental Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology
4:25 pm - 4:35 pm	Making an Impact for Ophthalmology and Where We Are Going in 2022 and Beyond George A. Williams, MD - Senior Secretary for Advocacy, American Academy of Ophthalmology
4:35 pm - 4:45 pm	The Role and Value in Coalitions to Successful Advocacy Campaigns Peggy Tighe, JD - Principal, Regulatory Relief Coalition/ Powers, Pyles, Sutter & Verville, PC
4:45 pm - 4:50 pm	What's at Risk if Physicians Don't Get Engaged Michael X. Repka, MD, MBA - Medical Director for Governmental Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology
4:50 pm - 5:30 pm	Q & A
5:30 pm	End of Session
5:30 pm - 6:00 pm	Council Regional Chair Orientation – by invitation only Meeting Room 5
	Moderators: Thomas A. Graul, MD - Council Chair Prem S. Subramanian, MD, PhD - Council Vice Chair
	Council Regional Meeting chairs are invited to attend a special orientation including a review of the agenda for the regional meetings and responsibilities of facilitating the meetings.
6:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Welcome Reception and Awards Banquet - Join us for an evening of celebration and enlightenment.
6:00 pm - 7:00 pm	Reception Anacostia Ballroom: Salon D & E
7:00 pm - 9:00 pm	Dinner Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2
	Keynote Speaker: Michael F. Chiang, MD - Director, National Eye Institute Topic: Artificial Intelligence and Ophthalmology.
9:15 pm - 11:15 pm	Surgical Scope Fund Reception - <i>by invitation only</i> Toro Toro, 1300 I Street, NW, Washington, D.C.
	In appreciation for your support of Surgery by Surgeons in 2022, we invite you to join us to attend this special event. If you have any questions or need to check your giving history, contact

attend this special event. If you have any questions or need to check your giving history, contact Matt Jordan at mjordan@aao.org or call 202.587.5804.

Friday, April 8	Politics. Policy. Practice Management. (Continued)
	Commercial support provided in part by Genentech
7:00 am- 5:00 pm	Registration/Information Potomac Ballroom Registration Desk
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast Potomac Ballroom Foyer
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Orientation for New Councilors – by invitation only Meeting Room 4
	Breakfast available at 6:30 am - 8:00 am. Orientation starts at 7:00am sharp.
	Moderators: Thomas A. Graul, MD - Council Chair Prem S. Subramanian, MD, PhD - Council Vice Chair
	Councilors are invited to attend a special orientation that includes an overview of Council operational procedures and responsibilities of Councilors.
8:00 am - 11:45 am	Advocacy Ambassador Program - by invitation only Anacostia Ballroom: Salon D & E
Meeting	 L.E.A.P. Forward (Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy and Practice Management) - by invitation only Moderators: Andrea A. Tooley, MD and Lindsay De Andrade, MD - Members, Young Ophthalmologist (YO) Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology
	Advocacy Ambassadors will be inspired and engaged to be successful leaders in their practice setting, community, state and subspecialty society as well as national and international organizations. Young members will network and interact with active leaders in ophthalmology as they participate in panel discussions covering four major areas: Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy, and Practice Management.
8:15 am - 9:45 am	Hearings (Concurrent Hearings)
	#1. MEDICAL WASTE
	#2. The Ophthalmic Office of the Future
8:15 am - 9:45 am	Hearing #1. Medical Waste Potomac Ballroom: Salon 3
	Moderators: Ruth D. Williams, MD – Editor-in-Chief, EyeNet, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Cathleen M. McCabe, MD – President, Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Society
	Eliminating medical waste in healthcare facilities is critical to lowering health care costs, ensuring continued access to key drugs, and promoting better environmental outcomes. This session will serve to provide an overview of the current challenges, highlight ophthalmology leaders' success in changing state policies, and provide important perspectives from ophthalmology leaders, industry stakeholders, and federal policymakers.
8:15 am - 8:25 am	Introductory Remarks/ Overview of Issue Cathleen M. McCabe, MD - President, Outpatient Ophthalmic Surgery Society
8:25 am - 8:35 am	Highlighting Success at the State Level David J. Palmer, MD - Clinical Associate Professor, Co-Chair OICS Subcommittee on Surgical Pharmaceutical Waste, Northwestern Medicine
8:35 am - 8:45 am	Environmental Impact of Medical Waste in Ophthalmology Cassandra Thiel, PhD - Assistant Professor, Department of Population Health & Assistant Professor Department of Ophthalmology, NYU Langone Health
8:45 am - 8:55 am	Perspective of the Role of Industry in Reducing Medical Waste Alex Long – Vice President, Global Cataract Implantables, Alcon

8:55 am - 9:05 am	Policy & Regulatory Barriers to Addressing Medical Waste Wiley A. Chambers, MD – Supervisory Medical Officer, Office of New Drugs, Food and Drug Administration Center for Evaluation and Research
9:05 am - 9:15 am	Medical Waste: Best Practices for Large Practices &ASCs Ruth D. Williams, MD – Editor-in-Chief, EyeNet, American Academy of Ophthalmology; President, Wheaton Eye Clinic
9:15 am - 9:45 am	Q&A
9:45 am	End of Session
8:15 am - 9:45 am	Hearing #2. The Ophthalmic Office of the Future Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2
	Moderators: Mary Louise D. Collins, MD – Trustee-at-Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Ravi D. Goel, MD – Senior Secretary for Ophthalmic Practice, American Academy of Ophthalmology
	Come to this session and learn from the experts how to leverage modern ophthalmic clinic design on flow and productivity and explore lessons learned from the pandemic that accelerated the evolution of our treatment practices. At the end of this interactive, fast-paced session, you will receive access to a toolkit containing various resources that you can put into practice when you return home.
	Resources will be available via: aao.org/MYF22-TOF
8:15 am - 8:20 am	Introduction Mary Louise D. Collins, MD – Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology, GBMC Health Care; Trustee-at-Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Ravi D. Goel, MD - Senior Secretary for Ophthalmic Practice, American Academy of Ophthalmology
8:20 am - 8:40am	Designing the Lean Office During the Pandemic and Into the Future Andrew P. Schachat, MD – Vice Chairman for Clinical Affairs and Director of Clinical Research, Cole Eye Institute, Jeff H. Pettey, MD, MBA – Associate Professor and Vice Chair of Education, Moran Eye Center and Associate Professor, University of Utah Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences
8:40 am - 8:45 am	Table Exercise
8:45 am - 9:05 am	Control Your Space: Core Design and Flow Principles Aneesh Suneja, MBA – President, FlowOne Lean Consulting, LLC, Alan E. Kimura, MD, MPH – President, Colorado Retina Associates
9:05 am - 9:10 am	Table Exercise
9:10 am - 9:25 am	Putting it Together: Visualize a Successful Execution Stephen D. McLeod, MD – Chief Executive Officer, American Academy of Ophthalmology
9:25 am - 9:30 am	Table Exercise
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Q&A
9:45 am	End of Session
9:45 am - 10:15 am	Break
10:15 am - 11:45 am	Hearings (Concurrent Hearings) #1. Innovation in Ophthalmology and its Impact on Coding, Coverage,
	AND REIMBURSEMENT #2. CHANGING DEMOGRAPHY FOR THE PRACTICE OF OPHTHALMOLOGY

10:15 am - 11:45 am	Hearing #1. Innovation in Ophthalmology and its Impact on Coding, Coverage, and Reimbursement
	Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2 Moderator: David B. Glasser, MD - Secretary for Federal Affairs, American Academy of
	Ophthalmology Innovation in ophthalmology has always been central to our culture. While offering exciting opportunities for physician growth and patient care, innovation can affect coverage, patient access and reimbursement for physicians in complex ways, both directly and indirectly. The recent
	MIGS/cataract valuation highlights the challenges posed by balancing innovation, coverage, and reimbursement. These require collaboration between external stakeholders, participation in coding valuations, advocacy with payers, and negotiations with regulatory agencies.
10:15 am - 10:25 am	MIGS Case Study John T. McAlister, MD – Health Policy Committee Member, American Academy of Ophthalmology
10:25 am - 10:35 am	Nomenclature & Clinical Practice Emily P. Jones, MD – Health Policy Committee Member, American Academy of Ophthalmology
10:35 am - 10:45 am	Study Design and FDA Approval Jella Angela An, MD, MBA – Associate Professor of Ophthalmology, Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute
10:45 am - 10:55 am	Impacts on the CPT Process David B. Glasser, MD - Secretary for Federal Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology
10:55 am - 11:10 am	Physician Payment (RUC Process) Jeff P. Edelstein, MD - Health Policy Associate Secretary, American Academy of Ophthalmology
11:10 am - 11:20 am	Facility Payment & Access Sara B. Rapuano, MBA, CPC, COE, OCS
11:20 am - 11:30 am	Conclusion David B. Glasser, MD - Secretary for Federal Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology
11:30 am - 11: 45 am	Q&A
11:45 am	End of Session
10:15 am - 11:45 am	Hearing #2. Changing Demography for the Practice of Ophthalmology Potomac Ballroom: Salon 3
	Moderators: Robert E. Wiggins, MD, MHA – President, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Chris Albanis, MD – Director, Leadership Development Program, American Academy of Ophthalmology
	Single specialty private group practice remains the most popular practice model among ophthalmologists. However, across all of medicine, a recent study found that 70% of physicians are employed by hospitals or other corporate entities, and within ophthalmology, the greatest growth is occurring in practices owned by private equity companies. On the other hand, some ophthalmologists are bucking the trend of consolidation and leaving group practice to start solo practices. In this session we'll hear about options to traditional single specialty group ophthalmology private practice including private equity, hospital/health system employment, and solo practice. At the end of this session, the ophthalmologist should understand the options that exist outside of joining a large privately owned ophthalmology group practice and the pros and cons of each model.
10:15 am - 11:20 am	Introduction Robert E. Wiggins, MD, MHA – President, American Academy of Ophthalmology; Physician Administrator, Asheville Eye Associates

10:20 am - 10:30 am	The Changing Demography: The Academy's Member Survey Aaron M. Miller, MD, MBA – Secretary for Member Services, American Academy of Ophthalmology; Ophthalmologist, Houston Eye Associates
10:30 am - 10:40 am	Single Specialty Physician Owned Group Practice Robert E. Wiggins, MD, MHA – President, American Academy of Ophthalmology; Physician Administrator, Asheville Eye Associates
10: 40 am - 10:50 am	Private Equity Chris Albanis, MD - President, Arbor Centers for EyeCare; Leadership Development Program Director, American Academy of Ophthalmology
10:50 am - 11:00 am	Health System David C. Herman, MD – CEO, Essentia Health; Public Trustee, American Academy of Ophthalmology
11:00 am - 11:10 am	Academic Medical Center Paul P. Lee, MD, JD – F. Bruce Fralick Professor and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Michigan; Director, W.K. Kellogg Eye Center
11:10 am - 11:20 am	Solo Practice Julia Lee, JD – Administrator, Lee Vision Associates; Board Member, American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives
11:20 am - 11:22 am	Closing Chris Albanis, MD – President, Arbor Centers for EyeCare; Leadership Development Program Director, American Academy of Ophthalmology
11:22 am - 11:45 am	Q&A
11:45 am	End of Session
12:00 pm - 2:00 pm	Closing Session and Luncheon Rock Creek Ballroom
	On the Brighter Side Moderators: Daniel J. Briceland, MD – President Elect, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Purnima S. Patel, MD - Trustee-at-Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology
	Time to take stock and remember all the reasons why we chose ophthalmology and how they can carry us through this pandemic and beyond.
12:45 pm - 12:49 pm	Introduction Purnima S. Patel, MD, Trustee-at-Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology
12:49 pm - 1:04 pm	Eyes Wide Open William E. Flanary, MD - Ophthalmologist, EyeHealth Northwest, Portland
1:04 pm - 1:12 pm	Eye Can Do It All Philip R. Rizzuto, MD, FACS – Professor of Surgery, Alpert Medical School, Brown University
1:12 pm - 1:20 pm	Globe Trotting to Save Vision Jessica G. Shantha, MD – Assistant Professor, University of California, San Francisco
1:20 pm - 1:28 pm	Eye Can Change the World Julia A. Haller, MD – Ophthalmologist-in-Chief, Wills Eye Hospital
1:28 pm - 1:36 pm	Eye Will Make it Happen R.V. Paul Chan, MD – Secretary for Global Alliances, American Academy of Ophthalmology
1:36 pm - 1:46 pm	Ophtho Rocks
1:46 pm - 1:56 pm	Q&A

1:56 pm - 2:00 pm	Conclusion Daniel J. Briceland, MD – President-Elect, American Academy of Ophthalmology
2:00 pm	End of Session
2:00 pm - 2:30pm	Break
Friday, April 8	Post Conference Events
2:30 pm - 3:30 pm	Advocacy Ambassador Program: Capitol Hill Wrap Up - by invitation only Anacostia Ballroom: Salon D & E
2:30 pm - 3:50 pm	Council Opening Session Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2
	Unite with your colleagues from ophthalmic state, subspecialty and specialized interest societies to discuss key issues facing our profession.
4:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Council Regional Meetings Refer to Council Program Book for Room Assignments
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm	OPHTHPAC Reception - <i>by invitation only</i> The Watergate Hotel, 2650 Virginia Avenue, NW, Washington D.C.
	OPHTHPAC members who contribute to OPHTHPAC in 2022 are invited to attend this lively cocktail reception with a full open bar and hors d'oeuvres. To check your giving history or to make an investment, contact Desta Wallace at dwallace@aao.org or call 202.587.5821 .
Saturday, April 9	Post Conference Events
7:00 am - 1:00 pm	Meeting Information Potomac Ballroom Registration Desk
7:00 am - 8:00 am	Continental Breakfast Potomac Ballroom Foyer
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Council State Section Meeting Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2
8:00 am - 9:30 am	Council Subspecialty/Specialized Interest Section Meeting Potomac Ballroom: Salon 3
9:30 am - 9:45 am	Break Potomac Ballroom Foyer
9:45 am - 12:00 pm	Closing Session and Hearing on Council Advisory Recommendations Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm	Council Luncheon Potomac Ballroom: Salon 3

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