# Destination AAO 2018

#### **BEAT THE CLOCK**

## Avoid Standing in Registration Lines

Maximize your time in Chicago by skipping the onsite registration lines. To have badges and other materials mailed before the meeting, U.S. residents must register online by Sept. 28; international attendees, before Sept. 4. Remember to also purchase the Academy Plus course pass and any tickets that you need. After these dates, you can still register online but will need to pick up registration materials in Chicago.

For more information and to register, visit aao.org/registration.

#### **Avoid Hotel Booking Scams**

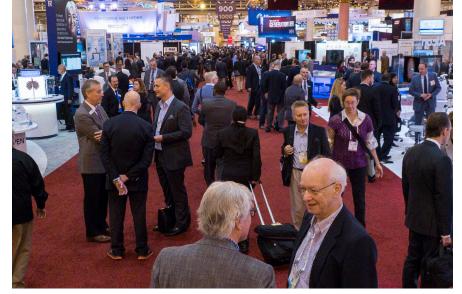
**Beware of fraud!** Housing "poachers" are creating illegitimate AAO housing website portals that are unaffiliated with the Academy. Be sure to reserve hotel rooms only through the Academy's official housing provider, Expovision. There are 54 official AAO 2018 hotels to choose from.

**Book online.** Visit aao.org/hotels for reservations and an interactive map with information on hotel amenities and availability. Reserving a room online is the quickest way to secure a hotel, and you receive immediate confirmation.

Book by phone or email. Agents at



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**EXHIBITION PREVIEW.** Explore the full list of exhibitors before the meeting at aao. org/exhibition. The Exhibition will be open from Saturday, Oct. 27 through Tuesday, Oct. 30. There also will be an earlier set of retina exhibits on Friday, Oct. 26.

Expovision can assist you from Monday through 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 aaohotels@expo vision.com.

#### HALL HIGHLIGHTS

#### **Preview the Exhibition**

Use the Virtual Exhibition to search for exhibitors by company name, booth number, product categories, medical subspecialty, common equipment terms, and basic ophthalmic conditions. Review an exhibiting company's profile, including business contacts and product categories, and view a map showing the companies' locations in the exhibit hall. Log in to the Virtual Exhibition and create a My Expo account to tag exhibitors of interest and create a mustsee list for your visit.

**For more information,** visit aao.org/ exhibition.

#### Attend Product Theater Talks

Visit the Technology Pavilion (Booth 168) to get the latest product news from exhibitors and enjoy a free continental breakfast or afternoon snack. Hear from Nidek, 9:30-10:30 a.m., and Abbvie, 12:30-1:30 p.m., on Oct. 27. Spark Therapeutics will present on Oct. 28, and Sun Ophthalmics, on Oct. 29, both from 9:30-10:30 a.m. These non-CME Product Theater talks are not affiliated with the official program of AAO 2018 or Subspecialty Day. By attending, you may be subject to reporting under the Physician Payment Sunshine Act.

**For topics and speakers,** visit aao. org/exhibition.

#### The EyePlay Experience

Take a break at the EyePlay Experience booth and give back to the community, recharge your mobile device in the new Charging Lounge, relieve some stress with therapy animals, challenge a col-



league to Ping-Pong, take a selfie with a giant #aao2018 hashtag, enjoy a complimentary seated massage, get help at the Tech Bar, or just chill.

Visit Booth 2581, Saturday through Monday from 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Tuesday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

#### **EVENTS**

#### Alumni and Related Group Events

Connect with old friends and meet new colleagues at alumni and related events during AAO 2018.

**To view the list of get-togethers,** visit aao.org/annual-meeting/alumnievents or look in the Mobile Meeting Guide at aao.org/mobile.

#### Step Up: AAO 2018 Walking Challenge

Sign up online for the Academy's first step challenge. Download the challenge app, which will use the data from your step tracking device to see who goes the farthest. Use the app's QR scanner at designated checkpoints around the convention center to earn extra steps. The grand prize is a free hotel room for AAO 2019 in San Francisco!

**For more information,** visit aao.org/ step.

## Save the Dates: *EyeNet* Corporate Lunches

Be sure to leave room in your schedule for *EyeNet*'s free corporate educational lunches from 12:30-1:30 p.m. on Oct. 27-29. This year, learn about diabetic eye disease, dry eye, and cataract surgery from Regeneron Pharmaceuticals, Shire, and Omeros Corporation, respectively.

Complimentary boxed meals are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with lunch pickup beginning at 12:15 p.m.

Located onsite at McCormick Place, these non-CME symposia are developed independently by industry they are not affiliated with the official program of AAO 2018 or Subspecialty Day. Take note that by attending, you may be subject to reporting under the



**EYEPLAY EXPERIENCE.** Visit Booth 2581 for relaxing activities, including petting therapy dogs.

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**For topics and speakers,** visit aao. org/eyenet/corporate-events.

#### PROGRAM

#### Your Mobile Meeting Guide

The Mobile Meeting Guide (MMG), sponsored by Zeiss, is a website optimized for your mobile device. It will be available in mid-September to provide access to myriad useful meeting tools and information, including:

• program content, such as abstracts, handouts, and evaluations;

• a planner to keep track of courses, sessions, and exhibitors to visit;

• maps to course rooms and exhibit hall booths;

- announcements from the Academy;a messaging feature to talk to other
- attendees and presenters; and

• Scientific Posters and Videos on Demand, available for viewing starting Saturday, Oct. 27.

New for 2018, enable messaging in your MMG settings to have reminders, messages, and announcements texted to you during the meeting.

Visit aao.org/mobile.

#### SUBSPECIALTY DAY

#### Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

This month, program directors from the Ocular Oncology and Pathology and Retina meetings preview some of this year's highlights. View the program schedules at aao.org/annual-meeting/ subspecialty-day.

OCULAR ONCOLOGY AND PATH-OLOGY 2018—Hot Topics in Ocular

#### Pathology and Oncology—An Update. *Program Directors:* Patricia Chévez-Barrios, MD, and Dan S. Gombos, MD. When: Saturday, Oct. 27 (8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.)

"This year's Subspecialty Day in ocular oncology and pathology will highlight rapid advances in the field. Personalized care is now standard in oncology, and ophthalmic tumors have benefitted significantly from prognostic testing and mutational analysis. Vigorous debates and roundtables will highlight areas of consensus and disagreement among ophthalmologists. As the use of intra-arterial chemotherapy for retinoblastoma reaches its first decade in some U.S. centers, experts will discuss the treatment's medium- and long-term risks. They will also debate the benefits of tumor prognostication for uveal melanoma in light of its impact on patient survival.

"In addition, numerous clinical trials have now reached completion. We will have a comprehensive review of 4 national multicenter trials within the field of retinoblastoma, sponsored

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by the Children's Oncology Group and presented by the principal investigators of each trial. The program also features presentations about novel therapies for primary uveal melanoma as well as clinical trials for metastatic disease. A well-received session from past meetings—clinical pearls from senior leadership—is back with highlights from Ralph Eagle, MD, Joan M. O'Brien, MD, and Jerry A. Shields, MD.

"New this year will be a session on gender disparity research and a session on late-breaking hot topics, including discussion of the clusters of uveal melanoma patients.

"Both comprehensive ophthalmologists and specialists will be riveted by updates on the latest and most significant advances in the field." The Ocular Oncology and Pathology meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Association of Ophthalmic Oncologists and Pathologists.

#### RETINA 2018—The Art + Science of Retina + Vitreous

Program directors: Richard F. Spaide, MD, and Mark S. Humayun, MD, PhD. When: Friday, Oct. 26 (8:00 a.m.-5:36 p.m.) and Saturday, Oct. 27 (8:00 a.m.-5:28 p.m.).

"In the process of designing the Retina Subspecialty Day program, we tried to optimize every minute of the 2-day meeting. There are many great features, and all the talks will be highly informative.

"The program will have something for everyone. Topics range from extensive coverage of vitreoretinal surgery and medical retina to uveitis, pediatric retina, oncology, imaging, diabetic retinopathy, and neovascular and non-neovascular AMD. In past years, surgical videos have proved very popular, so we are bringing them back again this year with 'Video Surgical Complications—What Would You Do?' and 'My Coolest Surgical Videos.' And last year, we launched a session titled 'Innovative Retinal Interventions,' which was very well received. This year, we will reprise it with presentations on topics ranging from nano-retina and gene therapy to the ever-popular imaging session. Of course, we will also include 'Late-Breaking Developments, Part I and Part II.'

"New this year is the Special Lecture. Lily Peng, MD, PhD, will speak about 'Machine Interpretation of Fundus Photography.' Considering that artificial intelligence has been getting much attention recently, we think this lecture should have broad appeal and provide insight into the future of our field. Dr. Peng is in the Google AI Research Group and has coauthored studies on machine learning and diabetic retinopathy in both *Ophthalmology* and *JAMA*. Also new is 'My Best Medical Retina Cases,' a session with 5 case presentations followed by expert discussion."

The Retina meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Society of Retina Specialists, the Macula Society, the Retina Society, and Club Jules Gonin.

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The Academy's Global Directory of Training Opportunities is the most comprehensive list of observership and fellowship opportunities. It is easy to find an opportunity for you:

1. Go to

aao.org/training-opportunities.

- 2. Narrow your results by subspecialty and/or region.
- 3. Browse the listings.
- 4. Contact the programs that interest you.

#### Questions? Email gdto@aao.org

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## THE SATURDAY NIGHT SUPRACILIARY MIGS SHOW

## Saturday, October 27, 2018

United Club Level 1 at Soldier Field • 5:45 PM Registration • 6:30 PM Program



#### Ike K. Ahmed, MD, FRCSC

Assistant Professor, University of Toronto, Director, Glaucoma and Advanced Anterior Segment Fellowship, University of Toronto, Research Director, Kensington Eye Institute, University of Toronto An interactive and unique experience! This symposium will feature a discussion on patient selection, a case review of proven results with *CYPASS*<sup>®</sup> Ultra System and post-operative management pearls.

Transportation to the event will be provided. **SEATING IS LIMITED!** 

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