



American Academy of Ophthalmology Mid-Year Forum 2018 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.

Wednesday, April 18

Congressional Advocacy Day

4:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Registration/Information

4:00 pm – 9:30 pm

Congressional Advocacy Day

Appointment Pick-Up Desk Hours: 4:00 pm to 6:45 pm and 8:30pm to 9:30 pm

7:00 pm – 8:30 pm

Dinner Briefing

Moderator: Jeff S. Maltzman, MD – Associate Secretary for Federal Affairs
Chair, OPHTHPAC Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Join the ophthalmology community as we descend on Washington to lobby Congress on key issues that protect sight and are important to our profession. Before you make your way to Capitol Hill, you will be fully trained on how to best represent our profession in front of members of Congress and their staff. All Academy members are urged to take part in this critical event to bring your voice 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 19

Congressional Advocacy Day Continues

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Continental Breakfast – Questions and Answers

8:00 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. For questions or concerns about your appointments, contact politicalaffairs@aao.org or call 202.737.6662.

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.



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Preconference Activities

12:30 pm - 2:45 pm

Leadership Development Program Luncheon and Meeting – *by invitation only*

122 Cannon House Office Building

Participants in the Academy's Leadership Development Program XX, class of 2018, 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 19

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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7:00 am - 6:00 pm

Registration/Information

3:30 pm

Welcome and Introduction to the Mid-Year Forum 2018

David W. Parke, II, MD - CEO, American Academy of Ophthalmology and

Keith D. Carter, MD, FACS - President, American Academy of Ophthalmology

3:40 pm - 5:30 pm

The Changing Role of the Veterans Health Administration and Its Impact on Eye Care Services

Moderators: Keith D. Carter, MD, FACS - President, American Academy of Ophthalmology and David E. Vollman, MD, MBA - President Elect, Association of Veterans Affairs Ophthalmologists

Eye care is one of the busiest services within the Veterans Health Administration (VHA), and sweeping changes have been taking place within VHA to address problems with timely access to health care services. This session will examine how these changes could impact the eye care services provided to our nations' veterans and how Academy members, both inside and outside the VA, can be part of the process and work to ensure our nation's veterans receive high quality eye care. The session will also focus on how the VA is leading the way on telehealth innovations, especially those impacting ophthalmology and eye care services, and how the changing VA landscape could impact the training of future ophthalmologists.

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm

Council Regional Chair and Co-Chair Orientation – *by invitation only*

Moderators: Lynn K. Gordon, MD, PhD - Council Chair

Sarwat Salim, MD - Council Vice Chair

Council Regional Meeting chairs and co-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

Keynote Speaker: Astronaut David Wolf, MD, EE, will enlighten us with insight on his spaceflight experience, including science, medicine and the unique ways space flight affects the eye and vision changes.



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9:15 pm – 11:15 pm

Surgical Scope Fund Reception – *by invitation only*

National Press Club, 529 14th St NW, Washington, D.C.

In appreciation for your support of Surgery by Surgeons in 2018, we invite you to join us to attend this special event. If you have any questions or need to check your giving history, contact **Megan Vijiarungam** at mvijiarungam@aao.org or call **202.737.6662**.

Friday, April 20

Politics. Policy. Practice Management Events 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*

Moderators: **Lynn K. Gordon, MD, PhD – Council Chair**

Sarwat Salim, MD – Council Vice Chair

New Councilors are invited to attend a special orientation including an overview of Council operational procedures and responsibilities of Councilors.

8:15 am – 9:45 am

Hearings (Concurrent Hearings)

1. Drugs in 2018: Access, Pricing and Payment

2. IRIS® Registry: Scientific Advances and Practice Insights

Hearing #1. Drugs in 2018: Access, Pricing and Payment

Moderators: **Cynthia Mattox, MD, FACS – Trustee at Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology and**

David B. Glasser, MD – Secretary for Federal Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology

This hearing will look at the ways in which the government and other payers are seeking to lower cost of drugs to patients and improve access and treatment outcomes. Topics include proposed reform of Part B drug payments to physicians, new value based drug pricing schemes and FDA's regulation of compounded/repackaged biologics and other drug products. Join us for the perspectives of government policy makers, industry and ophthalmology leadership on how these changes impact practices and patient care.

Hearing #2. IRIS® Registry: Scientific Advances and Practice Insights

Moderator: **Michael Chiang, MD – Trustee at Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology**

The IRIS® Registry contains data on almost 50 million patients and 200 million patient visits, serving as the basis for big data analyses that are published in scientific literature. Attend this session to (1) hear how the newest findings provide insight into current day practices and patient outcomes, and (2) learn how you can get opportunities to apply for research funding to do your own IRIS® Registry research.



7:30 am – 8:00 am
8:00 am – 11:30 am
Meeting

Breakfast/Networking

Advocacy Ambassador Program:

L.E.A.P. Forward

(Leadership, Engagement, Advocacy and Practice Management) – *by invitation only*

Moderators: Steven M. Christiansen, MD and Jesse L. Berry, MD - Members,
Young Ophthalmologist 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 with interact with panelists discussing four major areas: **L**eadership, **E**ngagement, **A**dvocacy, and **P**ractice Management.

9:45 am – 10:15 am
10:15 am – 11:45 am

Break

Hearings (Concurrent Hearings)

#1. Private Equity and Other Equity Transfers: What's My Practice Worth?

#2. Drinking from a Firehose: How Not to Drown in the Era of Information Overload

Hearing #1. Private Equity and Other Equity Transfers: What's My Practice Worth?

Moderators: Robert E. Wiggins, Jr., MD, MHA – Senior Secretary for Ophthalmic Practice, American Academy of Ophthalmology and
Ruth D. Williams, MD – Chief Medical Editor, *EyeNet Magazine*

There has been recent publicity regarding the purchase of ophthalmology practices by private equity firms. Understanding how practices are valued is important for any ophthalmologist with ownership in a practice as well as associates considering purchasing an equity position within the practice. This session will explore what issues should be considered whether selling a practice to a hospital, private equity firm, an ophthalmology or multi-specialty group, merging with other doctors, or buying in or out of a practice.

Hearing #2. Drinking from a Firehose: How Not to Drown in the Era of Information Overload

Moderator: Louis B. Cantor, MD – Senior Secretary for Clinical Education, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Information overload challenges practitioners at all levels of training and throughout our entire careers. Maintaining and acquiring new clinical skills and knowledge, advocating for the best care for our patients, navigating reimbursement and changes in practice management, and many other facets of being a physician, confront all of us daily. Learn best practices, tips, and tricks on how to keep your head above water.

12:00 pm – 2:00 pm

The Future of Artificial Intelligence in Ophthalmology

Moderator: Rahul Khurana, MD – Editor in Chief, The ONE® Network, American Academy of Ophthalmology

The next transformation in ophthalmology is the application of artificial intelligence in diagnosing and treating disease in clinical practice. It is beginning to be used in retinal disease for detecting diabetic retinopathy and diabetic macular edema from fundus photographs, and its potential is to provide more efficient and objective analysis of images and prediction of disease progression. We will explore what artificial intelligence means for practicing ophthalmologists, its promise and limitations, and what the future holds.



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2:00 pm – 2:30 pm

Break

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Post Conference Events

2:30 pm – 3:30 pm

Advocacy Ambassador Program: Post-Hill Visits Debriefing – *by invitation only*

2:30 pm – 3:45 pm

Council Opening Session

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

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Council Regional Meetings

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

OPHTHPAC Reception – *by invitation only*

Potomac View Terrace at the American Pharmacists Association building, 2215 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington D.C.

Note: All attendees will be required to present a valid photo ID to enter this building.

OPHTHPAC members who contribute to OPHTHPAC in 2018 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 202.737.6662.**

Saturday, April 21

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 and Closing Session Entertainment: “The Capitol Steps”



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