

Destination AAO 2017

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BEAT THE CLOCK

Avoid Standing in Registration Lines

Maximize your time in New Orleans and skip the lines onsite by registering online now for AAO 2017. To have your badge and other materials mailed to you before the meeting, register by Oct. 13 if you live in the United States and by Sept. 22 if you live elsewhere. Remember to also purchase the Academy Plus course pass and any tickets that you need. After Oct. 13, you can still register online but will need to pick up registration materials in New Orleans.

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

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 its location in the exhibit hall.

Create a My Expo account. By logging in, you can use My Expo to tag exhibitors of interest and create a list for your visit to the exhibition.

For more information, visit aao.org/exhibition.



AVOID THE LINES. Register online for AAO 2017 at aao.org/registration. The meeting will be held at the Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, Nov. 11-14, preceded by Subspecialty Day, Nov. 10-11.

Build Your Schedule

Start planning which sessions to attend by viewing full course listings and abstracts online. Look up information by presenter, keyword, or event number. Search the program by topic (e.g., "Cataract"), event type (e.g., "Symposia"), or special interest (e.g., "Endorsed by Young Ophthalmologist Committee"). Log in to get up-to-the-minute information and begin building your personal calendar for AAO 2017.

For more information and to view offerings, visit aao.org/programsearch.

Schedule Time for EyeNet Corporate Events

Be sure to leave room in your schedule this year for EyeNet's free corporate educational events on Saturday, Nov. 11, Sunday, Nov. 12, and Monday, Nov. 13, located onsite at Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. These non-CME events are developed independently by industry—they are not affiliated with the official programs of AAO 2017 or

Subspecialty Day. By attending these presentations, you may be subject to reporting under the Physician Payment Sunshine Act.

Breakfasts. Check-in/meal pickup: 6:45-7:00 a.m. Program: 7:00-8:00 a.m.

Lunches. Check-in/meal pickup: 12:15-12:30 p.m. Program: 12:30-1:30 p.m.

For more information, visit aao.org/eyenet/corporate-events.



COMPLIMENTARY MEALS AND EDUCATION. Attend an EyeNet Corporate Event to make the most of your time at AAO 2017.



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PROGRAM

Use the Mobile Meeting Guide

The Mobile Meeting Guide (MMG) is your ultimate resource for AAO 2017, and it will be available in mid-September. This web-based application gives you access to a myriad of useful meeting content and can be used on any web-enabled device. It contains:

- A map that helps you locate course rooms and exhibit hall booths
- Program content, such as abstracts, handouts, and evaluations
- Announcements from the Academy
- A messaging feature
- Scientific Posters and Videos on Demand, available for viewing starting Saturday, Nov. 11
- The Planner function, which allows you to keep track of courses, sessions, and exhibitors to visit

To access, visit aao.org/mobile.

Skills Transfer Labs

Learn new surgical techniques and hone your existing skills by attending Skills Transfer labs such as “No Capsule, No Problem: Intrasceral Haptic Fixation of IOLs.” The 62 Skills Transfer labs include intensive training sessions, a hands-on learning environment, and outstanding instructors. No other meeting offers as many opportunities to work one-on-one with faculty in all subspecialty areas and at all levels of complexity. Note that a ticket is required for Skills Transfer labs but that the didactic lectures are included in the Academy Plus course pass. Attendance at each lab’s accompanying didactic lecture is strongly recommended but not required. Members in training automatically receive a 50% discount on all Skills Transfer labs, except where noted.

Visit aao.org/skills.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

Subspecialty Day Previews: What’s Hot

Program directors from the pediatric ophthalmology, refractive surgery, and retina meetings preview some of this year’s highlights.



MASTER NEW TECHNIQUES. An AAO 2016 attendee at *Advanced Suturing: Scleral and Iris Fixation of Posterior Chamber IOLs Plus Intraocular Knot Tying*.

- **PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY 2017: Sightseeing in New Orleans—For the Pediatric Ophthalmologist**
Program directors: Yasmin Bradfield, MD, and Jonathan M. Holmes, MD.
When: Saturday, Nov. 11 (8:00 a.m.-5:30 p.m.).

“This program will include a popular format of case-based presentations by experts in the field, audience input, and a debate over controversial new technology—all of which is designed to keep subspecialists and comprehensive ophthalmologists engaged throughout the program,” said Dr. Bradfield.

“The symposium will start with case presentations and expert opinions on different approaches to restrictive and paralytic strabismus. The audience will vote before and after case discussions, revealing how convincing the experts were in advocating for their surgical approach. ‘Lagniappe—Bonus Gifts to Enhance Strabismus Surgery Outcomes’ will complement this session’s content.

“An exciting session will follow, highlighting controversies in pediatric corneal disease management with a point-counterpoint debate by 2 corneal experts on keratoprosthesis. Newer surgical options such as corneal crosslinking and conjunctival stem cell transplant will be presented, and the attendees will decide if the benefits are worth the risk for such novel pediatric procedures. An evidence-based approach for intermittent exotropia will

follow, with management of postoperative complications and ‘benign’ pediatric ocular diseases that don’t improve with conventional therapy.

“When the Complaints Go Marching In’ is a crowd pleaser, as it addresses patients who hate their newly prescribed glasses. Experts will troubleshoot glasses prescribing and optical errors in a case-based format. Attendees will learn to avoid both common and rare prescribing errors, which can significantly impact patient satisfaction and vision quality and are a common cause of patient dissatisfaction across all types of practices.

“This year’s program will be exciting and clinically relevant, with new pearls to take home and incorporate into practice.”

The Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus and the American Academy of Pediatrics.

- **REFRACTIVE SURGERY 2017: Linking to the Expanded World of Refractive Surgery**

Program directors: Renato Ambrósio, Jr. MD, and William B. Trattler, MD.
When: Friday, Nov. 10 (8:00 a.m.-5:28 p.m.).

“The program is consolidated into 1 day to provide an in-depth comprehensive update on this rapidly evolving field,” said Dr. Ambrósio. “The first session is focused on corneal procedures, moderated by myself and Steven E. Wilson, MD. Eric D. Donnenfeld, MD, will talk about the best indications for LASIK, the most commonly performed laser refractive procedure today. Small incision lenticule extraction (SMILE) is a new procedure that is now approved by the FDA; it will be discussed by Jodhbir S. Mehta, MBBS, PhD. Surface ablation, which is the first type of laser vision correction procedure, will be defended by Marguerite B. McDonald, MD. These first talks will provide an insightful overview of the main indications for each procedure, providing evidence for when each option is most appropriate.

“The second session, moderated

by Marcony R. Santhiago, MD, and Deepinder K. Dhaliwal, MD, will cover intraocular refractive surgery and include a talk on when to remove the lens and several discussions about the wide array of different implants we have available. Phakic IOLs and the novel pinhole IOLs will also be covered. In fact, the concept of dysfunctional lens syndrome should be considered for any refractive candidate who has reached the 4th decade of life. In his discussion of how to treat the 50-year-old refractive candidate, **Roger Zaldivar, MD**, will cover the fundamental question of timing: When is it best to address the refractive error by removing the lens? These are routine questions we face in daily practice. Understanding the complementary exams for clinical characterization of each case is fundamental for enabling the proper decision-making process.

“A video-based master complications session, moderated by **Amar Agarwal, MD**, and **William J. Fishkind, MD**, will present an extensive list of cases with SMILE, LASIK, and different intraocular complications. **Ronald Krueger, MD**, will cover all possible complications that might emerge during SMILE. These complications are didactically classified according to the point at which the problem occurred during femtosecond laser application: posterior lenticule, side cut, cap dissection, or incisions. This provides a very practical approach on how to address intraoperative complications. **Sonia H. Yoo, MD**, will cover LASIK complications, which is always of interest for either the beginner or the experienced surgeon.

“Don’t miss this unique opportunity to update your knowledge in refractive surgery. Also, sign up to become an ISRS member before the meeting for important benefits, including participation in the exclusive lunch session for ISRS members only!”

The Refractive Surgery meeting is the annual meeting of the International Society of Refractive Surgery (ISRS).

• **RETINA 2017: Retinal Mardi Gras Program directors:** Carl D. Regillo, MD, and Richard F. Spaide, MD.

When: Friday, Nov. 10 (8:00 a.m.-5:33 p.m.) and Saturday, Nov. 11 (8:00 a.m.-5:23 p.m.).

“Like the well-received programs of the recent past, this year’s 2-day meeting will be a comprehensive, clinically oriented overview of the latest diagnostic and therapeutic approaches to managing a broad spectrum of both medical and surgical retinal disorders,” said Dr. Regillo. “There will be emphasis on the most common conditions, such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, and retinal detachment, but the program will also cover many other topics, including pediatric retinal conditions, ocular tumors, and uveitis.

“The field continues to evolve rapidly. The various sections of the meeting are designed to pull all the latest evidence together to synthesize the information in a way that translates important developments into clinical practice. Carefully selected experts from around the globe will participate in lectures, discussions, and debates on all the hot topics in retina. Back by popular demand will be sections such as the ‘Debates,’ ‘My Coolest Surgical Video Surgical Complications: What Would You Do?’ and ‘Refreshment Break With the Experts.’ The highly anticipated sections ‘Late-Breaking Developments’ and ‘First-Time Results of Clinical Trials’ promise to provide the very latest information on emerging therapies as well as perspective on potential treatments expected to emerge in the near future.

“New this year is a separate section on innovative retinal interventions. A variety of techniques and technologies will be presented, and any one of them has the potential to become a standard surgical approach in the not-too-distant future. Lastly, the ‘Imaging’ section has been expanded this year to allow for a more complete overview of the very latest in retinal imaging, such as OCT angiography. Retina continues to be a very dynamic field, and this 2-day Retinal Mardi Gras will surely bring out all of the excitement.”

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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Feature

IOLs Around the World

Innovative lenses come late to the United States. Hear what your international colleagues have to say about the IOLs that might one day make it to your practice.

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