

Physician & Technician  
Registration Packet

CME and vision expo for Ophthalmologists, Technicians, Nurses & Job Fair **2015**

**Speakers-**

Kourtney Houser, MD  
Dick Lindstrom, MD  
Yasha Modi, MD  
Robert Osher, MD  
Vivek Patel, MD  
Michael Snyder, MD  
Sunil Srivastava, MD  
James Tsai, MD  
Liliana Werner, MD, PhD  
Mitch Weikert, MD

Special Guest- Michael Uslan, Exec Producer of Batman

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David Parke Lifetime Achievement Lecture- Robert Osher, MD

## Agenda 6-12-2026

### 7:50-8:10 CSEP Business Meeting

#### 8:10 Welcoming remarks

#### 8:15-8:35 Premium IOLs in imperfect corneas. - Kourtney Houser, MD

Objectives: 1. Understanding IOL options for irregular astigmatism 2. Knowing when is a premium IOL a bridge too far.

#### 8:35-9:00 Changing IOL power in vivo: A Potential Paradigm Shift- Liliana Werner, MD, PhD

Objectives: 1. Describe emerging technologies for in situ noninvasive IOL-based Refractive changes. 2. Anticipating IOL power, toricity or wavefront change On current practice patterns and/or IOL exchange rates.

#### 9:00-9:25 The Business of Ophthalmology- Change, Challenge and Opportunity.

##### - Dick Lindstrom, MD

Objectives: 1. Understand how to best position our practices to take advantage of tomorrow's technology. 2. Understand how industry investment translates to new tech

#### 9:25-9:55 Practical Tips for IOL Selection in the Explosive Age of New Formulas.

##### Part 1, Normal eyes; Part 2 Peculiar eyes. - Mitch Weikert, MD

Objectives: 1. Understand when and why to choose particular IOL power calculation Formulas. 2. Understand which formulas to choose for peculiar eyes and the Limitations that they present.

#### 9:55-10:05 Panel discussion

#### 10:05-10:30 Coffee/ Tea Break in Vendor Hall

#### 10:30-10:55 What can we Learn from the Analyses of Explanted IOLs?- Lilliana Werner, MD, PhD

Objectives: 1. Identify characteristics of different materials used in the manufacturing of Intraocular lens 2. Describe the concept of Uvel and Capsular Biocompatibility of IOLS 3. Identify the main issues related to the IOLS manufactured from different materials and how this effects lens selection.

#### 10:55-11:10 Corneal transplants today and tomorrow - Kourtney Houser, MD

Objectives: 1. Developing a working knowledge of corneal transplant surgical techniques 2. Understanding trials of cellular transpant technology and keratoprosthesis.

#### 11:10-11:30 Fixing Common Iris Problems- Michael Snyder, MD

Objectives: 1. Review and learn to differentiate between irises that can be repaired and those that cannot 2. Review the techniques for suture repair, its limitations and the role of iris prostheses.

#### 11:30-11:40 Panel discussion

#### 11:40-12:15 David Parke Lecture- Robert H. Osher, MD

##### “ Can ‘t Live Without It!”

Objectives: 1. To review the development of ophthalmic video and its clinical applications for surgeons including complication management. 2. To review some of the major milestones in the evolution of reflective cataract surgery.

#### 12:15- 1:35 Lunch

#### 12:35 Keynote Speaker and Author Michael Uslan- Originator & Executive Producer of the Batman Movie Francise

**1:10-1:35 Primary Angle Closure Suspect: Is Laser Iridotomy the Treatment of Choice in All Cases?**

**-James Tsai, MD**

Objectives : 1. Understand the angle closure conditions in which laser iridotomy is an effective treatment 2. Learn about clinical conditions where angle closure persists despite patent laser iridotomy 3. Describe observational management as management option in patients with asymptomatic primary angle closure suspect diagnosis

**1:35-2:00 Macular Cases that Threw me off the Tracks...Lessons Learned"**

**-Yasha Modi, MD**

Objectives: 1. Describe how to use multimodal imaging to create a differential diagnosis.  
2. Identify a correct diagnosis and treatment plan using imaging.

**2:00-2:25 Common Mistakes in Caring for the Neuro-Ophthalmology Patient- Vivek Patel, MD**

Objectives: 1. Identify common pitfalls in diagnosis and management of common neuro-ophthalmological disorders 2. Review strategies for ordering the most appropriate imaging studies

**2:25-2:55 Top Mistakes When Caring for the Uveitis Patient- Sunil Srivastava, MD**

Objectives- 1. To review the mistakes made when caring for patients with uveitis and discuss strategies  
2. To improve care for these complicated patients. 3. To discuss the use the imaging to help determine areas of involvement in uveitis

**2:55-3:30 Coffee Break**

**3:30-3:55 An Approach to Imaging Macular Degeneration in 2026 - Yasha Modi, MD**

Objectives:1.To recognize neovascular AMD without exudation on OCT. 2. To identify OCT risk factors for progression to advanced atrophic age-related macular degeneration

**3:55-4:20 How to Work up a Swollen Nerve- Vivek Patel, MD**

Objectives: 1. Identify key clinical features which can help differentiate papilledema from other causes of optic disc swelling 2. Review the optimal management of papilledema

**4:20-4:40 Uveitis Update 2026- Sunil Srivastava, MD**

Objectives: To review the mistakes made when caring for patients with uveitis. 2. To discuss strategies to improve care for these complicated patients. 3. To discuss the use the imaging to help determine areas of involvement in uveitis.

**4:40-5:00 Panel Discussion**

**5:00 Doorprizes and Certificates**

**5:15-7:00 pm Come for sliders, beer, wine in the Glass room, meet the residents and fellows for a job fair and learn from experts what ophthalmologists face in 2027.**

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## Moderators:



**Michael Snyder, MD** specializes in diseases and surgery of the front of the eye, including small-incision, topical anesthesia cataract surgery. His special interests include traumatic cataract surgery, iris repair, corneal transplantation, and refractive surgery. Dr. Snyder has, with Dr. Robert Osher, pioneered artificial iris prosthesis use in the United States, aiding in the rehabilitation of acquired traumatic iris defects or congenital iris defects such as aniridia and ocular albinism. Dr. Snyder has developed extensive expertise with presbyopia-correcting intraocular implant lenses.

He completed both his undergraduate degree in Psychology and his Medical Degree from University of Michigan, followed by his Internship in Internal Medicine and General Surgery at Presbyterian/St. Luke's Medical Center of Denver, Colorado. Dr. Snyder served as Resident and Chief Resident in Ophthalmology at Krieger Eye Institute of Sinai Hospital of Baltimore. He then pursued subspecialty training in cataract, anterior segment & refractive surgery, corneal & external diseases, and ocular immunology at New England Eye Center and Ophthalmic Consultants of Boston. Following his Fellowship, Dr. Snyder cultivated a referral practice in cataract and corneal surgery in Albany, New York where he also taught Residents as an Assistant Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology at Albany Medical College. He joined the growing and internationally recognized Cincinnati Eye Institute in 1997.

At Cincinnati Eye Institute (CEI), Dr. Snyder continues to couple his clinical activities with an active interest in both teaching and research. Dr. Snyder is a Diplomate of the American Board of Ophthalmology, a Fellow of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and a member of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons. He is actively involved in teaching other ophthalmologists through these organizations and as a frequent "Guest Professor" nationally and internationally.

He continues to contribute to Ophthalmology textbooks and scientific journals as author, editor and reviewer.



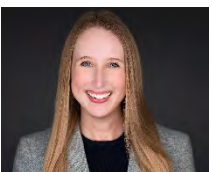
**Sunil K. Srivastava, MD**, is a renowned vitreoretinal surgeon and uveitis specialist at the Cole Eye Institute, Cleveland Clinic. He was named the Chair of the Cole Eye Institute in July 2026 and holds the Barbara and A. Malachi Mixon III Institute Chair in Ophthalmology. Previously he served as the Program Director for both the Medical Retina and Vitreoretinal Surgery Fellowship programs. Dr. Srivastava's clinical practice and academic pursuits focus extensively on medical and surgical retinal diseases, as well as uveitis, with particular expertise in advanced ocular imaging technologies.

Dr. Srivastava graduated summa cum laude with a Bachelor of Arts in Economics from Cornell University and earned his medical degree with summa cum laude honors from the State University of New York at Buffalo School of Medicine. He completed his ophthalmology residency at Emory University, where he served as chief resident. He subsequently pursued fellowship training in uveitis and ocular inflammatory diseases at the National Eye Institute, followed by vitreoretinal surgery at Duke University.

Following his tenure on the Emory University faculty, Dr. Srivastava was recruited to the Cleveland Clinic's Cole Eye Institute in 2010. His distinguished academic career includes co-authoring more than 325 peer-reviewed publications and delivering over 300 invited lectures worldwide.

A dedicated educator, Dr. Srivastava has trained over 70 fellows specializing in medical retina, uveitis, and surgical retina, along with approximately 100 ophthalmology residents. He has received numerous teaching awards at Cleveland Clinic, Emory University, and Duke University. His steadfast commitment to education and mentorship extends nationally, contributing significantly to the development of trainees and colleagues. In recognition of his exceptional educational contributions, Dr. Srivastava will receive the prestigious 2025 American Society of Retinal Specialists Crystal Apple Award. Dr. Srivastava is married to Rachel Gurshman, and they have two children: Samuel (19), an undergraduate at the University of Michigan and Reena (17), a junior at Shaker Heights High School.

## Faculty



**Kourtney Houser, MD** is an associate professor in the department of Ophthalmology at Duke University School of Medicine in Durham, NC. She specializes in cataract surgery, cornea and external disease, IOL complications and refractive surgery. Dr. Houser is on the Cataract Subcommittee for the American Academy of Ophthalmology and on the Young Eye Surgeons Committee, Nominations Committee and the Challenging/Complex Cataract Committee for the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery. She is director of the cornea fellowship at Duke as well as medical director for the Duke Ophthalmic

Technician Program. She is actively involved in clinical research and resident education and frequently teaches residents and fellows at her home program as well as at wet labs at national meetings and conferences.



### **Richard Lindstrom, MD**

Dr. Richard L. Lindstrom MD is Founder and Attending surgeon at Minnesota Eye Consultants, Adjunct Professor Emeritus at the University of Minnesota Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Neurosciences and Visiting Professor at the UC Irvine Gavin Herbert Eye Institute. He is a board-certified ophthalmologist and internationally recognized leader in corneal, cataract, refractive, glaucoma, laser surgery, innovation, and the business of ophthalmology. He has been at the forefront of ophthalmology's evolutionary changes throughout his 51-year career in medicine as a recognized researcher, teacher, inventor, writer, industry consultant and highly acclaimed physician and surgeon.

Dr. Lindstrom completed his doctorate degree in medicine at The University of Minnesota in 1972. He then completed an internal medicine internship at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Next, he completed a 3-year Residency in ophthalmology and a 1-year Fellowship in Cornea/External Disease at the University of Minnesota and Affiliated Hospitals. He then extended his training with an Anterior Segment Surgery Fellowship at Mary Shiels Eye Hospital in Dallas, Texas for 6 months followed by a 6-month Heed Foundation Sponsored Fellowship in Glaucoma at The University of Utah Department of Ophthalmology in Salt Lake City, Utah. Dr. Lindstrom entered private practice in 1989 and has led the growth and expansion of Minnesota Eye Consultants, serving as Managing Partner for 15 years and Partner and Attending surgeon for 31 years. He has served as the Global Medical Editor of the USA and International Editions of Ocular Surgery News for 40 years, which reaches 82,000 ophthalmologists worldwide.

Dr. Lindstrom was elected President of the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery in 2007 and continues to serve on the ASCRS Executive Committee and the Board of Directors of the ASCRS Foundation. He served as President of the International Society of Refractive Surgery of the American Academy of Ophthalmology in 1993 to 1994, was elected President of the International Intraocular Implant Club for 2002 to 2004 and was President of the International Refractive Surgery Club in 2006 to 2008.

Dr. Lindstrom has been awarded 45 patents in ophthalmology and has developed a number of corneal preservation solutions, intraocular lenses, drugs and devices that are used daily in clinical practice globally. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of Lindstrom Restoration, Minnesota Eye Consultants, TearLab, Ocular Therapeutix, Harrow Health, Imprimis, Lensar, Surface, Combangio, Kedallion, MD Backline, AcuFocus, Foresight#6, Equinox, Lentechs, Corneagen, Unifye Vision Partners, Theroptix, and Acquea. He is a member of the investment committee at Visionary Ventures Capital and Flying L Ventures.

A frequent lecturer throughout the world on cornea, cataract, glaucoma, laser refractive surgery, innovation and the business of ophthalmology, he has presented 40 named lectures and keynote speeches before professional societies in the U.S. and abroad, including the Binkhorst, Kelman Innovator and Steinert Lecture at the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, The American Academy of Ophthalmology Kelman, Barraquer and Lans Lectures, The Cornea Society Castroviejo Lecture, and received The Glaucoma 360 Accelerator Award. He is a recipient of numerous awards and named lectures. In 2019 he was the first physician inducted into the Scandinavian-American Hall of Fame. In 1998, the Eye and Contact Lens Association initiated the Richard L. Lindstrom MD Surgeon Lecture at its annual meeting. In 2021, the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery will initiate the named Richard L. Lindstrom MD Symposium and Lindstrom Medal Lecture at its annual meeting each year on Sunday.

Dr. Lindstrom serves on several journal editorial boards, including the Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery and the Journal of Refractive Surgery. He has co-edited ten books, written many book chapters and published over 400 papers in peer reviewed journals

He is the recipient of numerous awards for distinguished service by national and international ophthalmology associations, including two Lifetime Achievement Awards from the International Society of Refractive Surgery of the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Lindstrom lives in his hometown of Wayzata, Minnesota on the shores of Lake Minnetonka with his wife Jaci. Their two children and five grandchildren live nearby. He and his wife have a second home in Irvine, California. He enjoys an active life including tennis, golf, boating, upland bird hunting, walking the dog and reading historical fiction when time allows.



**Yasha Modi, MD** is a vitreoretinal surgeon and uveitis specialist serving as the Vice Chair of Ophthalmology at Manhattan, Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital (MEETH). Prior to this, he was on faculty at NYU Langone Health as an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology. Dr. Modi is a graduate of the Yale School of Medicine, Bascom Palmer Eye Institute (residency) and Cleveland Clinic (Fellowship). He has published over 100 peer-reviewed papers and has co-authored 2 ophthalmic textbooks. He serves on a number of editorial boards and review committees. As a recipient of the ASRS Fellow and Honor Awards, Ophthalmology Management's "40 under 40" Award, the AAO Honor award, and 3 institutional teacher of the year awards at NYU, he is highly committed to academic excellence and training the next generation of retinal specialists.



**Vivek R. Patel, MD** is Vice Chair of Academic Affairs, Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology and Chief of Neuro-ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus at the University of California, Irvine, Gavin Herbert Eye Institute. He completed medical school at the University of Saskatchewan, Ophthalmology residency at McGill University, and Neuro-ophthalmology fellowship at University of Southern California/Doheny Eye Institute. Dr. Patel is a dedicated educator, having served as a Residency and Fellowship Program Director, and has been named Teacher of the Year 8 times in his career. Dr. Patel is a co-author of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> editions of *Walsh & Hoyt's Clinical Neuro-Ophthalmology: The Essentials*. He currently directs the

Neuro-ophthalmology & Adult Strabismus fellowship at UCI and is co-director of their Neuro-ophthalmology & Orbital Surgery international fellowship. He currently serves as an Associate Editor for the Journal of Neuro-Ophthalmology and as an examiner for the American Board of Ophthalmology. Dr. Patel's NIH-funded research has focused on studying structural and functional changes in the visual pathways following retinal and optic nerve injury, using diffusion tensor tractography and functional MRI techniques, and has a defined interest in eye movement disorders.



**James Tsai, MD,**

Dr. James Tsai serves as President of the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary of Mount Sinai (NYEE), the nation's first and longest operating specialty hospital, as well as System Chair and Delafield-Rodgers Professor of Ophthalmology at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai. Before joining Mount Sinai, Tsai was the inaugural Robert R. Young Professor and Chair of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science at Yale University School of Medicine and Chief of Ophthalmology at Yale-New Haven Hospital. Before his Yale faculty appointment, he directed the glaucoma division at the Edward S.

Harkness Eye Institute, Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Tsai began his academic career at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, where he served as Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and Residency Program Director.

A Magna Cum Laude graduate and Trustee Emeritus of Amherst College, Tsai earned his M.D. from Stanford University School of Medicine, his M.B.A. from Vanderbilt University and a M.A. (Hon) from Yale University. He completed his residency in ophthalmology at the LAC-USC Medical Center and Doheny Eye Institute (at the time affiliated with the University of Southern California). Tsai received his glaucoma fellowship training at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, University of Miami Health System, and at Moorfields Eye Hospital/Institute of Ophthalmology in London. He is the recipient of the American Academy of Ophthalmology's Life Achievement Honor Award, Fight for Sight's Physician Scientist Award, USC/Doheny Eye Institute's Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Crain's New York Business' 2022 Notable Health Care Leaders Award. Dr. Tsai is also the Founding Director of the Center for Ophthalmic Artificial Intelligence and Human Health (COAIHH) at Icahn Mount Sinai.



**Mitchell P. Weikert, M.D., M.S.** is a Professor at the Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine.

Prior to pursuing a career in medicine, Dr. Weikert received degrees in both electrical and biomedical engineering and worked as a design engineer in the petroleum industry. He obtained his medical degree from Baylor College of Medicine, where he graduated with honors. During his ophthalmology residency, completed at the Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine, he served as Chief Resident during his final year of training. He completed his fellowship in cornea, cataract, and refractive surgery at the University of Utah School of Medicine's John. A. Moran Eye Center.

Dr. Weikert served as the Residency Program Director at Baylor from 2012 to 2023 and the Medical Director of the Lions Eye Bank of Texas from 2010 to 2016. His research interests include ocular biometry, intraocular lens calculations, biomedical optics, and anterior segment imaging. He has authored over 100 peer-reviewed articles and 23 book chapters, and he has edited 3 textbooks. He is a recipient of the Baylor College of Medicine Distinguished Alumnus and Rising Star Awards, the University of Utah Moran Eye Center's Distinguished Alumnus Award, the AAO Secretariat, Achievement, and Senior Achievement Awards, the ASCRS Educator Award, the AAO Charles D. Kelman Lectureship, and the ASCRS Binkhorst Medal, and was recently recognized by Newsweek as one of America's top 200 ophthalmologists.



**Liliana Werner, MD, PhD** is a Professor of Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences, and Co-Director of the Intermountain Ocular Research Center, at the John A. Moran Eye Center, University of Utah. She has a MD degree from Brazil, and a PhD degree (Biomaterials) from France. She currently holds the H.A. and Edna Benning Presidential Endowed Chair at the University of Utah and is the US Associate Editor of the Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery. Dr. Werner's research is centered on the interaction between ocular tissues and different intraocular lens designs, materials and surface modifications.

## The David Parke Lifetime Achievement Award



Robert H. Osher, M.D. is Professor of Ophthalmology at the College of Medicine of the University of Cincinnati and Medical Director Emeritus of the Cincinnati Eye Institute. After completing his residency at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute and fellowships at Bascom Palmer and Wills Eye Hospital, he returned to Cincinnati to establish the Cincinnati Eye Institute where he has limited his practice to cataract surgery for over four decades.

Dr. Osher has prioritized teaching throughout his career, beginning with the Video Symposium format which he introduced in 1982.

His unique approach using video to demonstrate innovative techniques for managing challenging cases and complications has resulted in "standing room" crowds at perennial courses at the AAO, ASCRS, and ESCRS Congresses. Dr. Osher realized that he could reach larger audiences when he founded the *Audiovisual Journal of Cataract & Implant Surgery* in 1984. Serving as Editor for the past 42 years, the Video Journal evolved into the *Video Journal of Cataract, Refractive, and Glaucoma Surgery* and became a free member benefit of nearly every cataract society in the world.

Years later, he founded another educational forum, *Cataract Surgery: Telling It Like It Is!* which he organized for 13 years. Dr. Osher has delivered nearly 50 named lectures, won 40 awards at the ASCRS Film Festival and ESCRS Video Competition, and has co-authored 5 books, numerous chapters and peer-reviewed articles in the field of cataract surgery. In addition, he was invited to write 17 consecutive Guest Editorials for the JCRS. The instruments he has designed and the surgical techniques he has pioneered have aided surgeons worldwide. Dr. Osher has received the Binkhorst and Innovator's Awards from ASCRS; the Teaching, Kelman, Heritage, and Lifetime Achievement Award from ESCRS; and the Kelman and Lifetime Achievement Award from AAO. Additional international awards include the Rayner, Optic, and Arnott Awards from England, the Canon Award from Japan, the Kelman Award from Brazil, the Lim Award from China, the Gold Medal Award from Australia, the Honor Award from Chile, the Mooney Award from Ireland, and the Excellence and Watson Awards from Canada. Besides his interest in cataract surgery, Dr. Osher has been a proud coach of more than 70 youth baseball and basketball teams, reaching the National Championships in each sport. He has also published 17 children's stories, donating the proceeds to local and national charitable organizations.

## Keynote Speaker- Michael Uslan

Michael Uslan is the Originator & Executive Producer of the BATMAN movie franchise from 1989's "BATMAN" through "THE DARK KNIGHT," "JOKER," "THE BATMAN," and the upcoming "THE BATMAN, PART 2." Additionally, he is Chairman of The New Jersey Film Commission, recently voted "Best Film Commission in the World," and the author of his memoir, "The Boy Who Loved Batman," being produced as a Broadway-bound play by Nederlander Worldwide.





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### **The Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians Business Agenda**

- I. Call to order 7:50 am – Cara DeBenedictis M.D.
- II President's Report
  - A. AAO Mid Year Forum Report Day at the Capitol Washington, DC
  - B. Executive Committee
  - C. Surgical Scope Contributions
- III Legislative Report – Bill Malitsky.
- IV Treasurer's Report
- V Education Committee Report
- VI other Business -Approve Mission Statement

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CSEP Semiannual Scientific Education Programs are an opportunity for ophthalmologists and their staff to learn, identify and discuss critical issues facing their profession. CSEP programs present recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of eye disease, through lectures, panels, symposia, scientific papers and videos. CSEP programs are designed to meet the clinical and educational needs of its members through the objectives proposed and evaluated by the CSEP Education Committee.

CSEP target audience includes ophthalmologists, ophthalmic technicians and office managers. CSEP educational activities include didactic lectures, panels, posters, videos and participatory activities. These activities are approved for CME credit whenever possible. CSEP expects that its target audience will incorporate best practice recommendations presented in CSEP educational programs into their daily practice. Specific competency, performance and patient outcome goals that result from CSEP programs are proposed by the presenters, reviewed by the CSEP Education Committee, and evaluated by the target audience participants 2-10-25



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**Friday, June 12 2026**

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# Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians Annual Education Program

Friday, June 12, 2026

8:00 am – 5:00 pm



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## The Connecticut Society of Eye Physicians

Aqua Turf, 556 Mulberry Street,  
Plantsville, CT 06479

### 6-12-26 Ophthalmic Believing in Education Program

#### Program Description:

This program will cover vision loss from neovascular retinal diseases, such as nAMD, DR, DME, and MEfRVO, which represents a significant burden on patients, often leading to decreased quality of life and independence. In addition, the need for frequent, long-term injections can lead to treatment fatigue and nonadherence, further complicating management. The emergence of longer-acting anti-VEGF therapies, with extended dosing intervals and novel mechanisms of action, offers a promising solution to reduce these burdens while improving patient outcomes. Also Cataract and Minimally Invasive Glaucoma surgery, Ocular plastic and Neuro ophthalmology topics will be discussed

8:00 Registration and Breakfast

8:20 Opening Remarks – Edward Lim, MD

#### 8:25 Uveitis: Why it Matters- Paul Gaudio, MD

Objectives- 1. To identify the main forms of uveitis. 2. Identify the recognized systemic disease that are

#### 8:55 Why use drops when we have lasers and MiGs? -Ed Farris, MD

Objectives- 1. To describe the risks and benefits of interventional glaucoma, as a primary treatment for Glaucoma

#### 9:25 “Artificial Intelligence Applications in Cornea and Refractive Surgery”- Lorenzo Cervantes, MD

Objectives- 1. Describe current clinical applications of AI in cornea and refractive surgery 2. Explain AI’s role in clinical decision support across corneal care. 3. Discuss emerging AI approaches in corneal disease detection

9:55 Coffee, Tea and stretch break

#### 10:15 The Operating Room: Be My Guest- Robert Osher, MD

Objectives- 1. Identify the advantages of small incision surgery. Review medications that may affect surgical outcomes.

#### 10:45 Pearls for the Pediatric Eye Exam- Carlyne DeBenedictis, MD

Objectives- Understand how to check vision in pre-verbal and nonverbal children. 2. Describe how to complete a basic strabismus exam 3. Describe signs and indicators for an urgent exam

#### 11:15 Dry Eye Disease- Vincent deLuise, MD

Objectives-1.To describe three main subtypes of dry eye disease. 2. to review the latest medications.

12:00 Lunch

#### 12:30 Cataract and Minimally Invasive Glaucoma Surgery in 2026- Brendan Lawson, MD

Objectives- 1. Understand current topics surrounding cataract and MIGS surgery 2. List and discuss the different types of intraocular lenses. 3. List and discuss the different types of MIGS procedures

#### 1:00 Dacryocystitis & Canaliculitis, Everything you Need to Know- Jonathan Silbert, MD

Objectives- 1. To describe what Dacryocystitis and Canaliculitis is. 2. Identify treatment plans and how patients are evaluated for these treatment plans

#### 1:30 Photobiomodulation in Dry AMD: Mechanism of Action, Indications, Clinical Workflow and Technician Responsibilities - Scott Walter, MD

Objectives:1.Describe the basic mechanism of action of photobiomodulation (PBM) and how it differs from thermal retinal laser treatment.2. Identify appropriate patient candidates for PBM, including clinical features of intermediate dry age-related macular degeneration.3. Explain the treatment protocol and clinic workflow, including patient preparation, positioning, and session scheduling.4. Counsel patients about safety considerations and contraindications associated with PBM therapy.5. Provide accurate patient counseling regarding expectations, follow-up, and the role of PBM in managing dry AMD.

## **2:00 Adventures of a Retina Surgeon in Ocular Trauma - Luis Martinez, MD**

Objectives: 1. Clinical Exposure: Expose ophthalmic technicians to varied and complex presentations of ocular trauma, including blunt and penetrating injuries. 2. Prognostic Discussion: Discuss a broad range of traumatic conditions and the factors that determine long-term visual prognosis. 3. Workup Adaptation: Provide strategies for technicians to approach trauma patients and safely adjust clinical workups to protect globe integrity.

## **2:30 Diabetic Retinopathy- Ed Lim, MD**

2:55 [Tea, Coffee Dessert Break](#)

## **3:25 Work-up for the Retina Patient- James Kempton, MD**

Objectives- To obtain a better understanding of why physicians are ordering specific tests. To Describe complaints and findings that warrant ordering certain tests and providing descriptions of various test results.

## **3:50 Neuro Ophthalmology for the Ophthalmic Technician- Carolyne Riehle, MD**

Objectives- 1. To increase familiarity with neuro-ophthalmic topic. 2. Understand what aspects of the history are most important and understand various parts of the neuro-ophthalmology examination.

## **4:10 Innovations in Neovascular Retinal Diseases: Enhancing Patient Outcomes Through Longer-Acting Therapies and Precision Dosing- Peer view - Peter A. Campochiaro, MD**

Objectives- 1. Describe the mechanism of action and clinical rationale for longer-acting anti-VEGF therapies. 2. Apply evidence to develop therapeutic strategies incorporating longer-acting anti-VEGF therapies into treatment plans for patients with nAMD 3. Employ evidence-based approaches to integrate longer-acting anti-VEGF therapies into the management of patients with DR/DME4. Formulate individualized treatment plans that integrate the latest clinical evidence on longer-acting anti-VEGF agents for patients with MEfRVO

5:10 Certificates pickup and sign out sheets

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