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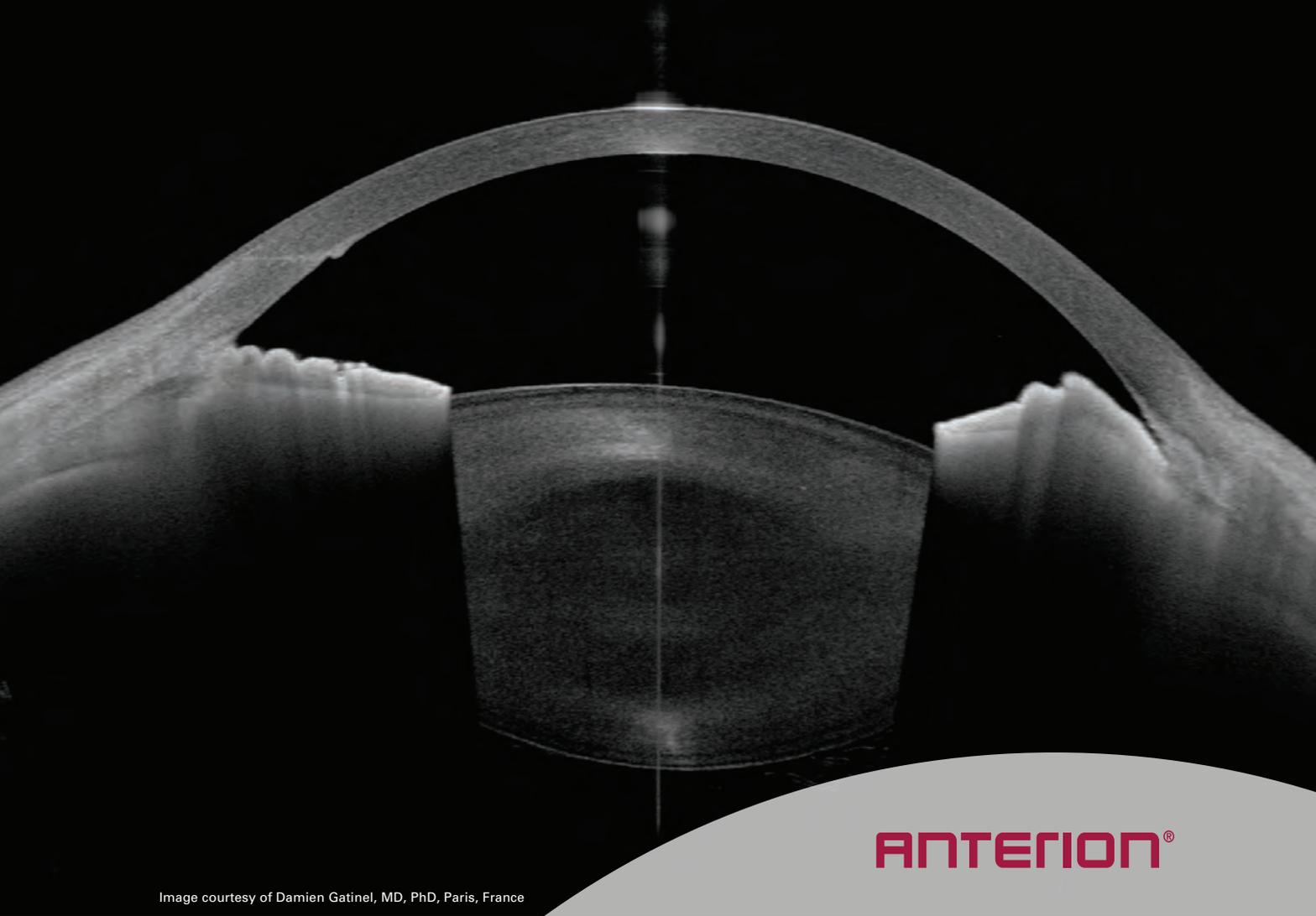


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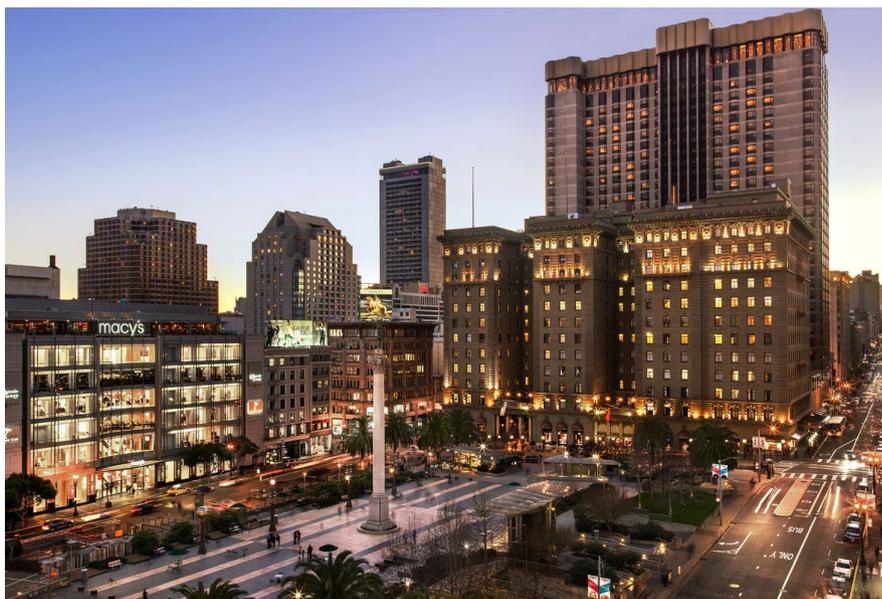
EVENTS

The Orbital 2023 to Be Held at the Westin St. Francis

Connect with your colleagues at the Foundation's 20th annual fundraiser —The Orbital 2023: Gold Rush—at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco on Sunday, Nov. 5. The event will feature its classic silent auction with popular items, such as conversations with experts, travel, wine, and much more.

A night at the Westin St. Francis Hotel. The Orbital's venue, the Westin St. Francis Hotel, was built in 1904 by the railroad-rich Crocker family, who saw the creation of the lavish Union Square hotel as a step toward turning San Francisco into the "Paris of the West." Two years later, much of downtown San Francisco was destroyed in the 1906 earthquake and subsequent fire, but the hotel sustained only minor damage. A temporary "little St. Francis" was constructed in the middle of Union Square until the hotel reopened. Over the past 100-plus years, the Westin St. Francis Hotel has hosted a variety of famous guests, including Helen Keller, Sinclair Lewis, Cary Grant, Salvador Dalí, President John F. Kennedy, and Queen Elizabeth II.

Celebrate Special Honorees. Attending The Orbital 2023 will give you



THE ORBITAL 2023. This year's Foundation fundraiser will be held at the Westin St. Francis Hotel in San Francisco. The historic Union Square hotel has hosted presidents and celebrities.

the opportunity to celebrate Special Honorees **David E.I. and Molly Pyott**. The Pyotts are philanthropists and Academy Foundation leaders. Learn more about their work at aao.org/tribute.

Starting June 21, you may purchase tickets for the live event at aao.org/theorbital.

REGISTRATION

Registration Opens June 21

For Academy and AAOE members, AAO 2023 registration and ticket sales open on June 21. Nonmembers can register starting July 12.

What's included. AAO 2023 registration includes the Opening Session, all instruction courses, clinical sessions, Skills Transfer lectures, videos, papers, poster presentations, the Expo, and Industry Showcases. It also provides access to AAO 2023 Virtual.

Extra events. Skills Transfer labs

and AAOE Practice Management Master Classes are ticketed events that can be purchased during registration. Note that Subspecialty Day and AAOE Coding Sessions require separate registration.

Subspecialty Day. Registration for the in-person Subspecialty Day meetings (Friday, Nov. 3, and Saturday, Nov. 4) includes the flexibility to float among Subspecialty Day meetings taking place the same day. Also included are detailed course syllabi available online, meals, and access to the Subspecialty Day Virtual content from that same day.

It pays to register early. Registration fees for most registration categories and ticket fees increase starting Aug. 17. Ticketed sessions can fill up fast, so don't delay. (See categories and fees details at aao.org/annual-meeting/registration/categories-and-fees.)

Can't make it to San Francisco this year? Register for AAO 2023 Virtual, Subspecialty Day Virtual—Friday, Sub-



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specialty Day Virtual–Saturday, or all three. You will be able to watch sessions streaming live, view sessions that were recorded in San Francisco, and see on-demand-only content that was developed specifically for the virtual meeting.

Find more information, including pricing, at aao.org/registration.

Hotel Reservation Information

Don't miss a minute of AAO 2023! Be sure to book a hotel room for check-in on Friday, Nov. 3 (or Thursday, Nov. 2, to attend Friday events, such as Subspecialty Day and AAOE Coding Sessions) and plan to stay through the meetings' end at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6.

When booking a hotel room with the Academy's official hotel reservation provider, Expovision, you will always get the best rates and can earn hotel loyalty points. You will not be charged a deposit on the day that you book your hotel room. Instead, when you use your credit card information to guarantee your reservation, the hotel will charge your card approximately two to three weeks prior to arrival.

Find more information and an interactive map at aao.org/hotels starting June 21.

Avoid Scams During Booking and Registration

When registering for the annual meeting or booking a hotel for your stay, you may encounter fraudulent companies impersonating the Academy or falsely suggesting a relationship with the Academy. These organizations might contact you directly via email, or you might find them on the internet. The Academy does not partner with third-party organizations for meeting registration. Starting June 21, you should register via the Academy website and secure hotel rooms with the Academy's only official hotel reservation provider, Expovision.

We need your help to stop fraud!

If you believe that you may have been the victim of registration or hotel fraud, or an attempt at fraud, please report your experience to the Academy. Email the following information to meeting_fraud@aao.org:

- name (required),
- email address (required),
- URL of fraudulent website or email address of fraudulent email (required),
- text of website or email (optional),
- additional details (optional), and
- pictures of the website, your email chain with the fraudulent company, and any invoices or other attachments sent by the fraudulent company (optional but extremely helpful).

HEALTH & SAFETY

Your Safety Is Top Priority

The Academy is committed to the health and well-being of AAO 2023 attendees, exhibitors, staff, and contractors. This begins with the meeting's venue: the Moscone Center has achieved GBAC STAR Facilities Accreditation through the Global BioRisk Advisory Council, a division of the International Sanitary Supply Association (the worldwide cleaning industry association). This accreditation is considered the gold standard in the industry.

The convention center and the Academy will continue to review and implement safety measures to help ensure a healthy meeting. Specific safety protocols for AAO 2023 will be announced closer to the meeting.

Find the latest information at aao.org/health-safety.

PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

Search the Program in the Mobile Meeting Guide

The Mobile Meeting Guide (aao.org/mobile), sponsored in part by Iveric Bio and available starting June 21, is your go-to resource for AAO 2023. You'll be able to review the program and search exciting topics ranging from artificial intelligence and gene therapy to prosthetic and surgical reconstruction of the iris.

No need to visit the app store. The Mobile Meeting Guide is a website designed to work on any mobile device, tablet, laptop, or computer. For easy access, add the Mobile Meeting Guide to your home screen.

No need to log in. You do not need

to sign in to browse the program. Type your inquiry into the search bar or use the filters to find sessions by day, topic, special interest, or presenter. You will find full course information, abstracts, and (when available) handouts.

When you are ready to build a schedule, sign in with your Academy account credentials. Begin exploring on June 21 at aao.org/mobile.

Don't Miss the Skills Transfer Labs

Perfect your technique and stay current with evolving technologies in one of the 50 Skills Transfer labs. Look for two new labs in 2023 titled "Artificial Iris Prosthesis" and "Periocular Rejuvenation."

Many Skills Transfer labs have an associated didactic lecture that precedes the hands-on learning. It is strongly recommended that you attend these lectures, and they are included with your meeting registration.

All Skill Transfer labs require a separate lab ticket, which you can purchase when you register for AAO 2023.

#aao2023: Stay Up to Date

Follow the Academy on social media to get the latest on:

- program updates and deadlines,
- travel and dining tips for San Francisco, and
- health and safety guidelines.

Use the hashtag #aao2023 to find the Academy's posts on Instagram (@aaoeye), Twitter (@aao_opth), LinkedIn, and Facebook.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

This month, program directors from two Subspecialty Day meetings preview some of this year's highlights.

View the schedules at aao.org/mobile starting June 21.

GLAUCOMA 2023: Glaucoma Care at the Golden Gate and Beyond

Program directors: Teresa C. Chen, MD, and Steven L. Mansberger, MD, MPH.

When: Friday, Nov. 3.

Directors' preview. Six exciting

sessions will update the ophthalmic surgeon on the entire spectrum of glaucoma care. In light of our nation's shortage of pediatric ophthalmologists, there will be a special crossover session on pediatric glaucoma for all ophthalmologists who may need to step in to help.

A second session highlights modern perspectives on diagnostic tests. In addition to artificial intelligence, topics will include virtual reality fields, genetics, and OCT and OCT angiography. A third session provides an aqueous pathophysiology update, introduces emerging new glaucoma medications, and updates the audience on the SALT trial. A fourth session will summarize top discoveries from the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology's 2023 meeting and will also touch upon cutting-edge ideas on old glaucoma problems.

To complete the day, the last two sessions will help every surgeon maximize best surgical outcomes while minimizing complications. In the first

surgical session, experts will share their best tips for maximizing outcomes for both traditional trabeculectomy and tube shunt surgery, as well as for newer MIGS surgeries and for future surgeries. In the second surgical session, experts will share surgical pearls and tricks, which will help the ophthalmic surgeon maneuver through their worst intraoperative nightmares and post-operative complications after trabeculectomies, tubes, and MIGS. After listening to these dual surgical sessions on "how to do it right" and "what to do when surgery goes wrong," the prepared surgeon will achieve best patient outcomes.

The Glaucoma Subspecialty Day meeting is organized in conjunction with the American Glaucoma Society.

REFRACTIVE SURGERY 2023: Refractive GPT2023

Program directors: Jodhbir S. Mehta, MBBS, PhD, and Nicole R. Fram, MD.

When: Friday, Nov. 3.

Directors' preview. The future of

any subspecialty is dependent on the younger generations. In this year's program, we will have a specific section highlighting the best young refractive surgeons in the world. Many have already made significant impact in our field, as seen by their publications. They will be given the opportunity to talk about their cutting-edge research and how it could affect the future of our field. This section is sure to inspire both young and old, experienced and novice refractive surgeons.

Other valuable sessions will include a point-counterpoint section, during which experts in their fields will showcase why they think a certain technology is better for a specific indication. There will also be a wellness section that will focus on posture, nutrition, and mindfulness. The final session will highlight innovation in refractive surgery, including drug-eluting IOLs.

The Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day meeting is organized in conjunction with the International Society of Refractive Surgery.



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