

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

Program Chair: Kati Read, COT, COE, Wheaton Eye Clinic
Target Group: Ophthalmic Assistants and Technicians
Level: Intermediate
Prerequisite: None
Teaching Method: Lecture; PowerPoint; 50 Minute Lectures with 10 minutes for Q&A
CE Credits Requested: 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 <i>Kati Read, COT, COE, Program Chair and Clinical Manager, Wheaton Eye Clinic, Wheaton, IL</i>
8:40 a.m. – 9:40 a.m. (60 1A)	Signs and Symptoms: Look and Listen <i>Carolyn Shea, COMT</i> <i>Mass Eye and Ear</i> <i>Course Description:</i> 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 <i>James McDonnell, MD</i> <i>Loyola University Medical Center</i> <i>Course Description:</i> 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 <i>Vivek Chaturvedi, MD</i> <i>Illinois Retina Associates</i> <i>Course Description:</i> 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 in 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