



**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 Farooq, MD - President, Chicago Ophthalmological Society*

*Roshni Vasainwala, 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>
<b>12:00 pm - 1:15 pm</b>	<b>Luncheon in the Exhibit Area - Ballroom 23-25</b>
12:15 pm - 1:15 pm	Residents Breakout Lunch: “Welcome to the Real World of Ophthalmology” <i>Ballroom 41</i>
<b>1:15 pm - 2:55 pm</b>	<b>General Session III - Ballrooms 21 &amp; 22</b>
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>
<b>3:00 pm - 3:30 pm (30)</b>	<b>Break - exhibit area - Ballroom 23-25</b> <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)

- What's Going on in the States; *Jennifer Larson, MD, AAO State Affairs Secretariat*

3:40 pm (8)

- Challenges for Ophthalmology in the VA; *Jigna Joshi, MD*

3:48 pm (12)

- 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**