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Destination AAO 2023

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WELCOME

Celebrate in San Francisco

It's time to start preparing for the world's largest, most comprehensive ophthalmic meeting. At AAO 2023, you'll discover the latest methods and technologies in the field and learn new ways to evaluate and manage challenging cases and complications.

When to be there. AAO 2023 runs from Friday, Nov. 3, through Monday, Nov. 6. Subspecialty Day programs take place all day Friday and Saturday, Nov. 3 and 4. You and your staff members can also attend the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives (AAOE) program Nov. 3-6.

How to prepare. From now until the meeting, this "Destination AAO 2023" section will guide you through deadlines, preview the scientific program, and highlight key events.

Explore San Francisco

The Bay Area's famously temperate fall weather will be at its best in November, and San Francisco offers plenty to do indoors and out in your free time. Below are a few highlights from among myriad activities available in the City by the Bay.

Savor the city. San Francisco's food scene has plenty to offer, from street food vendors to 31 Michelin-starred



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restaurants. Stroll through the Ferry Building to admire the abundance of produce grown and treats made in the area. Check out Eater SF's list of the "38 Essential Restaurants in San Francisco."

Read the article at <https://sf.eater.com/maps/best-restaurants-san-francisco-38>.

Cruise the Bay. A favorite activity is the 60-minute bay cruise that takes you past the Golden Gate Bridge, Alcatraz, Angel Island, Sausalito, and San Francisco's waterfront. Sunset cruises and wine tasting cruises are also available.

Cruise and ticket options can be found at www.sftourismtips.com/san-francisco-bay-tours.html.

Listen to live music. San Francisco has a rich music history, which spans the blues and jazz, '60s counterculture, original operas, and rock. Any night of the week offers a live performance!

Keep an eye out for shows at the historic Fillmore Auditorium at www.live-nation.com/venue/KovZpZAE6eeA/the-fillmore-events.

Visit the Museum of the Eye. See the special exhibition, titled "Decoding the Eye: Signs & Symbols," at the Truhlsen-Marmor Museum of the Eye. There will be a special giveaway for AAO 2023 attendees who visit with their badge.

Learn more about the exhibit on page 51, and find the most up-to-date information about the museum hours at aao.org/museum.

SAVE THE DATE

Registration Opens June 21

Mark your calendar for June 21 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 July 12.

Meeting Registration

The Academy will offer in-person and virtual meeting options for AAO 2023. While registration will remain open through the meeting, you can save



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money by registering before Aug. 17.

Registration. With attendance at the live meeting in San Francisco, you get access to all symposia, instruction courses, Skills Transfer courses, original paper sessions, posters, and videos. Plus, you can take advantage of unique networking opportunities with colleagues, mentors, and members of industry.

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

- AAOE Practice Management 3-Hour Intensives;
- AAOE Coding Sessions;
- Skills Transfer labs; and
- Subspecialty Day meetings.

Learn more 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 Subspecialty Day meetings) and plan to stay through the meetings' end at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 6.

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/2023. 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

Dr. Higginbotham to Give the Jackson Memorial Lecture

Eve J. Higginbotham, MD, ML, will deliver the 80th Edward Jackson Me-

morial Lecture during the AAO 2023 Opening Session on Saturday, Nov. 4, in the Moscone Center, San Francisco.

Dr. Higginbotham is the inaugural Vice Dean for Inclusion, Diversity and Equity of the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She is also a senior fellow at the Leonard Davis Institute for Health Economics and professor of ophthalmology at the University of Pennsylvania.

Currently, she holds leadership roles with the National Academy of Medicine, the National Research Council, the National Academy of Sciences, the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society, and the *American Journal of Ophthalmology*. She also serves on the Board of Directors of Ascension, one of the largest private health systems in the United States. She remains active in scholarship related to glaucoma, health policy, patient care, and equity.



DR. HIGGINBOTHAM.

Program Available in June

You can search the AAO 2023 program in the Mobile Meeting Guide starting June 21. This online

guide can be accessed from any mobile device, tablet, laptop, or computer. You don't have to log in or be a member to view program information. You will be able to find information by day, topic, type of event/course, special interest, or presenter. Log in to save sessions to a personalized planner.

Learn more at aao.org/program.

EVENTS

Join Your Colleagues at The Orbital

Celebrate 20 years of fundraising at The Orbital: Gold Rush (formerly the Orbital Gala) on Sunday, Nov. 5, during AAO 2023 in San Francisco. While this year's new name comes with a less formal dress code, this event continues to be the Foundation's premier party. It's a place to reconnect with old friends, make new ones, and—most important—support impactful Academy programs. The Leadership Development

Program (LDP) will be the beneficiary of this year's fundraising.

You'll also have a chance to celebrate both the 2023 Artemis Awardee recipient (a young ophthalmologist who has helped those who live in disadvantaged communities obtain vision care) and The Orbital's 2023 Special Honorees: David E.I. and Molly Pyott. The Pyotts are philanthropists and Academy Foundation leaders.

Save the date. Plans are still unfolding for the Nov. 5 event. Watch for details in upcoming issues.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

The Lineup for Subspecialty Day 2023 in San Francisco

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

The following meetings take place on Friday, Nov. 3:

- Glaucoma Subspecialty Day
- Neuro-Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day
- Ocular Oncology and Pathology Subspecialty Day
- Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day
- Retina Subspecialty Day (Day 1)

The following meetings take place on Saturday, Nov. 4:

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

Register for a live Subspecialty Day meeting in San Francisco and get the following 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.