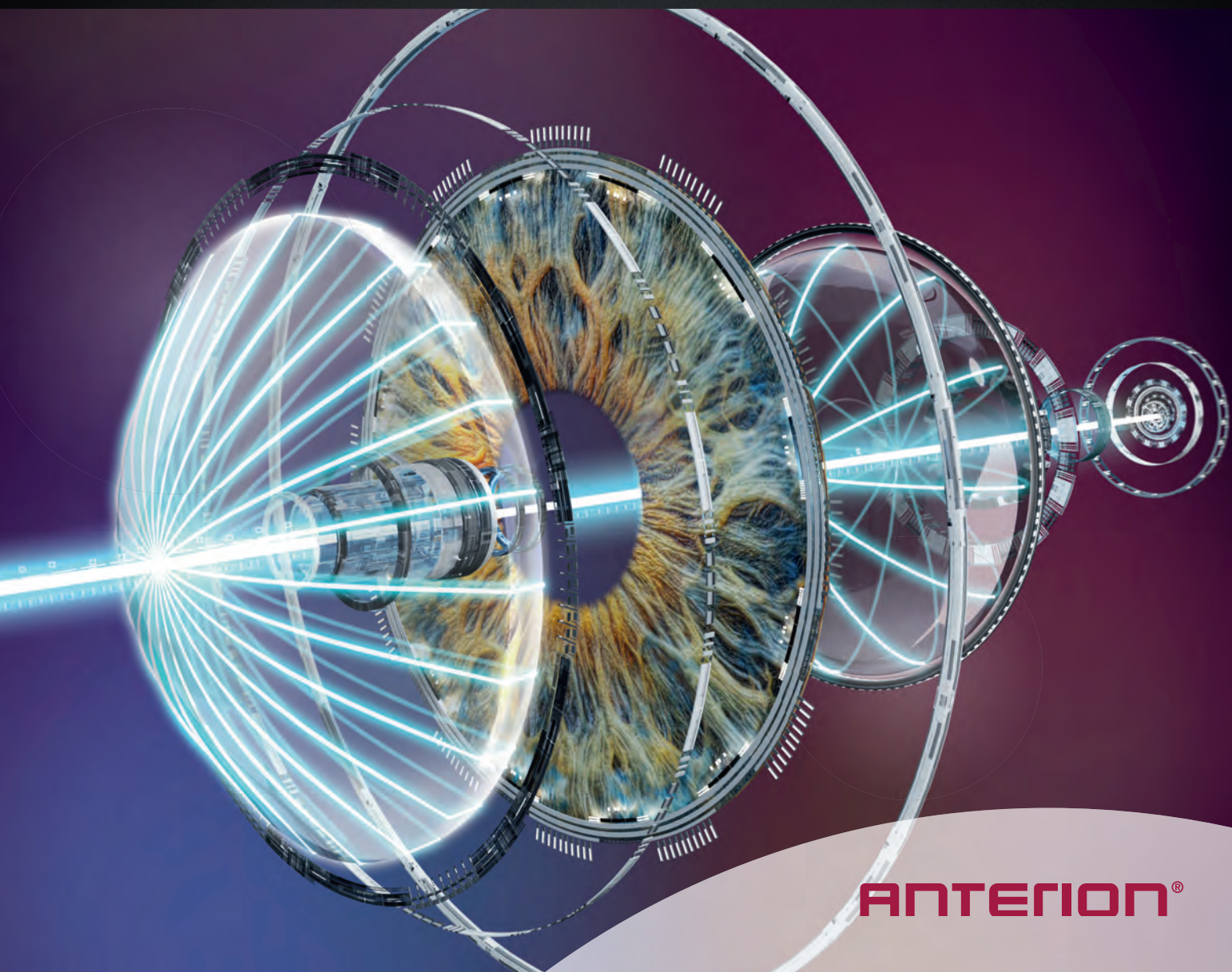


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EXPO

Visit the World's Largest Ophthalmic Expo

Build time into your schedule to visit the AAO 2024 Expo. Network with industry experts, test new equipment, and connect with the Academy. With two new theaters, there are more options than ever to hear from, and interact with, key opinion leaders.

Hours. The Expo will be open in McCormick Place South Hall A from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19, and Sunday, Oct. 20. On Monday, Oct. 21, the Expo will open at 9:00 a.m. and close at 3:30 p.m.

Academy Theater. New this year, the Academy Theater will feature sessions on Academy education, advocacy, and research initiatives.

Innovation Theater. The brand-new Innovation Theater will be located in the Innovation Hub, where exhibitors from early-stage and start-up companies will share their innovations in artificial intelligence, care delivery, and digital health care.

Poster Theater. Experience live, in-person poster podium presentations by the authors, followed by a moderated Q&A.

Showcase Theater. Industry professionals and key opinion leaders will give 30-minute talks on the latest



EXPO. The AAO 2024 Expo features hundreds of exhibitors and will take place in McCormick Place in Chicago.

products, trends, and advancements in ophthalmology.

Learning Lounge. This space is dedicated for informal small-group discussions facilitated by experts in the field. You can float among theaters.

The Academy Resource Center. Visit the Resource Center to get a free headshot, learn about clinical education, patient education, and coding and practice management products, and get a 10% discount plus free shipping within the United States and Canada.

EyePlay Experience. Stop by EyePlay to play games, visit with comfort animals, or get a free seated massage.

Learn more about what is in store at aao.org/expo. Look for the Expo map and program schedules in the Meeting Guide, aao.org/mtg-guide.

take advantage of early-registration discounts. Fees increase Aug. 8 and again on Sept. 19.

What's included. Registration for AAO 2024 in Chicago includes the Opening Session, all instruction courses, Skills Transfer lectures, symposia, original paper sessions, videos, posters, and access to content on AAO 2024 Virtual. In addition, attendees can network and learn in the Expo (see "Visit the World's Largest Ophthalmic Expo" above).

Subspecialty Day. Registration for Subspecialty Day is sold by day. You may register for Friday only, Saturday only, or both days. Attend any session, in any Subspecialty Day meeting, taking place on the same day(s) you are registered. Also included are syllabi, meals, and access to the Subspecialty Day Virtual content from that same day.

Limited seating for ticketed sessions. Skills Transfer labs, AAOE Friday Intensives, and AAOP Friday Intensives are ticketed events that can be pur-

REGISTRATION

Register by Aug. 7

Register today for AAO 2024 (Friday, Oct. 18, through Monday, Oct. 21) to



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chased during registration. Seating is limited; ticketed sessions may sell out, so don't delay. Subspecialty Day meetings, AAOE Coding Camp, and AAOE Fundamentals of Ophthalmic Coding are their own meetings, which require separate registration.

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.

Hotel Reservations

When you book your hotel with the Academy's official hotel reservation provider, Expovision, you will always get the lowest pricing available, and you can earn all of your hotel loyalty points.

Arrive by Oct. 18. Don't miss Friday Intensives and Subspecialty Day meetings taking place on Friday, Oct. 18.

Stay through Monday. There are many sessions and courses taking place on Monday, Oct. 21, including the popular Spotlight on Cataract. Free coat and baggage check is available at McCormick Place if you need to dash after the meeting closes at 3:30 p.m.

Beware of scams. You may encounter fraudulent companies impersonating the Academy or falsely suggesting a relationship with the Academy when you are booking a hotel room. For your safety, only use the link on aao.org/hotels to the Academy's official hotel reservation provider, Expovision.

Find more information and an interactive map online at aao.org/hotels.

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 McCormick Place. 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.

PROGRAM & ACTIVITIES

Search the Program in the Meeting Guide

The online Meeting Guide (aao.org/mtg-guide), sponsored by Genentech, is your go-to resource for AAO 2024. For easy access, add the Meeting Guide website to your home screen.

Search the program. Open the Meeting Guide on any mobile device, tablet, laptop, or computer. Select the Program button, then type your inquiry into the search bar or use the filters. You can find sessions by day, topic, special interest, or presenter. You will find full course information, abstracts, and (when available) handouts. You don't have to log in to search.

Log in to unlock features.

Use your Academy credentials to log in to build your personalized meeting planner and to set up text notifications.

Watch for the September update. In September, check the Meeting Guide for new information such as networking and event listings, exhibitor search, activities and talks in the Expo, the official meeting directory, and hotel shuttle information.

Attend Paper and Poster Presentations

Each year thousands of paper/poster abstracts are submitted to the Academy.

Approximately a third are accepted for the program. Selected based on originality, clinical relevance, comprehensiveness, and potential to stimulate discussion, some will be presented as Original Papers. You can find the schedule starting Oct. 15 in the online Meeting Guide, aao.org/mtg-guide. From the home screen click Program, then Program Search. You can filter by type (original papers) and/or by topic.

Abstracts that are chosen to be posters can be found in three ways:

On-demand posters. You can view all posters online through the Meeting Guide, aao.org/mtg-guide, and in AAO 2024 Virtual starting Oct. 15.

Podium posters. Experience live, in-person poster podium presentations by the authors followed by a moderated

Q&A. The Poster Theater is in the Expo, South Hall A.

Poster discussions. Take part in live, podium discussions in the South Level 1, Transportation Lobby. During each session, four presenters will talk briefly about their posters and then, functioning as a panel, will discuss the themes raised by the group of posters with the audience.

Find schedules in the online Meeting Guide at aao.org/mtg-guide starting Oct. 15.

Don't Miss the Skills Transfer Labs

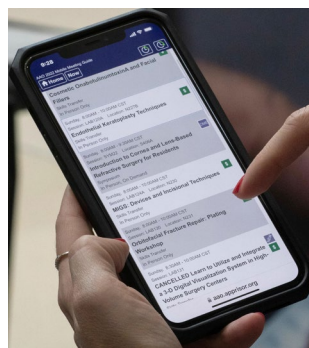
Perfect your technique and stay current with evolving technologies in a Skills Transfer lab.

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.

#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



MEETING GUIDE. Use the online Meeting Guide to plan your time at AAO 2024. You can review the program and search topics ranging from artificial intelligence and gene therapy to myopia treatments and surgical reconstruction of the iris.

tips for Chicago. Use the hashtag #aao2024 to find the Academy's posts at @aaoeye on Instagram and at @aao_ophth on X (formerly Twitter), LinkedIn, and Facebook.

Attend the Spotlight on Cataract

Don't miss the 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 A. Henderson, MD**.

EVENTS

Join the Saturday Night Celebration

On Saturday night, Oct. 19, 7:30-10:30 p.m., 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 the Academy's ophthalmic initiatives.

Tickets are limited! Purchase yours today at aao.org/2024.

Save the Dates: EyeNet Corporate Lunches

Be sure to leave room in your schedule for EyeNet's free corporate educational lunches from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 19, to Monday, Oct. 21. Located onsite at McCormick Place, these non-CME symposia are developed independently by industry—they are not affiliated with the official program of AAO 2024 or Subspecialty Day. Complimentary boxed meals are available on a first-come, first-served basis, with lunch pickup beginning at 12:30 p.m. Please note: by attending, you may be subject to reporting under



Dr. Henderson.

the Physician Payment Sunshine Act and you consent to share your contact data, inclusive of National Provider Identifier, with the corporate partner. Disclosure: the Academy receives payment for providing this educational opportunity for members.

Learn more at aao.org/eyenet/corporate-lunches.

SUBSPECIALTY DAY

Subspecialty Day Previews: What's Hot

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

View meeting schedules in the online Meeting Guide at aao.org/mtg-guide.

GLAUCOMA 2024: Magnificent Glaucoma Care—An Offer You Can't Refuse

Program directors: Steven L. Mansberger, MD, MPH, and Yvonne Ou, MD.

When: Friday, Oct. 18.

Directors' preview. This year's Glaucoma Subspecialty Day will feature six sessions to update the ophthalmic surgeon on the latest in the field, from diagnostics to cutting-edge medications, lasers, and surgeries. New this year is a session titled "The Clinical Trials That Will Elevate Your Clinical Practice by a Magnificent Mile," organized by Anna T. Do, MD, and Aakriti Garg Shukla, MD. Interesting case scenarios will be presented, and then the results of randomized controlled trials will be discussed and practically applied to the dilemma presented in the cases. This valuable session will surely help ophthalmic surgeons level up their evidence-based glaucoma care.

Additional impactful sessions will include a hot topics debate where audience members will have the opportunity to cast their vote; a session that brings together subspecialists from retina, cornea, uveitis, neuro-ophthalmology, and low vision; and a surgical pearls section covering all major glaucoma surgeries, plus a discussion about optimizing ergonomics during

ophthalmic surgery. To round out the day, there will be sessions devoted to new medication and laser innovations, as well as the latest diagnostics, from home testing to the application of artificial intelligence in perimetry and OCT. After attending Glaucoma Subspecialty Day, ophthalmologists will be well prepared to achieve the best outcomes for their patients.

Glaucoma Subspecialty Day is organized in conjunction with the American Glaucoma Society.

PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY 2024:

Eras Tour at AAO

Program directors: Deborah K. VanderVeen, MD, and Yasmin Bradfield, MD.

When: Friday, Oct. 18.

Directors' preview. The beauty of Pediatric Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day is that the program incorporates topics that span all aspects of practice, with broad coverage of topics and diagnoses of interest to all subspecialty and comprehensive practice clinicians. Interactive sessions cover vision screening and the primary diagnoses seen in a pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus practice, such as amblyopia, myopia progression, and strabismus. Additionally, interesting and difficult clinical scenarios and cases will be presented with examples of corneal, cataract, neuro-ophthalmological, and retinal diagnoses. A new session focuses on ocular involvement and management in systemic disease, and this year will cover genetics, diabetes, ocular oncology, and cystic fibrosis. A section on technology has been carried forward from previous years to review standard instruments as well as new applications and artificial intelligence, given the rapid influx of and changes in technologies used in practice. Another recently introduced and popular session is the rapid-fire video session, in which colleagues can show their best tips for any subject ranging from surgical pearls to practice management.

Pediatric Ophthalmology Subspecialty Day is organized in conjunction with the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus and the American Academy of Pediatrics.