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## NEW FORMAT

### AAO 2020: Now Virtual

In light of epidemiological projections, government regulations, and public health mandates to prevent the spread of disease—including social distancing, limited crowd sizes, and face coverings—the Academy was forced to cancel its in-person annual meeting this year.

The Academy will present a virtual-only event to engage and connect members and to deliver the critical scientific and clinical information that you expect from the most important ophthalmology meeting of the year.

Programming is available for your entire team, including practice managers. Don't miss this opportunity to deepen your skills, discover clinical advancements, review the latest products, interact with colleagues, and ask presenters your questions. You can also view recorded sessions at your convenience.

As the meeting approaches, check for virtual meeting updates at [aao.org/2020](http://aao.org/2020).

### Registration and Hotel

**Registration.** Be sure to take part in the Academy's first-ever fully virtual meeting. Registration will open on Wednesday, Aug. 12.

**Automatic cancellation of in-person**

**registration.** If you registered for the in-person meeting in Las Vegas, the Academy will automatically cancel your registration and send you an email confirmation. If you paid ticket or registration fees, they will be refunded in full. The cancellation and refund process will be completed by Friday, Aug. 7.

**Hotel.** If you booked a hotel room in Las Vegas through the Academy's official housing service, Expovision, your reservation was automatically canceled. If you made a hotel reservation on your own, you will need to cancel directly with the hotel.

**For further information,** check [aao.org/2020](http://aao.org/2020).

### Revised Total CME Credits

The American Academy of Ophthalmology is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. As the virtual program was developed, the number of CME credits for AAO 2020 and Subspecialty Day were revised. View the latest information at [aao.org/annual-meeting/cme](http://aao.org/annual-meeting/cme).

## SUBSPECIALTY DAY

### The Lineup

Subspecialty Day meetings include the following:

- Cornea Subspecialty Day 2020
- Glaucoma Subspecialty Day 2020
- Ocular Oncology/Pathology Subspecialty Day 2020
- Oculofacial Plastic Surgery Subspecialty Day 2020



### HOW TO NAVIGATE THE NEW NORMAL.

Want authoritative, ophthalmic-specific advice for your practice? Make time for a panel discussion, *From Recovery to Resilience: Creating a Thriving Practice Post-COVID-19*, at the AAOE General Session. Panelists include Ruth D. Williams, MD (above), as well as other Academy leaders and practice management experts. Organized by the American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives (AAOE), this session will be open to all AAO 2020 virtual meeting registrants.

- Pediatric Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day 2020
  - Refractive Surgery Subspecialty Day 2020
  - Retina Subspecialty Day 2020
  - Uveitis Subspecialty Day 2020
- Check for updates** at [aao.org/2020](http://aao.org/2020).

### Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

This month, program directors from two of the Subspecialty Day meetings preview some of this year's planned highlights. Keep an eye on [aao.org/2020](http://aao.org/2020) for the most current content.

#### Cornea 2020: Seeing Clearly Into the Future

**Program Directors:** Sanjay V. Patel, MD,



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*FRCOphth, Sophie X. Deng, MD, PhD,  
and Vishal Jhanji, MD, FRCOphth.*

The 2020 Cornea Subspecialty Day will encompass a wide range of topics of interest to a broad audience, including cornea specialists and comprehensive ophthalmologists. The program will incorporate evidence-based information for the medical and surgical management of corneal and ocular surface diseases delivered by leaders in the field. Panel discussions will be complemented by case presentations and audience participation.

Keratoconus and Fuchs dystrophy once were common indications for penetrating keratoplasty, but with evolving techniques and new treatment options, the management of these conditions has changed dramatically. Sessions dedicated to corneal ectasias and Fuchs dystrophy will review current best practices as well as peer into future treatment options.

The hot topics of ocular surface inflammation and infection will feature medical and surgical approaches to common and complex diseases. From dry eye to corneoscleral melting and from new antimicrobials to infection after keratoprosthesis placement, experts will share tips for diagnosis and management. And as we remember 2020 as the year in which we directly experienced the impact of a pandemic, we will take an opportunity to discuss what we have learned so far about SARS-CoV-2.

Cornea Subspecialty Day would not be complete without reviewing the latest updates on keratoplasty and ocular surface surgery. Experienced surgeons will discuss a range of surgical techniques for corneal and conjunctival diseases, including indications, outcomes, and complications, which will have direct relevance to comprehensive ophthalmologists as well as cornea specialists.

*Cornea Subspecialty Day is organized in conjunction with the Cornea Society.*

**Uveitis 2020: Beating the Odds—  
How to Make Sure You Get a Full  
House When You're Dealt Uveitis**

*Program Directors: Hatice N. Sen, MD,  
and Nisha Acharya, MD.*

The 2020 Uveitis Subspecialty Day

will address current challenges in the diagnosis and management of uveitis. Its format will be a hybrid between the familiar topic-driven presentations and the case-based approach.

With a theme of “Beating the Odds—How to Make Sure You Get a Full House When Dealt Uveitis,” the initial section on fundamentals—the “Uveitis 101”—is intended to provide general ophthalmologists and retina specialists, who are frequently the first to encounter uveitis patients, with a structured and logical approach to the diagnosis and treatment of intraocular inflammation, both local and systemic. Particular emphasis will be placed on generating the differential diagnosis, ordering appropriate laboratory and ancillary testing, and formulating an effective treatment plan. A new highlight of this section will be a lecture on pediatric uveitis.

With this foundation, the program will then center on case-based presentations that will illustrate and amplify the principles established in Uveitis 101. Organized according to the anatomic location of inflammation, cases with increasing degrees of complexity, from the very basic to the truly baffling, will be presented to a panel of experts for discussion. These cases will run the gamut of the major infectious and noninfectious uveitic entities, both sight-threatening and benign, from the common and obvious to the rare masquerader. This case-based approach, enriched with multimodal imaging, is intended to simulate real-life clinical decision making.

The surgical management of the complications of uveitis requires special attention and will be addressed separately. Fundamentals in the approach to patients with uveitic cataract and glaucoma will be discussed first, followed by the application of vitreoretinal surgical techniques for both diagnostic and therapeutic purposes. The final section of the program will give the audience a glimpse into the exciting and rapidly evolving future of the field of uveitis.

*Uveitis Subspecialty Day is organized in conjunction with the American Uveitis Society.*