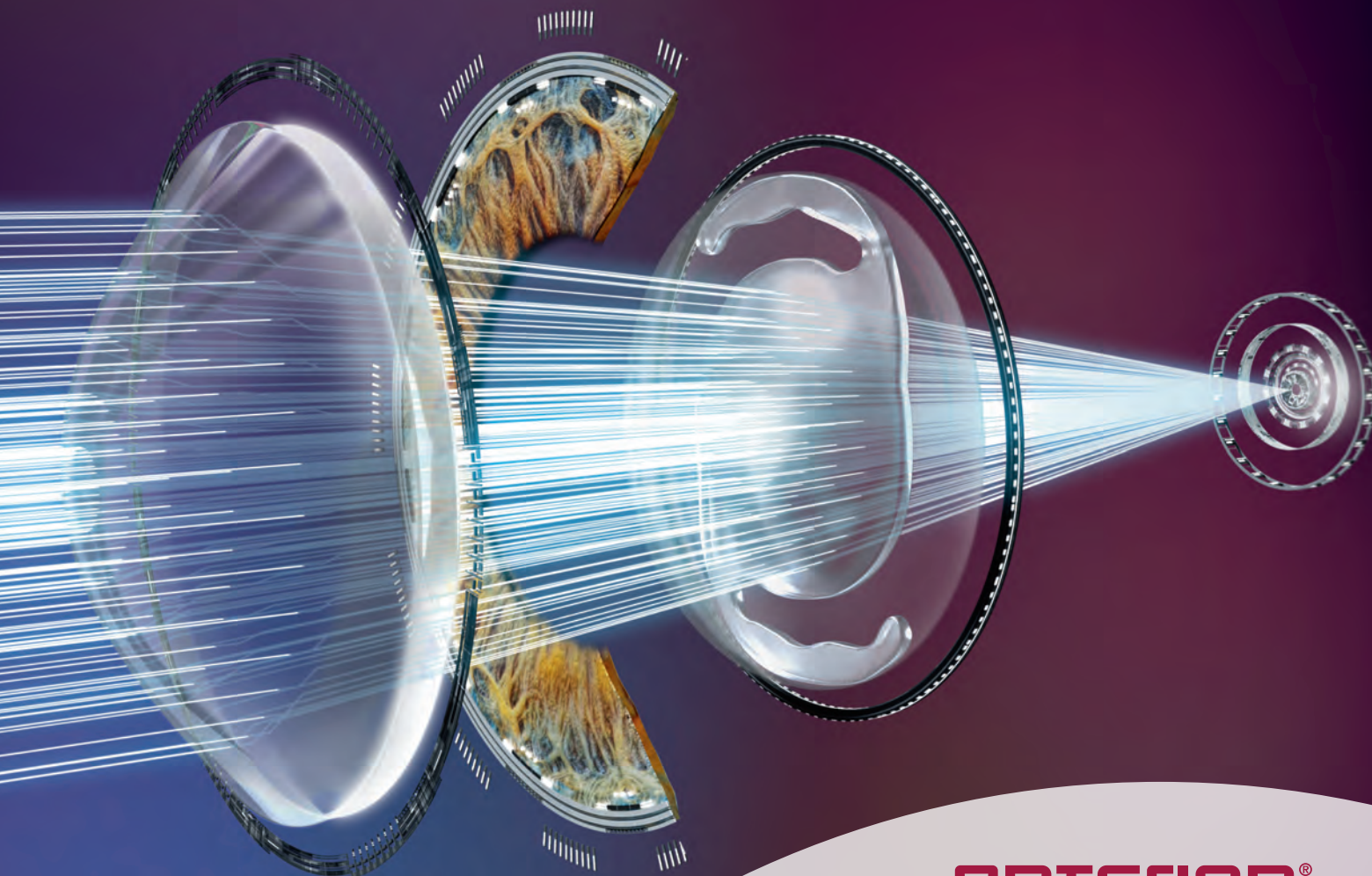


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**NOTE.** This version of the article has been updated since print publication. In “Attend the Spotlight on Cataract” on page 57 of the original article, *EyeNet* incorrectly stated that Graham D. Barrett, MBBCH, will give the Charles D. Kelman Lecture at AAO 2024. Bonnie An Henderson, MD, will give the lecture. This version corrects the error.

# Destination AAO 2024

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## PLAN YOUR VISIT

### 3 Reasons to Arrive Early

AAO 2024, Subspecialty Day meetings, AAOP Friday Intensives, and the AAOE Practice Management Program begin on Friday, Oct. 18, but it might be worth arriving early in Chicago.

**Attend Eyecelerator.** On Thursday, Oct. 17, attend Eyecelerator at McCormick Place. A partnership between the Academy and the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery, Eyecelerator aims to showcase innovation in eye care. Learn more at [www.eyecelerator.com](http://www.eyecelerator.com).

**Visit the Museum of Science and Industry.** Chicago is home to the biggest science museum in the Western Hemisphere: the Museum of Science and Industry. Don't miss a chance to see the special exhibition, “90 & Beyond: Our Stories, Your MSI,” celebrating the museum's 90th year. Other attractions include “The Blue Paradox,” an immersive experience exploring the effect of plastic pollution on oceans, and an exhibit about how the response to COVID-19 was shaped by experiences with earlier pandemics. You can learn more and buy tickets at [www.msichicago.org](http://www.msichicago.org).

**Explore Chicago.** Spend a little extra time in the Windy City to visit some of its unique neighborhoods. Local re-



**EXPLORE CHICAGO.** Arrive early to attend Eyecelerator and enjoy some extra time in the Windy City. While you're there, be sure to visit the Museum of Science and Industry, which is home to more than 35,000 artifacts.

searchers have mapped out 77 community areas in Chicago.

Consider visiting the **Ukrainian Village** on the near west side with two Ukrainian cathedrals (one Catholic and the other Ukrainian Orthodox), shops, and restaurants, and the Ukrainian National Museum of Chicago.

**Wicker Park** is a great neighborhood for vintage shopping, dive bars, and hip restaurants. It's known for its street art murals. The Violet Hour is a cocktail lounge with a revolving mural on its façade. Adjacent Bucktown has more upscale boutique shopping.

Those looking for some green space will enjoy **Lincoln Park**. The neighborhood's namesake park is home to an expansive lakefront park that offers dramatic city views, as well as a botanical garden, a beach, a hidden lily pond, and a free zoo. Outside of the park, you'll find historic row homes and charming

shops and eateries. There are four Michelin-star restaurants in Lincoln Park, including Alinea, a three-star restaurant.

## REGISTRATION

### Registration Opens June 26

For Academy, American Academy of Ophthalmic Executives (AAOE), and American Academy of Ophthalmic Professionals (AAOP) members, AAO 2024 registration and ticket sales open on June 26. Nonmembers can register starting July 10.

**What's included.** AAO 2024 registration includes the Opening Session, symposia, all instruction courses, Skills Transfer lectures, original paper sessions, videos, posters, and access to content on AAO 2024 Virtual. In addition, attendees can network and learn in the Expo. There, they will



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find exhibiting companies; the Academy Resource Center, Learning Lounge, and Poster Theater; the new Academy Theater, which will feature sessions on Academy education, advocacy, and research initiatives; the new Innovation Theater, which will cover advances in artificial intelligence, care delivery, and digital health care; and the Showcase Theater, which features industry presentations.

**Extra events.** Skills Transfer labs, AAOE Friday Intensives, and AAOP Friday Intensives are ticketed events that can be purchased during registration. Note that Subspecialty Day meetings, AAOE Coding Camp, and AAOE Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding are their own meetings that require separate registration.

**Subspecialty Day.** Registration for the in-person Subspecialty Day meetings (Friday, Oct. 18, and Saturday, Oct. 19) includes the flexibility to float among Subspecialty Day meetings taking place the same day. Also included are detailed course syllabi available online, meals, and access to the Subspecialty Day Virtual content from that same day.

**It pays to register early.** Registration fees and ticket fees increase starting Aug. 8. Ticketed sessions can fill up fast, so don't delay.

**Can't make it to Chicago?** Register for AAO 2024 Virtual, Subspecialty Day Virtual–Friday, Subspecialty Day Virtual–Saturday, or all three. You will be able to watch sessions streaming live, view sessions that were recorded in Chicago, and see on-demand-only content that was developed specifically for the virtual meeting.

**Find more information,** including pricing, at [aao.org/registration](https://aao.org/registration).

## Hotel Reservation Information

Don't miss a minute of AAO 2024! Be sure to book a hotel room for check-in on Friday, Oct. 18 (or earlier to attend Eyecelerator or Friday Subspecialty Day meetings) and plan to stay through the meeting's end at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 21.

When booking a hotel room with the Academy's official hotel reserva-

tion provider, Expovision, you will always get the best rates and can earn hotel loyalty points. Credit cards will be charged for a deposit of one night's room and tax at the time the reservation is booked.

**Find detailed hotel information,** including a hotel list, rates, and a map, at [aao.org/hotels](https://aao.org/hotels) starting June 26.

## Avoid Scams During Booking and Registration

When registering for the annual meeting or booking a hotel for your stay, you may encounter 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. The Academy does not partner with any third-party organizations for meeting registration so you should only register through the Academy's website, [aao.org/registration](https://aao.org/registration). When booking your hotel room, use the link on [aao.org/hotels](https://aao.org/hotels) to the Academy's only official hotel reservation provider, Expovision.

### We need your help to stop fraud!

If you believe that you may have been the victim of registration or hotel fraud, or an attempt at fraud, please report your experience to the Academy. Email the following information to [meeting-fraud@aao.org](mailto:meeting-fraud@aao.org):

- name (required),
- email address (required),
- URL of fraudulent website or email address of fraudulent email (required),
- text of website or email (optional),
- additional details (optional), and
- pictures of the website, your email chain with the fraudulent company, and any invoices or other attachments sent by the fraudulent company (optional but extremely helpful).

## Childcare in Chicago: Drop Your Kids Off at Camp AAO

The Academy is pleased to offer a childcare option for kids aged 6 months to 12 years during AAO 2024 in Chicago. Children will love playing at Camp AAO—a safe, nurturing environment located near the McCormick Place convention center. Meals are not included,

but parents may provide food at drop-off or bring food during the day. In addition, the childcare provider will not administer medications.

**Hours.** Camp AAO is open from Friday, Oct. 18, through Sunday, Oct. 20, 7:30 a.m.–6:00 p.m., and on Monday, Oct. 21, 7:30 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

**Find registration information** at [aao.org/annual-meeting/childcare](https://aao.org/annual-meeting/childcare).

## PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

### Search the Program in the Meeting Guide

The online Meeting Guide ([aao.org/mobile](https://aao.org/mobile)), sponsored in part by Genentech and available starting June 17, is your go-to resource for AAO 2024. You'll be able to review the program and search topics ranging from artificial intelligence and gene therapy to myopia treatments and surgical reconstruction of the iris.

**No need to visit the app store.** The Meeting Guide is a website designed to work on any mobile device, tablet, laptop, or computer. For easy access, add the Meeting Guide to your home screen.

**No need to log in.** You do not need to sign in to browse the program. Type your inquiry into the search bar or use the filters to find sessions by day, topic, special interest, or presenter. You will find full course information, abstracts, and (when available) handouts.

**When you are ready to build a schedule,** sign in with your Academy account credentials. Begin exploring on June 17 at [aao.org/mobile](https://aao.org/mobile).

## Don't Miss the Skills Transfer Labs

Perfect your technique and stay current with evolving technologies in a Skills Transfer lab.

It is strongly recommended that you attend the associated didactic lecture that precedes the hands-on learning. These lectures are included with your meeting registration.

All Skill Transfer labs require a separate lab ticket. Purchase tickets early when you register for AAO 2024. Many labs sell out quickly.

## Attend the Spotlight on Cataract

Don't miss the must-attend Spotlight on Cataract, which takes place on Monday, Oct. 21.

Rapid-fire mini-lectures and spontaneous panel discussions are built around video cases of intraoperative or postoperative complications. Throughout the session, audience members are asked to weigh in with their case management choices via audience polling.

The session concludes with the Charles D. Kelman Lecture, which will be given this year by **Bonnie An Henderson, MD**.



Dr. Henderson.

## #aao2024: Stay Up to Date

Follow the Academy on social media to get the latest on program updates and deadlines, as well as travel and dining tips for Chicago.

Use the hashtag **#aao2024** to find the Academy's posts on Instagram (@aaoeye); X, formerly Twitter (@aao\_ophth); LinkedIn; and Facebook.

## EVENTS

### Save the Date: Saturday Night Celebration

On Saturday night, Oct. 19, the Academy will host the must-attend social event of the annual meeting! Get your ticket when you register. It's your chance to have fun with friends and mingle with ophthalmology's luminaries, all while supporting ophthalmic education.

Keep an eye out for more details at [aao.org/2024](https://aao.org/2024).

## SUBSPECIALTY DAY

### Subspecialty Day Previews

This month, program directors from two Subspecialty Day meetings preview some of this year's highlights.

View the schedules at [aao.org/mobile](https://aao.org/mobile) starting June 17.

### NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY 2024: When Should I Worry? The Pearls

### and Pitfalls of Tests and Diagnoses in Neuro-Ophthalmology

**Program directors:** Peter A. Quiros, MD, and Madhura A. Tamhankar, MD.

**When:** Friday, Oct. 18.

**Directors' preview.** The Neuro-Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day meeting will discuss clinical situations that often challenge the practicing ophthalmologist, including interpretation of OCT in the context of neuro-ophthalmic conditions; ordering and interpretation of laboratory tests that may provide a false sense of security, especially when managing vision threatening diseases such as giant cell arteritis; MRI "abnormalities" that may or may not indicate the presence of a neurological condition and how to act on them; and ending with an update on the surgical management of thyroid eye disease and orbital lesions.

Cases will be presented to an expert panel for an interactive discussion. In addition, presenters will poll the audience about their next steps and then see if the panelists agree.

At the end of the program, attendees will be able to recognize the importance of ordering appropriate diagnostic tests and will have learned about pearls and pitfalls of OCT, correctly interpreting laboratory data, recognizing relevant neuroimaging findings in various neuro-ophthalmic conditions, and approaches to managing orbital conditions. This session will help the practicing ophthalmologist arrive at an accurate diagnosis, order appropriate tests, counsel patients on results of testing, and determine appropriate initial management based on best practices.

*The Neuro-Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day meeting is organized in conjunction with the North American Neuro-Ophthalmology Society.*

### UVEITIS 2024: Rising to New Heights

**Program directors:** Lucia Sobrin, MD, and Ann-Marie Lobo-Chan, MD, MS.

**When:** Friday, Oct. 18.

**Directors' preview.** "Rising to New Heights" was chosen as the subtitle for Uveitis Subspecialty Day 2024, in line with the annual meeting's overall theme

Elevate. Each Uveitis Subspecialty Day session title references a tall Chicago landmark building, alluding to our goal of reaching higher standards for accurate diagnosis and effective treatment of ocular inflammation. The planning committee has crafted an engaging day of education appropriate for all ophthalmologists.

Uveitis Subspecialty Day will include familiar and new features. The 2024 meeting will continue the highly successful format of short overviews followed by case-based discussions of the major anatomic categories of uveitis: anterior, intermediate, posterior, and panuveitis. The cases will focus on providing memorable teaching points to take back to your home clinic. Case presenters will be joined by experienced discussants who will provide additional context and pearls of wisdom.

Following the anatomic sessions, two series of lectures are devoted to covering both surgical and medical aspects of treatment of uveitis and its complications.

New in 2024, there will be a debates session to cover topics in ocular inflammation, such as the role of anterior chamber taps in the diagnosis of anterior uveitis and local versus systemic therapy for both noninfectious and infectious forms of uveitis. Experts in the field will make a case for their side of the argument, and the audience will vote on the most convincing line of reasoning.

The day concludes with "Late Breaking Presentations," which will highlight findings from several clinical trials with results available in the fall of 2024.

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