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.
### Congressional Advocacy Day

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This year’s Congressional Advocacy Day features in-person events and meetings on Capitol Hill and builds on our successful efforts to protect sight through action at the federal level. Our efforts will highlight the Medicare payment burdens that impact our profession and we will be urging members of Congress to support vision research funding and ensuring Veterans receive the best quality of care. Before we make our way to Capitol Hill, you will be fully trained on how to best represent our profession to 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.

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Congressional Advocacy Day

**7:00 am – 8:00 am**  
Breakfast

**8:30 am – 3:00 pm**  
Congressional Visits

**11:30 am – 2:00 pm**  
Boxed Lunch

**Congressional Advocacy Day Q&A Breakfast**

**7:00 am – 8:00 am**  
Continental Breakfast – Questions and Answers  
Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2

**7:00 am – 7:05 am**  
Welcome  
Sohail J. Hasan, MD, PhD – Chair, OPHTHPAC Committee American Academy of Ophthalmology

**7:05 am – 7:10 am**  
Academy Foundation Remarks  
Janice C. Law, MD – EyeCare America

**7:10 am – 7:25 am**  
Navigating Capitol Hill and Overview of Schedules  
Advocacy Associates

**7:25 am – 7:45 am**  
CAD Question and Answer Session

**7:45 am – 8:00 am**  
Remarks from Representative Mariannette Miller-Meeks, MD (IA-02)

**Metro to Capitol Hill**

Members will be provided with Metro SmarTrip cards to accommodate their trips to and from Capitol Hill. A map of the Metro system and Capitol Hill is provided in the “Getting Around D.C.” section of the Congressional Advocacy Day Legislative Briefing Book. Please allow at least 45-60 minutes to get to the Hill before your meetings.

**Meetings with Members of Congress and Staff 8:30 am – 3:00 pm**

Appointments with your members of Congress have been made for you based on your home address provided at registration. Please check your schedule to ensure that you are on the Hill in time for your meetings and allow an extra 20 minutes for security checks. For questions about your appointments, contact Dash Delan at ddelan@aoa.org or call 202.737.6662. Return from Capitol Hill to the Renaissance Downtown Hotel by Metro.

Contact Dash Delan immediately if you will not be available to attend your scheduled meeting. Missed appointments reflect poorly on the Academy and make scheduling future meetings more difficult.

Dash Delan, ddelan@aoa.org, 202.737.6662.

**Boxed Lunch 11:30 am – 2:00 pm**

Reserve Officers Building, One Constitution Ave. NW

See the map of Capitol Hill provided in the “Getting Around D.C.” section of the Congressional Advocacy Day Legislative Briefing book.
Welcome and Introduction to Mid-Year Forum 2023
Potomac Ballroom: Salons 1 & 2
Stephen D. McLeod, MD - Chief Executive Officer, American Academy of Ophthalmology and
Daniel J. Briceland, MD - President, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Physician Payment: Opportunities and Challenges in the New 118th Congress
Moderators: George A. Williams, MD – Senior Secretary for Advocacy, American Academy of Ophthalmology and
Mary Louise Z. Collins, MD – Trustee-at-Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology

For more than twenty years, Medicare payments have failed to keep pace with medical inflation, and multiple policies implemented by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) or enacted by Congress have resulted in payment cuts to physician services. The Academy continues to work with the physician community to press Congress for long-overdue reforms to provide the stable Medicare payment system that beneficiaries and physicians need. This session will examine the opportunities and challenges for payment reform in the new 118th Congress where Republicans control the U.S. House of Representatives and Democrats control the U.S. Senate.

Why Ophthalmology Cares and How Current Payment Challenges Impact You
George A. Williams, MD – Senior Secretary for Advocacy, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Advocacy for Medicare Physician Payment
Sandra Fryhofer, MD – Chair, Board of Trustees, American Medical Association

Surgical Care Coalition: Where Do We Go in 2023?
Christian Shalgian – Director of Advocacy and Health Policy, American College of Surgeons

View from the Hill: Physician Members of Congress
Representative Ami Bera, MD (D-CA), U.S. House of Representatives
Representative Larry Buschon, MD (R-IN), US. House of Representatives

How Do We Advance Quality Improvement in Physician Payment Reform?
(Invited) Dana Gelb Safran, ScD - President & CEO, National Quality Forum

Current Resources to Help You Weather the Storm
Mary Louise Z. Collins, MD – Trustee-at-Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Leading Efforts on Determining Physician Work Intensity
Moderator: James C. Tsai, MD, MBA – Member, Healthy Policy Committee, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Medicare reimbursement for cataract surgery is scheduled to be reevaluated in 2025. The American Medical Association Specialty Society Relative Value Update Committee (the RUC) will lead the revaluation process to determine the new Work Relative Value Units (wRVUs) assigned to cataract surgery. Quantifying the physician intensity, in addition to time, of surgery is essential in providing an appropriate value for wRVUs because the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services considers the RUC’s recommendations when determining Medicare payment. The American Academy of Ophthalmology’s Workgroup on Physician Work Intensity has solicited research proposals that objectively quantify the work intensity associated with cataract surgery.
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5:00 pm - 5:04 pm Introduction on the RUC Process and Cataract Surgery Revaluation
David Glasser, MD – Secretary for Federal Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology

5:04 pm - 5:12 pm Selected Proposal 1
Sean Berkowitz, MD, MBA – Ophthalmology Resident, Vanderbilt Eye Institute, Vanderbilt University Medical Center

5:12 pm - 5:20 pm Selected Proposal 2
David Portney, MD – Ophthalmology Resident, Kellogg Eye Center, University of Michigan

5:20 pm - 5:30 pm Q&A
James C. Tsai, MD, MBA – Health Policy Committee Member, American Academy of Ophthalmology

5:30 pm End of Session

Thursday, April 20
Council

5:30 pm - 6:00 pm Council Regional Chair Orientation – by invitation only
Meeting Room 5
Moderators: Thomas A. Graul, MD - Council Chair
Prem S. Subramanian, MD, PhD - Council Vice Chair

Council Regional Meeting 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 - Join us for an evening of celebration and enlightenment.

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6:00 pm - 7:00 pm Reception
Anacostia Ballroom: Salon D & E

7:00 pm - 9:00 pm Dinner
Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2

Keynote Speaker: Terrence Keeley, Chairman and CEO of 1PointSix LLC.

9:15 pm – 11:15 pm Surgical Scope Fund Reception – by invitation only
The Atrium at The City Club of Washington | 555 13th Street NW, Washington, D.C.
In appreciation for your support of Surgery by Surgeons in 2023, we invite you to join us to attend this special event. If you have any questions or need to check your giving history, contact us at 202.737.6662.
Friday, April 21
Council

7:00 am – 8:00 am  Orientation for New Councilors – by invitation only
Meeting Room 4
Breakfast available at 6:30 am – 8:00 am. Orientation starts at 7:00am sharp.
Moderators:  Thomas A. Graul, MD - Council Chair
            Prem S. Subramanian, MD, PhD - Council Vice Chair
Councilors are invited to attend a special orientation that includes an overview of Council operational procedures and responsibilities of Councilors.

Friday, April 21
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7:00 am- 5:00 pm  Registration/Information
Potomac Ballroom Registration Desk

7:00 am – 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast
Potomac Ballroom Foyer

8:15 am – 9:45 am  HEARINGS (CONCURRENT HEARINGS)
#1. THRIVING IN TODAY’S ENVIRONMENT
#2. PRIOR AUTHORIZATION, AUDITS, AND DOCUMENTATION

8:15 am – 9:45 am  HEARING #1. THRIVING IN TODAY’S ENVIRONMENT
Potomac Ballroom: Salons 1 & 2
Moderator:  Ravi D. Goel, MD - Senior Secretary for Ophthalmic Practice, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Ophthalmology practices are under tremendous stress today due to everything from staffing shortages to declining reimbursements. But some are doing better than others. What are their secrets? Each practice management expert will provide two insights that you can start to use in your practice today.

8:15 am - 8:25 am  Introduction
Ravi D. Goel, MD – Senior Secretary for Ophthalmic Practice, American Academy of Ophthalmology

8:25 am - 8:35 am  Developing Your Practice Culture
Purnima S. Patel, MD – Trustee-at-Large, American Academy of Ophthalmology

8:35 am - 8:45 am  Using a Technician Point System to Improve Productivity
Heidi Campbell - Director of Clinical Operations, Duke Eye Center

8:45 am - 8:55 am  Reimaging Patient Flow with Lean
Alan Kimura, MD, MPH – Past President, Colorado Retinal Associates

8:55 am - 9:05 am  Be Our Guest: Amplifying Your Patient Experience
Sanjay D. Goel, MD – Owner, Goel Vision

9:05 am - 9:15 am  Enhancing Revenue Through Better Management
Matthew Baugh, MHA, COT, OCS, OCSR – Coding and Reimbursement Manager, American Academy of Ophthalmology
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<td>Proper documentation is critical to navigating increasing prior authorization requirements and surviving post-payment reviews. Examples of increasing and decreasing administrative burdens will be highlighted. Strategies for successful documentation and advocacy efforts to reduce burdens will be discussed.</td>
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10:15 am – 11:45 am  HEARINGS (CONCURRENT HEARINGS)
#1. EVOLUTION OF CATARACT SURGERY
#2. DISPARITIES IN VISION AND EYE HEALTH

10:15 am - 11:45 am  HEARING #1. EVOLUTION OF CATARACT SURGERY
Potomac Ballroom: Salons 1 & 2

Moderators: Michael X. Repka, MD, MBA – Medical Director for Governmental Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Laura K. Green, MD – Associate Secretary for State Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Over the last decade cataract surgery has been affected by the premium channel, simultaneous glaucoma surgery, and innovations in drug therapies. In this hearing we will explore the evolution of cataract surgery. Medicare payment-from Usual, Customary, and the Reasonable (UCR) to Relative Value Units (RVUs). We will also look to the future, discussing the potential and tradeoffs of expanding cataract surgery into the outpatient office setting.

10:15 am - 10:30 am  History of Cataract Surgery Payment
Michael X. Repka, MD, MBA – Medical Director for Governmental Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology

10:30 am - 10:45 am  Premium Services: History and Limitations
Allison Shuren, JD – Partner, Arnold & Porter

10:45 am - 11:00 am  Cataract + MIGS: Implications Across Training and Practice
Leslie Jones, MD – Chair of Ophthalmology, Howard College of Medicine

11:00 am - 11:15 am  Perioperative Drugs: “To Bundle or Not to Bundle”
Laura K. Green, MD – Associate Secretary for State Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Residency Program Director, Kreiger Eye Institute

11:15 am - 11:30 am  Office-Based Surgery: Potential and Pitfalls
Scott Friedman, MD – Associate Secretary, American Academy of Ophthalmology Health Policy Committee

11:30 am - 11:45 am  Q&A
Michael X. Repka, MD, MBA – Medical Director for Governmental Affairs, American Academy of Ophthalmology

11:45 am  End of Session
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10:15 am - 11:45 am  **HEARING #2. DISPARITIES IN VISION AND EYE HEALTH**  
Potomac Ballroom: Salon 3

**Moderator:** Jane C. Edmond, MD – President-Elect, American Academy of Ophthalmology

Did you know that ZIP code is the leading factor which is most correlated with a person’s health outcome? Even more influential than their genetic code, clinical care or personal behaviors?

Disparities in overall health, including eye health, stem from a complex interplay of social determinants of health: ethnicity, access to care, education, socioeconomic status, health literacy and zip code. The mission of the Academy is to protect sight and improve lives, for all people. The Academy Task Force on Disparities in Visual Health and Eye Care was created with the goal of reducing and eventually eliminating eye health disparities for our most vulnerable population. Speakers will present some of the important recent work done by the task force.

10:15 am - 10:30 am  **Disparities: Why Should Ophthalmologists Care?**  
Tamara Fountain, MD - Professor, Rush University Medical Center

10:30 am - 10:45 am  **Disparities in Vision Health and Eye Care**  
Angela Elam, MD – Assistant Professor, University of Michigan

10:45 am - 11:00 am  **The Impact of Health Literacy**  
Cesar Briceno, MD – Associate Professor, Penn Medicine

11:00 am - 11:15 am  **Improving Access to Eye Care**  
Jane C. Edmond, MD – President-Elect, American Academy of Ophthalmology and Professor and Chair, UT Austin, Dell Medical School

11:15 am - 11:30 am  **Where Do We Go from Here?**  
Victoria Tseng, MD, PhD – Assistant Professor, University of California, Los Angeles

11:30 am - 11:45 am  **Q&A**

11:45 am  **End of Session**
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Council

2:30 pm – 3:50 pm  Council Opening Session
Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2
Unite with your colleagues from ophthalmic state, subspecialty and specialized interest societies to discuss key issues facing our profession.

4:00 pm – 6:00 pm  Council Regional Meetings
Refer to Council Program Book for Room Assignments

6:30 pm – 8:30 pm  OPHTHPAC Reception – by invitation only
Potomac View Terrace 2215 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington D.C.
OPHTHPAC members who contribute to OPHTHPAC in 2023 are invited to attend this lively cocktail reception with a full open bar and hors d’oeuvres. All attendees must present a valid photo ID to enter this building. No exceptions. If you have any questions or need to check your giving history, contact us at 202.737.6662.

Saturday, April 22
Council

7:00 am – 1:00 pm  Meeting Information
Potomac Ballroom Registration Desk

7:00 am – 8:00 am  Continental Breakfast
Potomac Ballroom Foyer

8:00 am – 9:30 am  Council State Section Meeting
Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2

8:00 am – 9:30 am  Council Subspecialty/Specialized Interest Section Meeting
Potomac Ballroom: Salon 3

9:30 am – 9:45 am  Break
Potomac Ballroom Foyer

9:45 am – 12:00 pm  Council Elections and Hearing on Council Advisory Recommendations
Potomac Ballroom: Salon 1 & 2

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm  Council Luncheon
Potomac Ballroom: Salon 3

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