



MASTERS
IN OPHTHALMOLOGY 2026

FLORIDA SOCIETY OF OPHTHALMOLOGY
ANNUAL MEETING

MASTERS IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

JUNE 5-7 • FOUR SEASONS • ORLANDO, FL

SCIENTIFIC PROGRAM

INVITATION TO ATTEND

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

IMMEDIATE INSIGHTS FOR YOUR PRACTICE!

These essential sessions are engineered exclusively for busy physicians seeking to refine their skills and knowledge in patient care. Dive into learning opportunities that can be applied in your practice. Discover information that can support your standard of care and enhance patient outcomes. Secure your spot and transform learning into practice!

MY BEST CASE OF THE YEAR

NEW THIS YEAR!

Interested in presenting your best case at the Masters in Ophthalmology 2026 meeting? We're seeking unique and challenging patient cases to be presented during this NEW session. Submit your exceptional case now for a chance to lead an interactive session and showcase your skills.

VIDEO FESTIVAL SESSION

NEW THIS YEAR!

Inspire your colleagues by sharing your creativity and expertise! Submit a short, high-quality video that highlights innovative surgical techniques, unique case challenges, novel technologies, and impactful pearls. Videos selected for their quality and insight will be featured during this dynamic session.



NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED FACULTY



GLAUCOMA AND ETHICS

Carla J. Siegfried, MD

Jacquelyn E. and Allan E. Kolker, MD
Distinguished Professor of Ophthalmology
Vice Chair of Diversity, Equity, and Professionalism
John F. Hardesty, MD Department of Ophthalmology
and Visual Sciences
Washington University School of Medicine
Chair, American Academy of Ophthalmology Ethics Committee
St. Louis, MO



OCULOPLASTICS

Jill A. Foster, MD

Associate Clinical Professor
The Ohio State University, Nationwide Children's Hospital,
Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine
Columbus, OH



CORNEA

Lee A. Snyder, MD

Council Chair, American Academy of Ophthalmology
Crossroads Eye Physicians
Baltimore, MD



RETINA AND UVEITIS

J. Fernando Arevalo, MD, PhD

Edmund F. and Virginia B. Ball Professor of Ophthalmology
Professor & Chairman, Department of Ophthalmology
Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
Retina Division, Wilmer Eye Institute
The Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine
Baltimore, MD



OCULAR ONCOLOGY

J. William Harbour, MD

Professor and Chair
Department of Ophthalmology
UT Southwestern Medical Center
Dallas, TX

ADJUNCT FACULTY



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Hans K. Bruhn, MHS

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Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company (OMIC)
San Francisco, CA



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Lynn Byerly, MD

Naples Eye Physicians- Comprehensive Ophthalmology
Private Practice - Partner
Naples Community Hospital
Naples, FL

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WWW.OPHMASTERS.COM



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ABOUT THE

MELVIN L. RUBIN, MD LECTURE

Established in honor of Melvin L. Rubin, MD of the University of Florida and recognizes an individual who has made great personal contributions to quality ophthalmic patient care.

Melvin L. Rubin ("Mel") was a quiet, distinguished physician with an incredible record of accomplishment and contributions to the ophthalmic profession – as teacher, lecturer, author, scientist, organizer and administrator. He was an internationally recognized authority on ophthalmic optics and refraction and on diseases of the retina. In his role as an academic-clinician as full-time faculty at the University of Florida, College of Medicine for almost forty years, he helped train over 200 ophthalmology residents and fellows and directly influenced the education of thousands more through his lectures and publications (over 100 scientific papers and six books.) To foster the educational process nationally, he created and developed the Ov, the knowledge assessment program given every year since 1968 to all residents-in-training in the United States and Canada.

SCIENTIFIC SESSIONS

FRIDAY, JUNE 5

11:00–11:15 AM	Welcome/Introductions/Program Overview	
11:15–11:45 AM	Balancing Practice Efficiency with Patient Communication and Trust: Who's Listening	<i>Carla J. Siegfried, MD</i>
12:00–1:00 PM	NON-CME Satellite Lunch Symposium	
1:00–1:15 PM	Break	
1:15–2:30 PM	My Best Case of the Year NEW THIS YEAR!	
2:30–3:45 PM	Video Festival NEW THIS YEAR!	
4:00–6:00 PM	Welcome Reception with Exhibitors NEW TIME THIS YEAR	

SATURDAY, JUNE 6

7:00–8:00 AM	NON-CME Satellite Breakfast Symposium	
8:00–9:00 AM	Breakfast with Exhibitors	
9:00–9:05 AM	Welcome/Introductions/Program Overview	
9:05–9:35 AM	Ancillary Procedures to Augment Your Upper Lid Blepharoplasty	<i>Jill A. Foster, MD</i>
9:35–9:40 AM	Introduction of 2026 J. Donald Gass, MD Beacon of Sight Award Lecturer	
9:40–10:10 AM	Lessons Learned and Moving Forward with International Collaborations in Retina	<i>J. Fernando Arevalo, MD, PhD</i>
10:10–10:15 AM	Introduction of 2026 Melvin L. Rubin, MD Award Lecturer	
10:15–10:45 AM	Trabeculectomy: Eyeing Extinction?	<i>Carla J. Siegfried, MD</i>
10:45–11:15 AM	Break with Exhibitors	
11:15–11:40 AM	Legislative Update	<i>Monica Rodriguez, JD</i>
11:40 AM–12:05 PM	FSO Annual Business Meeting	
12:10–1:10 PM	NON-CME Satellite Lunch Symposium	
1:15–2:15 PM	Dessert Reception with Exhibitors	
2:20–2:25 PM	Resident Lecture Introductions	
2:25–2:35 PM	Resident Lecture 1	
2:35–2:45 PM	Resident Lecture 2	
2:45–2:55 PM	Resident Lecture 3	
2:55–3:05 PM	Resident Lecture 4	
3:00–3:30 PM	Cornea Pearls for the Comprehensive Ophthalmologist	<i>Lee A. Snyder, MD</i>
3:35–3:40 PM	Presentation of Resident Research Awards	
4:00–6:00 PM	Family Friendly Reception NEW TIME THIS YEAR	

SUNDAY, JUNE 7

6:00–6:30 AM	Sunrise Morning Walk	
7:00–8:30 AM	Breakfast	
7:25–7:30 AM	Welcome/Introductions/Program Overview	
7:30–8:15 AM	OMIC Risk Management Lecture: Preventing Wrong Events at Cataract Surgery Primary Risk Junctions Along the Cataract Pathway	Hans K. Bruhn, MHS; Lynn Byerly, MD
8:15–8:40 AM	Liquid Biopsy in Ocular Oncology	J. William Harbour, MD
8:40–9:05 AM	Surgery for Viral Retinitis – When Medical Therapy is Not Sufficient	J. Fernando Arevalo, MD, PhD
9:05–9:30 AM	Choosing a Technique for Lower Lid Blepharoplasty	Jill A. Foster, MD
9:30–10:00 AM	Break	
10:00 AM–12:00 PM	SUBSPECIALTY BREAKOUT SESSIONS ANTERIOR SEGMENT (CORNEA/CATARACT/GLAUCOMA) Co-Chairs: Darby D. Miller, MD, MPH; Ahad Mahootchi, MD; Elena Bitrian, MD, MBA POSTERIOR SEGMENT (RETINA/UVEITIS) Co-Chairs: Carl Danzig, MD; Beth Richter, MD OCULOPLASTICS Co-Chairs: Renelle Lim, MD; John T. LiVecchi, MD	
12:00–12:25 PM	The Spark of Innovation: How Cross-Disciplinary Discoveries Changed Ophthalmology	Lee A. Snyder, MD
12:25–12:30 PM	Final Remarks/Meeting Adjourns	



ACCREDITATION

Activity Overview

The purpose of this meeting is to provide a forum for ophthalmologists to learn the most up to date information in ophthalmic medicine covering the subspecialties within general ophthalmology to strengthen the knowledge and skills of ophthalmic professionals and to improve patient outcomes

Target Audience

This activity is designed for an audience of nurses, physicians, physician assistants, and any other ophthalmologic health professional.

Learning Objectives

Upon completion of the educational activity, participants should be able to:

- Recognize common corneal and ocular surface conditions that prompt referral to cornea specialists and understand how these conditions may initially present in comprehensive practice; Implement effective referral timing to enhance patient outcomes
- Recognize how cross-disciplinary discoveries have driven major advances in ophthalmology
- Recognize scenarios where a trabeculectomy procedure may be an appropriate consideration for surgical intervention
- Describe the development and future of international collaborations in retina
- Explain the surgical management of viral retinitis when retinal detachment develops
- Review how to assess for the presence of lacrimal gland prolapse in pre-operative blepharoplasty patients
- Describe patient physical characteristics that require an external incision for lower blepharoplasty
- Recognize risk factors which lead to medical malpractice claims.
- Identify common efficiency-driven practices in clinical care that may unintentionally compromise patient understanding, shared decision-making, or trust.
- Discuss recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases
- Identify major advances in key areas of cutting-edge research and technology in ophthalmology
- Review current and emerging therapies for the management and treatment of various ocular conditions

Criteria for Success

Statements of credit will be awarded based on the participant's attendance and submission of the activity evaluation form. A statement of credit will be available upon completion of an online evaluation/claimed credit form at ophmasters.com/cme. If you have questions about this CE activity, please contact AKH Inc. at tbrignoni@akhcme.com.

CE credit provided by AKH Inc., Advancing Knowledge in Healthcare.

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by AKH Inc., Advancing Knowledge in Healthcare and Florida Society of Ophthalmology. AKH Inc., Advancing Knowledge in Healthcare is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

This activity was planned by and for the healthcare team, and learners will receive 11.25 Interprofessional Continuing Education (IPCE) credit for learning and change.

Physicians

AKH Inc., Advancing Knowledge in Healthcare designates this live activity for a maximum of **11.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM**. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Nurses

Credit being awarded: 11.25 ANCC contact hours.

Physician Assistant

AKH Inc., Advancing Knowledge in Healthcare has been authorized by the American Academy of PAs (AAPA) to award AAPA Category 1 CME credit for activities planned in accordance with AAPA CME Criteria. This activity is designated for **11.25 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)TM**. PAs should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation.

Commercial Support

Full notification of commercial support will be provided in the final activity syllabus.



EXHIBIT HALL EVENTS

NEW TIME THIS YEAR

WELCOME RECEPTION WITH EXHIBITORS

Friday, June 5 | 4:00 – 6:00 PM

Kick off the event in style at our Friday evening opening reception in the exhibit hall! Mingle with fellow colleagues and connect with representatives from more than 50 exhibiting companies while enjoying an elegant selection of beer, wine, and delicious hors d'oeuvres. This can't-miss evening is included with your attendee registration. Guests and children are welcome to join the fun with the purchase of a guest badge.

BREAKFAST WITH EXHIBITORS

Saturday, June 6 | 8:00– 9:00 AM

Start your day energized with coffee and breakfast while reconnecting with exhibitors and colleagues before the day's sessions begin. Breakfast is included with attendee registration. Guests and children are welcome with the purchase of a guest badge.

DESSERT RECEPTION WITH EXHIBITORS

Saturday, June 6 | 1:15– 2:15 PM

End lunch on a sweet note! Head to the exhibit hall for a dessert reception with our exhibitors—your final chance to explore their companies and products while indulging in an irresistible spread of sweet treats. This reception is included with attendee registration, and guests and children are welcome with a guest badge.

SPECIAL EVENTS

SATURDAY AFTERNOON FAMILY RECEPTION

Saturday, June 6 | 4:00-6:00 PM

When Saturday's program wraps up, the fun continues! Grab your family and reconnect with friends and colleagues at a laid-back reception. Sip a drink, snack on delicious hors d'oeuvres, and enjoy easygoing time together—while kids dive into activities and family-friendly food and drinks are on hand for everyone. This reception is included in the attendee registration fee, but you **MUST** RSVP to attend this event. Guests and children are welcome to attend with the purchase of a guest badge.

SUNRISE MORNING WALK

Sunday, June 7 | 6:00-6:30 AM

Rise and shine! Start your Sunday with fresh air, good company, and a beautiful sunrise. Join fellow attendees for a relaxed morning walk as the day comes to life—perfect for stretching your legs, clearing your head, and enjoying easy conversation before the scientific program begins. All paces welcome, smiles encouraged, coffee afterward highly recommended.

SATELLITE EVENTS

NON-CME SATELLITE LUNCH SYMPOSIUM

Friday, June 5 | 12:00-1:00 PM

DEXTENZA® (dexamethasone ophthalmic insert) 0.4 mg
Speaker: Dee Stephenson, MD
Sponsored by Ocular Therapeutix

NON-CME SATELLITE BREAKFAST SYMPOSIUM

Saturday, June 6 | 8:00-9:00 AM

TBD

NON-CME SATELLITE LUNCH SYMPOSIUM SPOTLIGHT

GALE 5 YEAR DATA

Saturday, June 6 | 12:10-1:10 PM

Speaker: David Eichenbaum, MD
Sponsored by Apellis

CONFERENCE VENUE

FOUR SEASONS ORLANDO

10100 Dream Tree Blvd.
Lake Buena Vista, FL 32836
Phone: (407) 313-7777

Masters in Ophthalmology 2026 attendees will receive a special room rate that starts at \$369/night plus taxes. The group rate is guaranteed for reservations made on or before **May 4, 2026**, or until the room block is filled.

[RESERVATION LINK](#)

CONFERENCE PARKING

The hotel offers Masters in Ophthalmology 2026 attendees a discount on valet parking of \$25/day/vehicle. Please indicate you are with the FSO/Masters 2026 group to receive a valet parking discount. Self-parking is not available.

MAKE A SPLASH AT OUR ORLANDO WATER PARK

Escape to Orlando this for the perfect family vacation. Kids can enjoy our five-acre (two-hectare) water park and complimentary daily kids club, while adults unwind at Oasis, our chic, adults-only pool.

GOLF

Discover the perfect blend of leisure and luxury at our premier golf resort in Orlando, renowned for its serene landscapes and challenging play. Sharpen your skills at our state-of-the-art practice facility or explore the lush greens, designed to elevate your golf experience.

DISNEY EXPERIENCES

With a convenient Disney Planning Center in our lobby, complimentary transportation to the Parks and an on-site, twice weekly character breakfast, the ultimate vacation to Walt Disney World® Resort awaits. Plus, enjoy Early Theme Park Entry* to any Theme Park of your choice daily.



REGISTRATION INFORMATION

YOU MUST REGISTER FOR THE MEETING ONLINE

NEED ASSISTANCE WITH REGISTERING? CONTACT THE FSO OFFICE AT 904-998-0819

ONLINE

Registrations for Masters in Ophthalmology 2026 will ONLY be accepted online at: ophmasters.com/register

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REGISTRATION DEADLINE:

Registration and payment must be received no later than May 8, 2026 to ensure a name badge and materials. Registrants that are unable to register online, please contact the meeting organizers at 904-998-0819. Onsite registration will only be accepted on a space available basis. The Masters in Ophthalmology meeting has **GONE GREEN** and will not be providing printed copies of the syllabus. The syllabus will be made available through the mobile meeting app or through a web version of the mobile app.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

Telephone cancellations cannot be accepted. A written notice of cancellation must be received no later than 30-days prior to the meeting for a refund. A \$100 administration fee will be deducted for all refunds. No refunds will be made after May 6, 2026.

DISCLAIMER:

By registering for the Florida Society of Ophthalmology, Masters in Ophthalmology 2026 meeting, the attendee understands and agrees that attendee's name, city, and state may be shared with other attendees and exhibitors. By allowing an exhibitor to scan the conference badge, the attendee understands, agrees, and consents to the sharing of attendee's full contact information with the company that scanned the conference badge.

ADA COMPLIANCE:

Attendees who need special reasonable accommodation or who have special needs should contact the meeting organizers at 904-998-0819.

PHOTOGRAPHY:

Photographs and/or video may be taken as part of the registered event. By registering for this event, you grant the Florida Society of Ophthalmology full rights to use the images resulting from the photography/video filming and any reproductions or adaptations of the images for promotional purposes. This may include (but is not limited to), the right to use them in print and online platforms, social media, press releases and other outlets.

PROGRAM PRICING

Scientific Sessions	Regular Feb 15–Jun 5	Onsite June 6–8
FSO Member	\$650	\$700
Non-Member	\$850	\$900
Industry Representative *	\$1650	\$1700
In-Training** Medical Student, Resident, Fellow	\$50	\$75
In-Training Out of State Medical Student, Resident, Fellow	\$125	\$150

* Industry representatives that register for the scientific sessions are strictly prohibited from seeking any leads during the meeting.

Florida in-training residents must email letter to fso@mdeye.org from Florida approved residency/fellowship program director.

GUEST FEES

ADULT GUEST TICKET \$125 / GUEST

Includes admission to the Exhibit Hall on Friday & Saturday & admission to the Saturday evening reception.

CHILDREN'S GUEST TICKET \$75 / CHILD

Includes admission to exhibit hall on Friday and Saturday & admission to the Saturday family reception. Children ages 0-18 will require a badge to access the exhibit hall and Saturday family reception.