

Destination AAO 2022

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Gather in Chicago

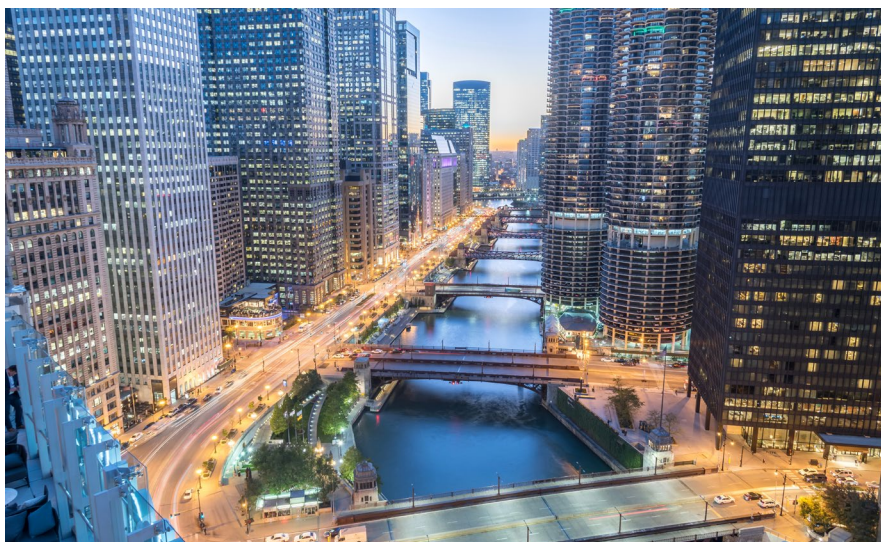
It's time to start preparing for the world's largest, most comprehensive ophthalmic meeting. The theme for AAO 2022 is "Gather" to celebrate the power of meeting in person. At the meeting you'll have the opportunity to learn from leaders in the field, discuss hot topics in medicine, connect with colleagues, and explore the city.

When to be there. AAO 2022 kicks off on Friday, Sept. 30, at 5:00 p.m. with the Opening Session, and runs through Monday, Oct. 3, when the Closing Session ends at 5:00 p.m. It is preceded by Subspecialty Day programs, which take place all day Friday, Sept. 30, and all day Saturday, Oct. 1. You and your staff members can also attend the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives (AAOE) program Sept. 30-Oct. 3.

How to prepare. From now until the meeting, this "Destination AAO 2022" section will guide you through deadlines, preview the scientific program, and highlight key events.

Explore Chicago

Fall will be in full swing in early October, and Chicago offers plenty to do indoors and out in your free time. Below are a few highlights from among myriad activities available in the Windy



AAO 2022. This year's annual meeting will be held in Chicago from Friday, Sept. 30, through Monday, Oct. 3.

City. Be sure to secure tickets and reservations well in advance of the meeting.

See the Chicago Cubs at Wrigley Field. Catch a baseball game at Wrigley Field, beloved home of the Chicago Cubs for more than a century. The Cubs are scheduled to play the Philadelphia Phillies Sept. 27-29 and the Cincinnati Reds Sept. 30-Oct. 2.

See the Cubs schedule and buy tickets at www.mlb.com/cubs/schedule/2022-09.

Book a river cruise. The Chicago Architecture Center Foundation River Cruise was recently named the Best Boat Tour in North America, according to *USA Today*. This 90-minute cruise aboard Chicago's First Lady is led by expert docents and is available both during the day and in the evening.

Buy tickets for tours at www.architecture.org/tours.

Indulge in Chicago cuisine. Check out the latest version of "38 Essential Restaurants in Chicago" by *Eater Chicago*. This list is a handy, seasonally updated guide to help visitors answer the question, "Where should I eat if I

only have a weekend in town?"

Read the article at www.chicago.eater.com/maps/38-best-restaurants-in-chicago.

Catch the best of Broadway in Chicago. Looking for a musical to entertain the family? "Wicked" opens on Sept. 28. This Broadway sensation shares the "untold true story" of the witches of Oz.

Buy tickets at www.broadwayin-chicago.com/show/wicked-2022.

SAVE THE DATE

Registration Opens June 15

Mark your calendar for June 15 if you are an Academy or AAOE member. On this date, registration and ticket sales open as does the online hotel reservation system. Nonmembers can register and book a hotel room starting June 29.

Meeting Registration

The Academy will offer in-person and virtual meeting options for AAO 2022. Register before July 27 to take advantage of discounted fees.



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Registration. Registration for AAO 2022 gives you access to all symposia, instruction courses, original paper sessions, posters, videos, and Academy Café sessions, plus networking opportunities with colleagues, mentors, and members of industry.

Virtual meeting. Registration for AAO 2022 in Chicago includes access to AAO 2022 Virtual content. You can switch your in-person registration to fully virtual without penalty.

Extra events. Some learning opportunities require separate registration or an individual ticket, including the following:

- AAOE Practice Management Master Classes;
- AAOE Coding Sessions;
- Skills Transfer labs; or
- Subspecialty Day meetings.

Learn more at aao.org/registration.

Hotel Reservation Information

Don't miss a minute of AAO 2022! Be sure to book a hotel room for check-in on Friday, Sept. 30 (or Thursday, Sept. 29 to attend Friday Subspecialty Day meetings) and plan to stay through the Closing Session, which ends at 5:00 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3.

Avoid scams. In the lead-up to the meeting, beware of fraudulent companies impersonating the Academy or falsely suggesting a relationship with the Academy. The organizations might contact you directly via email, or you might find them on the internet. Be sure to deal only with the Academy's official hotel reservation provider, Expovision, and book hotel rooms and register through the Academy's website, aao.org/2022. If you are ever in doubt about the legitimacy of a vendor, email meetings@aao.org or call 1-415-561-8500 to confirm before reserving a hotel room.

Learn more at aao.org/hotels.

PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

Don't Miss the Jackson Memorial Lecture

Gerrit R.J. Melles, MD, PhD, will deliver the 79th Edward Jackson Memorial Lecture during the Opening Session,

which takes place from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 30.

Dr. Melles is a cornea specialist and founder of the Netherlands Institute for Innovative Ocular Surgery, the Melles Cornea Clinic Rotterdam, and Amnitrans EyeBank Rotterdam. A renowned cornea surgeon, he was a pioneer in developing many of the lamellar keratoplasty techniques in use today, including Descemet membrane endothelial keratoplasty and Bowman layer transplantation. He has also developed instruments and medical devices, in addition to the use of specific staining solutions for ophthalmic surgeries.



Dr. Melles.

Program Available in June

The online Program Search for AAO 2022 in Chicago will launch in June when registration opens. At that time, you will be able to look up information by day, topic, type of event/course, special interest, or presenter. You don't have to log in or be a member to view program information.

Learn more at aao.org/program.

EVENTS

Join Your Colleagues at the 2022 Orbital Gala

The 19th Annual Orbital Gala fundraiser will be held Sunday, Oct. 2, during AAO 2022 in Chicago. Don't miss this opportunity to join your colleagues for a memorable evening. This year's gala will feature its trademark silent auction with popular items such as conversations with experts, travel, wine, and much more.

You'll also celebrate both the 2022 Artemis Awardee recipient (a young ophthalmologist who has helped disadvantaged communities obtain vision



Dr. Day.

care) and the Special Honoree for the 2022 Orbital Gala: Susan H. Day, MD. During her remarkable career, Dr. Day has served as president of the Academy, the American Ophthalmological Society, the Association of University Professors of Ophthalmology, and the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus. She has also chaired numerous other organizations and committees.

Save the date. Plans are still unfolding for the Oct. 2 event. Watch for details in upcoming issues.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

The Lineup for Subspecialty Day 2022 in Chicago

Subspecialty Day features world-renowned ophthalmologists presenting the latest developments within their subspecialties.

The following meetings take place on Friday, Sept. 30:

- Glaucoma Subspecialty Day 2022
- Pediatric Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day 2022
- Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day 2022
- Retina Subspecialty Day 2022 (Day 1)
- Uveitis Subspecialty Day 2022

The following meetings take place on Saturday, Oct. 1:

- Cornea Subspecialty Day 2022
- Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Subspecialty Day 2022
- Retina Subspecialty Day 2022 (Day 2)

When you register for a live Subspecialty Day meeting in Chicago, you get these benefits for the day you are registered:

- flexibility to float among the live Subspecialty Day meetings taking place on the same day, as well as access to virtual Subspecialty Day content for those meetings;
- detailed course syllabi for all Subspecialty Day meetings available online;
- continental breakfast and lunch;
- the opportunity to earn CME credits; and
- for Saturday registrants, access to the Expo and the Industry Showcase theater on that same day.

Learn more at aao.org/annual-meeting/subspecialty-day.