

Ophthalmic Technician Program 2026 Joint Conference
Illinois Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons
and
The Chicago Ophthalmological Society

Stephens Conference Center – Rosemont, IL
Friday, March 13th, 2026

<i>Program Chair:</i>	Kati Read, COT, COE, Wheaton Eye Clinic
<i>Target Group:</i>	Ophthalmic Assistants and Technicians
<i>Level:</i>	Intermediate
<i>Prerequisite:</i>	None
<i>Teaching Method:</i>	Lecture; PowerPoint; 50 Minute Lectures with 10 minutes for Q&A
<i>CE Credits Requested:</i>	6.0 Category A credits

7:25 a.m. – 8:25 a.m.

Registration

8:30 a.m. – 8:40 a.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Kati Read, COT, COE, Program Chair and Clinical Manager, Wheaton Eye Clinic, Wheaton, IL

8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.
(60 1A)

Signs and Symptoms: Look and Listen

Carolyn Shea, COMT

Mass Eye and Ear

Course Description: This course is designed to help OMP develop skills from didactic knowledge to integrate into knowing how to apply with testing results and proper history gain a full picture of what a disease process looks like.

9:40 a.m. – 10:40 a.m.
(60 1A)

Pediatric Eye Conditions Not to Miss

James McDonnell, MD

Loyola University Medical Center

Course Description: This course will review common and uncommon pediatric conditions including Neonatal conjunctivitis, Amblyopia, Strabismus, NLD obstructions, Chalazions, Corneal Abrasions, Pediatric Cataracts, Congenital Glaucoma, and Eye Screening in Children.

10:40 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

Break

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
(60 1A)

Geographic Atrophy Overview

Vivek Chaturvedi, MD

Illinois Retina Associates

Course Description: This course will cover the clinical anatomy, pathophysiology, and treatments available for geographic atrophy in retina.

12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch Break

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
(60 1A)

Refraction: Beyond Prescribing Glasses

Evan Lagouros, MD

Illinois Eye Center

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*Course Description: We will review the fundamentals, techniques, and key steps
the process. Clinical steps and considerations for ensuring that patients are given
the prescription that gives them the best possible*

visual acuity.

2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
(60 1A)

A Rock-Solid Cataract Pre-Op Work-Up: A Technician's Guide

Shweta Chaudhary, MD

Cook County

*Course Description: This course will discuss the critical role a technician does play
in work-ups prior to cataract surgery. The importance of a thorough and detailed
history, reviewing ADL's with the patient, obtaining quality measurements.*

3:00 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.

Break

3:20 p.m. – 4:20 p.m.
(60 1A)

Pupils: From Light to Insight

Latrice Jones-Bey, MBA, COT, OSC

College of Dupage

*Course Description: Pupil testing is a fundamental component of a technicians
workup and by observing how the pupils respond to light, ophthalmologists are able
to gain valuable insight into the function of the optic nerve, brainstem, and autonomic
nervous system. Careful evaluation of these specific pupillary abnormalities provides
crucial clues for diagnosing underlying ocular and neurological conditions, enabling
timely and targeted management.*

4:20 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Closing Comments/CE Attendance/Collect Program Evaluations