

Destination AAO 2020

GET READY FOR LAS VEGAS • PART 1 OF 6

WELCOME

Looking Forward to Las Vegas

Now is the time to start preparing for the Academy's annual meeting, the year's best opportunity to learn from leaders in the field, discuss current topics in medicine, connect with colleagues, and explore the city.

What about COVID-19? Of course, given the current crisis, the Academy is actively monitoring developments and soliciting input from public health authorities, as the health and safety of meeting participants and attendees is of utmost importance. At this time, AAO 2020 is still scheduled for November as planned. The Academy looks forward to the passing of this pandemic and a visionary meeting in Las Vegas.

When to be there. AAO 2020 runs Nov. 14-17 and is preceded by Subspecialty Day meetings, held Nov. 13-14. You can also attend the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives (AAOE) Practice Management Program Nov. 13-17, and the American Society of Ophthalmic Registered Nurses (ASORN) Program Nov. 13-14.

How to prepare. Over the next six months, this Destination AAO 2020 section will guide you through deadlines, preview the scientific program, and highlight key events.



SKILLS TRANSFER LABS. The Skills Transfer labs are an important opportunity for physicians to learn the most up-to-date techniques. Tickets, available for members starting June 17, are required for Skills Transfer labs.

REGISTRATION

New! June—Not April—for AAO 2020 Registration and Hotel Booking

The Academy has announced that AAO 2020 registration and hotel reservations will now open **June 17** for members and **July 8** for nonmembers.

In the meantime, avoid scams. Several fraudulent companies pretending to be associated with the Academy and AAO 2020 may appear in web searches or may have already contacted you via email.

Learn how to spot a fraud, visit aao.org/registration#fraud.

WHAT'S TO COME

Dr. Jeng's Insider Perspective

Bennie H. Jeng, MD, is serving his first year as the Chair of the Annual Meeting Program Committee. Here, Dr. Jeng gives a preview of what's to come in Las Vegas.

Q: What's new for AAO 2020?

A: There is increased emphasis on making courses and materials more interactive. Especially with the newer generation of attendees, we're finding that they're learning more through engagement than by sitting in a lecture, and we want to be sure the Academy is providing that. We're going to have more of the interactive poster sessions to promote more discussion and small group learning.

Q: What kind of trends have you seen in association meetings?

A: In general, meetings are getting bigger, and the Academy is no exception. Some of the feedback that we have been getting—at least from newer attendees—is that there are so many excellent sessions to choose from that it can be a challenge to decide what's a priority. With this in mind, the Mobile Meeting Guide is constantly being improved to offer a better navigation experience.

The Academy meeting is also a convener of all the different subspecial-



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ties. People have plenty of choices, and that's something that a lot of the other meetings don't really offer.

Q: What are some of the most exciting course topics being planned?



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A: One of the new developments that I'm particularly interested in is the Light Adjustable Lens course on the cataract front. In cornea, one of the most popular courses will be Top 10 Hot Corneal Surgical Tips for 2020. The Academy

has been doing this every year for many years, but we're always updating it with new material. This year, I expect that's going to be very interesting because cornea is still very much changing.

Q: If you could take just one instruction course or symposium at this meeting, what would it be and why?

A: Because I'm a cornea person, I'm looking forward to the Cornea Society symposium that's called Cornea in 2020 and Beyond. But in terms of a topic that I think everyone should follow, artificial intelligence is becoming hotter and hotter. There will be symposia and various courses, as well as lots of original papers, throughout the meeting on the topic. For attendees, whatever their specialty is, they should take some time to see something about artificial intelligence because it's coming, and it's going to change the way we do things.

Q: What is the best memory or experience you've had with this meeting?

A: My best memory is the first time I was invited to speak at Subspecialty Day. It was such an honor to be asked, and it was a great experience. It included a big panel discussion that I thought was very useful, and I got a lot of good feedback.

Q: What's the No. 1 extracurricular activity you're looking forward to in Las Vegas?

A: I do really like the hubbub of everything going on in the city, and there's a lot to do in Las Vegas besides the casinos. I really enjoy getting together with friends and colleagues, so

the alumni receptions are what I look forward to most, no matter the city.

BEAT THE CLOCK

Course Pass and Tickets: Buy Them Early

Registration for AAO 2020 gives you access to many types of sessions, including papers, Poster Theater presentations and Poster Discussions, conversation (and coffee) at the Academy Café, and other symposia. You also will get access to e-posters and videos on demand. For greater access, purchase the Academy Plus course pass.

Academy Plus. Academy Plus is a course pass that offers unlimited access to all Academy and AAOE instruction courses, including Skills Transfer didactic lectures. No need to plan or preselect courses. Pass holders can float among all available courses.

You can purchase the Academy Plus course pass when you register for AAO 2020 online. Academy Plus will also give you complimentary access to the annual meeting components of Meetings on Demand, a product that captures highlighted presentations recorded during the annual meeting.

Some events require tickets or separate registration. Tickets are required for Skills Transfer labs, some special meetings, and AAOE Practice Management Master Classes, among other sessions. (Note: Tickets are no longer printed. Your badge will be scanned to allow entry to these ticketed events.)

Tickets and the Academy Plus course pass will be available for purchase starting June 17 for members.

For more information, visit aao.org/registration.

PROGRAM

June 17: Access Full Program Information

The full, official program for AAO 2020—including Subspecialty Day schedules—will be online starting June 17.

You will be able to look up information by day, topic, type of event or course, special interest, or presenter. You don't have to log in or be a member to view program information,

but you will need to log in to build a personal calendar and register.

Learn more at aao.org/program.

Attend Subspecialty Day 2020

Subspecialty Day meetings feature world-renowned ophthalmologists presenting the latest developments and pearls. Dates are as follows:

One-day meeting on Friday, Nov. 13:

- Refractive Surgery: Celebrating 2020

Two-day meeting on Friday, Nov. 13, and Saturday, Nov. 14:

- Retina: Vision for the Future
- One-day meetings on Saturday, Nov. 14:**
- Cornea: Seeing Clearly Into the Future
 - Glaucoma: Winning Bets: Strategies in Glaucoma Care
 - Ocular Oncology/Pathology: Collaboration Now More Than Ever
 - Oculofacial Plastic Surgery: Back to the Basics With Tips and Tricks
 - Pediatric Ophthalmology: The Only Game in Town
 - Uveitis: Beating the Odds—How to Make Sure You Get a Full House When You're Dealt Uveitis

Subspecialty Day registration provides attendees the flexibility to float among meetings. One-day meeting registrants can attend any of the meetings taking place that day; two-day registrants are free to attend any Subspecialty Day presentation on Friday or Saturday. In addition, those registered for a Subspecialty Day meeting taking place on Saturday will have access on that day to the AAO 2020 Exhibition.

Meetings on Demand is compli-



SUBSPECIALTY DAY. Internationally recognized ophthalmologists will present their findings and insights during eight Subspecialty Day meetings in Las Vegas.

mentary. All Subspecialty Day meeting attendees receive access to the Meetings on Demand recordings from the Subspecialty Day programs.

Register. Online registration for Subspecialty Day meetings opens June 17 for members and July 8 for non-members.

Find more information at aao.org/subspecialty-day.

Boost Your Practice Recovery With the AAOE Practice Management Program

Many practices have been drastically affected by the COVID-19 pandemic and need solid strategies to recover from financial and operational setbacks. Engage with leaders and experts in ophthalmology to find solutions and new opportunities that you can implement immediately in your practice.

Attend the AAOE Program, Nov. 13-17. It includes a variety of courses, workshops, and roundtables, free for AAOE and Academy members. Choose from more than 70 instruction courses on leadership, practice optimization, risk management, coding, and more.

Admission to instruction courses is via the Academy Plus course pass, which must be purchased separately. For deeper immersion, attend three-hour Master Classes and intensive coding sessions (ticketed separately) on Friday and Saturday.

On June 17, watch for info to be posted at aao.org/aaoe.

TRAVEL

Plan Your Visit

Las Vegas is known for its many entertainment options, from gambling at the strip's iconic casinos to the unforgettable drive through the Valley of Fire State Park, less than an hour from the city. And for theater lovers, tickets are already available for several in-residence shows in November 2020, including "Le Rêve—The Dream," a performance that incorporates swimming, acrobatics, and fire at an intimate theater-in-the-round; Penn & Teller, the famous magicians; and "KÀ," a cinematic Cirque du Soleil production.

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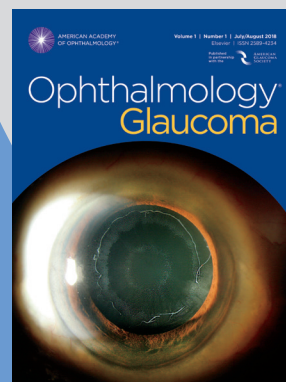
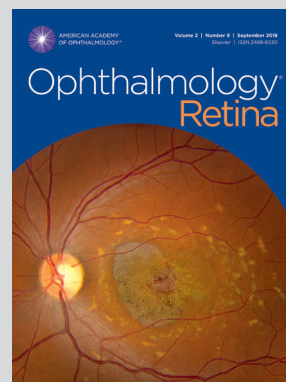
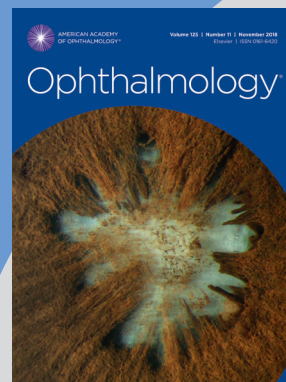
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