American Academy of Ophthalmology
Mid-Year Forum 2022 Preliminary 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.

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Join the ophthalmology community as we descend on Washington to lobby Congress on key issues that protect sight and are important to our profession. All Academy members are urged to take part in this critical event to bring their voices to these important issues. Only you can protect your patients, practice and profession.

| 8:45 pm – 10:00 pm | Advocacy Ambassador Program Briefing and Reception – by invitation only |

Thursday, April 7
Congressional Advocacy Day (Continued)

| 6:30 am - 10:00 am | Congressional Advocacy Day Appointment Pick-Up |
| 7:00 am - 8:00 am | Continental Breakfast – Questions and Answers |
| 7:00 am - 6:00 pm | Registration/Information |
| 8:30 am - 3:00 pm | Scheduled Visits with Members of Congress and Staff |

Appointments with your members of Congress will be made for you based on your zip code on file at the Academy. Due to significant visitor restrictions on Capitol Hill, our staff is working on details for your legislative visits in their offices on the Hill, an alternate nearby meeting area or by video conference from the meeting hotel. For questions or concerns about your appointments, contact Dash Delan at ddelan@aao.org or call 202.587.5823.

| 11:30 am – 2:00 pm | Luncheon |
| Reserve Officers Association, One Constitution Ave., NE, Washington, D.C. |

A boxed lunch for Academy members visiting Capitol Hill will be available during these hours.

Thursday, April 7
Leadership Development Program

| 12:30 pm - 2:45 pm | Leadership Development Program Luncheon and Meeting – by invitation only |
| 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.

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3:30 pm  Welcome and Introduction to Mid-Year Forum 2022
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.

5:30 pm – 6:00 pm      Council Regional Chair Orientation – by invitation only
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.
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 – by invitation only
Location pending.
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 Matt Jordan at mjordan@aao.org or call 202.587.5804.

Friday, April 8    Politics. Policy. Practice Management. (Continued)

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7:00 am- 5:00 pm  Registration/Information

7:00 am – 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast

7:00 am – 8:00 am  Orientation for New Councilors – by invitation only
Breakfast available at 6:30 am. Orientation starts at 7:00am sharp.
Moderators:  Thomas A. Graul, MD - Council Chair
Prem S. Subramanian, MD, PhD - Council Vice Chair

New 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*

**L.E.A.P. Forward**

*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*

**Hearing #1. Medical Waste**

**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.

**Hearing #2. The Ophthalmic Office of the Future**

**Moderators:** Mary Louise Z. Collins, MD – Trustee-at-Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Ravi D. Goel, MD – Senior Secretary for Ophthalmic Practice, American Academy of Ophthalmology

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.

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*

**Hearing #1. Innovation in Ophthalmology and its Impact on Coding, Coverage, and Reimbursement**

**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.

**Hearing #2. Changing Demography for the Practice of Ophthalmology**

**Moderators:** Robert E. Wiggins, MD, MHA – President, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Chris Albanis, MD – Chair, 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.

12:15 pm – 2:00 pm  Luncheon and Closing Session

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 and beyond this pandemic.

2:00 pm – 2:30 pm  Break

Friday, April 8  Post Conference Events

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm  Advocacy Ambassador Program: Capitol Hill Wrap Up – by invitation only
2:30 pm – 4:00 pm  Council Opening Session

Unite with your colleagues from ophthalmic state, subspecialty and specialized interest societies to discuss key issues facing our profession.

4:15 pm – 6:00 pm  Council Regional Meetings
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  OPHTHPAC Reception – by invitation only

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
7:00 am – 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast
8:00 am – 9:15 am  Council State Section Meeting
8:00 am – 9:15 am  Council Subspecialty/Specialized Interest Section Meeting
9:15 am – 9:30 am  Break
9:30 am – 11:30 am  Council Elections and Hearing on Council Advisory Recommendations
11:45 am – 1:00 pm  Council Luncheon

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