



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, 2026

2.16.2026

7:15 am	Registration & continental breakfast in exhibit area - Ballrooms 23-25
8:05 am - 9:45 am	General Session I - Ballrooms 21 & 22
8:05 am (5)	Welcome and Introductions <i>Michael Giovingo MD - President, Illinois Society of Eye Physicians & Surgeons Asim Farooq, 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</i>
8:10 am - 8:20 am (10)	Ophthalmic Technicians and their Role in an Ophthalmology Practice <i>Mitzi Thomas, College of DuPage; Shelby Stanley, Elgin Community College;</i>
8:20 am - 8:28 am (8)	Custom Flex Artificial Iris Implant <i>Anjali Tannan MD, Rush University Medical Center; Chicago</i>
8:30 am - 8:38 am (8)	Retinopathy of Prematurity <i>David Ramirez MD; Northwestern University; Chicago</i>
8:40 am - 8:45 am (5)	ISEPS FRANK J. KRESKA MD LECTURE <i>Introduction by Michael Giovingo MD; President, ISEPS</i>
8:45 am - 9:05 am (20)	Writing Your Leadership Story – The chapter you are in is the most important one <i>David Batstone, PhD; Professor of Ethics, University of San Francisco; CEO and Board Chair, Regenerate Technology Global; Las Vegas, NV</i>
9:10 am - 9:18 am (8)	Approach to Red Eye from the Uveitis Standpoint <i>Pooja Bhat, MD, University of Illinois at Chicago</i>
9:20 am - 9:28 am (8)	Management of Advanced Coats Disease with Laser <i>Maria Fernandez MD, Retina Consultants of Chicago</i>
9:30 am - 9:38 am (8)	Maneuvering Through MIGS - How to get started <i>Meenakshi Chaku, MD; Loyola University Medical Center; Maywood</i>
9:38 am - 9:45 am (7)	Question and Answers for Session I Presenters Announcements and Raffle Drawing
9:45 - 10:20 am (35)	Break - exhibit area - Ballrooms 23-25

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10:20 am - 11:55 am

General Session II - Ballrooms 21 & 22

10:20 am - 10:25 am (5)

COS GIFFORD LECTURE

Introduction by Nicholas Volpe, MD; Chair, Department of Ophthalmology, Northwestern University; Chicago, IL

10:25 am - 10:45 am (20)

The Revolution of Video Learning, Robotic Cataract Surgery, and AI in Surgical Ophthalmology
Uday Dergan, MD; Dergan Eye Surgery; Los Angeles, CA

10:45 am - 11:25 am (40)

PANEL DISCUSSION: Best of Cataract Coach – Challenging cases... you make the call!

Moderator: Uday Dergan, MD; Los Angeles, CA

Panelists: Shweta Chaudhary MD, Stroger Hospital of Cook County; Aaron Dotson MD, Loyola University Medical Center; Nina Goyal MD, University Ophthalmology Associates

11:30 am - 11:38 pm (8)

Neuroimaging for the Non-neuro Ophthalmologist
Adam Baim MD

11:40 pm - 11:48 pm (8)

Adjustable Ptosis Technique
Ann Tran, MD, University of Illinois at Chicago

Announcements & Raffle Drawing

11:55 am - 1:00 pm

Luncheon in the Exhibit Area - Ballroom 23-25

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm

Residents Breakout Lunch: "Welcome to the Real World of Ophthalmology"
Ballroom 41

1:00 pm - 2:55 pm

General Session III - Ballrooms 21 & 22

1:00 pm - 1:50 pm (50)

SPECIAL RETINA PRESENTATION

Innovations in Neovascular Retinal Diseases
Peer Review Institute for Medical Education
See handout materials for CME information

1:55 pm - 2:00 pm (5)

ILLINOIS SOCIETY FOR THE PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS LECTURE
Introduction by Elyse Fineman, MPH, MHA, ISPB Executive Director; Chicago

2:00 pm - 2:20 pm (20)

Myths and Updates in Ocular Oncology
Basil Williams, MD; Bascom Palmer Eye Institute; Miami, FL

2:20 pm - 2:40 pm (20)

PANEL DISCUSSION – Everyday Challenges in Ophthalmology Practices

Moderator: Saagar Pandit, MD MPH; University Retina, Chicago

Panelists: Diane Peters, University of Chicago; Nicholas Volpe MD, Northwestern University; Robert Lea, Illinois Retina Associates; Carolyn Shea, Atrius Health, Boston; Asim Farooq MD, University of Chicago

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2:40 pm - 2:45 pm (5)	ISEPS GLOBAL OPHTHALMOLOGY FOUNDATION LECTURE <i>Introduction by: Tamara Fountain, MD; Rush University & Ophthalmology Partners, Deerfield</i>
2:45 pm - 3:05 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>
3:05 pm - 3:13 pm (8)	Eye Health for All: The Chica-GO Program <i>Charles Bouchard MD, Loyola University Medical Center; Maywood</i>
3:15 pm - 3:35 pm (20)	Break - exhibit area - Ballroom 23-25 <i>Door prize drawing</i>
3:35 pm - 5:00 pm	General Session IV - Ballrooms 21 & 22
3:35 pm - 4:05 pm (30)	Advocacy for Ophthalmology - Public Policy and How it Affects your Ability to Deliver Quality Patient Care <i>Moderator: Michael Giovingo; President, ISEPS</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What's Going on in the States; <i>Jennifer Larson, MD, AAO State Affairs Secretariat</i> • Challenges for Ophthalmology in the VA; <i>Jigna Joshi, MD</i> • A Quick Update from the Federal Level; <i>Sohail Hasan, MD PhD</i> • Making an Impact in the Development of Public Policy; <i>Evan Lagouros, MD</i>
4:05 pm - 5:00 pm (55)	OMIC RISK MANAGEMENT LECTURE – Cataract Surgery Safety: Strategies to Reduce Adverse Events using a Systems Approach <i>Kenya Williams, MD & Michelle Pineda; Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company</i>
5:00 pm	Meeting Adjourns for the day
5:00 pm - 6:00 pm	Cocktail Reception for all attendees - Level 2 Foyer Area