



2026 ISEPS-COS Joint Conference
Physicians Clinical Session
Illinois Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons
and the
Chicago Ophthalmological Society

Stephens Conference Center – Rosemont, IL
Friday, March 13, 2029

2.4.2026

7:25 - 8:25 am

Registration & continental breakfast in exhibit area - Ballrooms 23-25

8:25 am - 10:00 am

General Session I - Ballrooms 21 & 22

8:25 am (5)

Welcome and Introductions

Michael Giovingo MD - President, Illinois Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons

Asim Faroq, MD - President, Chicago Ophthalmological Society

Roshni Vasaiwala, MD - Program Co-chair, Illinois Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons

Alexis Warren, MD - Program Co-chair, Chicago Ophthalmological Society

8:30 am - 8:38 am (8)

Refractive Surgery Topic

Neel Vaidya, MD, Chicago Cornea Consultants; Highland Park, IL

8:40 am - 8:48 am (8)

Cataract/Cornea

Anjali Tannan MD, Rush University Medical Center; Chicago

8:50 am - 8:58 am (8)

Oculoplastics Topic

Ann Tran, MD, University of Illinois at Chicago

9:00 am - 9:08 am (8)

Pediatrics Topic

David Ramirez MD; Northwestern University; Chicago

9:20 am - 9:15 am (5)

ISEPS FRANK J. KRESKA MD LECTURE

Introduction by Michael Giovingo MD; President, ISEPS

9:15 am - 9:36 am (20)

Writing Your Leadership Story – The chapter you are in is the most important one

David Batstone; Professor of Ethics, University of San Francisco; San Francisco, CA

9:36 am - 9:45 am

Question and Answers for Session I Presenters

9:45 - 10:20 am (35)

Break - exhibit area - Ballrooms 23-25

10:20 am - 12:00 pm

General Session II - Ballrooms 21 & 22

10:20 am - 10:28 am (8)

Uveitis Topic

Pooja Bhat, MD, University of Illinois at Chicago

10:30 am - 10:38 am (8)

Retina Topic

Maria Fernandez MD, Retina Consultants of Chicago

10:40 am - 10:48 am (8)

Glaucoma Topic

Meenakshi Chakr, MD; Loyola University Medical Center; Maywood

10:50 am - 10:55 am (5)	COS GIFFORD LECTURE <i>Introduction by Nicholas Volpe, MD; Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, Northwestern University; Chicago, IL</i>
10:55 am - 11:15 am (20)	Lessons Learned from Thousands of Surgical Videos and Tens of Millions of Views <i>Uday Devgan, MD; Devgan Eye Surgery; Los Angeles, CA</i>
11:15 am - 11:55 am (40)	PANEL DISCUSSION: Best of Cataract Coach – Challenging cases... you make the call! <i>Moderator: Uday Devgan, MD; Los Angeles, CA</i> <i>Panelists: Shweeta Chaudhary MD, Stroger Hospital of Cook County; Aaron Dotson MD, Loyola University Medical Center; Nina Goyal MD, University Ophthalmology Associates</i>
12:00 pm - 1:15 pm	Luncheon in the Exhibit Area - Ballroom 23-25
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Residents Breakout Lunch: “Welcome to the Real World of Ophthalmology” <i>Ballroom 41</i>
1:15 pm - 2:55 pm	General Session III - Ballrooms 21 & 22
1:20 pm - 1:28 pm (8)	Neuro-ophthalmology Topic <i>Adam Baim MD</i>
1:30 pm - 1:35 pm (5)	ILLINOIS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS LECTURE <i>Introduction by Elyse Fineman, MPH, MHA, ISPB Executive Director ; Chicago</i>
1:35 pm - 1:55 pm (20)	Myths and Updates in Ocular Oncology <i>Basil Williams, MD; Bascom Palmer Eye Institute; Miami, FL</i>
1:55 pm - 2:15 pm (20)	PANEL DISCUSSION – Everyday Challenges in Ophthalmology Practices <i>Moderator: Saagar Pandit, MD MPH; University Retina, Chicago</i> <i>Panelists: Diane Peters, University of Chicago; Nicholas Volpe MD, Northwestern University; Robert Lea, Rush University Retina; Carolyn Shea, Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary; Asim Farooq MD, University of Chicago</i>
2:15 pm - 2:25 pm (10)	Ophthalmic Technicians and their Role in an Ophthalmology Practice <i>Mitzi Thomas;, College of DuPage; Shelby Stanley, Elgin Community College; Lisa A. Maas, Triton College</i>
2:25 pm - 2:30 pm (5)	ISEPS GLOBAL OPHTHALMOLOGY FOUNDATION LECTURE <i>Introduction by:</i>
2:30 pm - 2:50 pm (20)	Challenges and Opportunities in Transforming a Small Ophthalmology Clinic into a Regional Eye Hospital <i>Bui Thi Van Anh, MD; Director, Quang Tri Eye Hospital South; Dong Ha, Vietnam</i>
2:50 pm - 2:58 pm (8)	Global Health Topic <i>Charles Bouchard MD, Loyola University Medical Center; Maywood</i>
3:00 pm - 3:30 pm (30)	Break - exhibit area - Ballroom 23-25 <i>Door prize drawing</i>

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3:30 pm - 5:00 pm

General Session IV - Ballrooms 21 & 22

Advocacy for Ophthalmology - Public Policy and How it Affects your Ability to Deliver Quality Patient Care

Moderator: Michael Giovino; President, ISEPS

3:30 pm (10)

3:40 pm (8)

3:48 pm (12)

- What's Going on in the States; *Jennifer Larson, MD, AAO State Affairs Secretariat*
- Challenges for Ophthalmology in the VA; *Jigna Joshi, MD*
- Making an Impact in the Development of Public Policy

4:00 pm

OMIC RISK MANAGEMENT LECTURE – Cataract Surgery Safety: Strategies to Reduce Adverse Events using a Systems Approach

Kenya Williams, MD & Michelle Pineda; Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company

5:00 pm

Meeting Adjourns for the day

5:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Cocktail Reception for all attendees - Level 2 Foyer Area