



The Science of Eyesight Foundation
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CELEBRATING 20 YEARS

20th Annual Advances in Eye Care San Francisco Symposium

8 hours Live CE

When - Sunday, September 14th, 2025
Where - St Regis Hotel, San Francisco
Course - Ella G. Faktorovich, MD, Pacific Vision Institute
Co-Directors Isabel Kazemi, OD, UC Berkeley School of Optometry

Highlights of the Symposium

- Lectures by internationally renowned leaders in diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases
- Exciting presentations on the latest advances in robotic LASIK, novel intraocular lenses, aesthetic devices, ocular surface, novel medications, ocular emergencies, ocular nutrition, and the latest therapies for retinal diseases and glaucoma
- Bay Area and national experts gathering in San Francisco
- Hands-on experience with IPL devices and practical learning of adjusting Light Adjustable Lens
- 200+ attendees coming to learn, network, and foster friendships
- Delicious Breakfast, Lunch, and Snacks

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Agenda

8:00 - 8:30 am

Breakfast and Registration

8:30 am - 8:55 am

Advances in Pre- and Post-op Care of Modern Laser Vision Correction Patients: Key Strategies and Pearls for Success



Ella Faktorovich, MD
Director, Pacific Vision Institute, San Francisco, CA
Board of Directors, The Science of Eyesight Foundation

8:55 am - 9:20 am

New Robotic LASIK with 3D Eye Modeling: Technology, Patient Selection, and Outcomes



Taj Nasser, MD
Medical Director, Tylock-George Eye Care & LASIK Center,
Dallas-Fort Worth, TX

9:20 am - 9:45 am

OD's Guide to Light Adjustable Lens (LAL): Patient Selection, Treatment, and Postoperative Care



Scott So, MD
Custom Lens, Cataract, and Glaucoma,
San Francisco, CA

9:45 am - 10:00 am

Panel Discussion

10:00 - 10:15 am

Break

10:15 am - 10:40 am

Dry Eye and Aesthetic Devices in Primary Eye Care Practice: My Pearls for Success



Pam Theriot, OD, FAAO
Founder and Director, Dry Eye Relief Center, Lusk Eye Specialists,
Shreveport, LA
Founder, Alleviate Dry Eye Course

10:40 am - 11:05 am

Topical Cannabinoids and Other Novel Therapeutics for Relief of Ocular Pain and Inflammation



Melanie Kelly, PhD
Professor, Department of Pharmacology & Ophthalmology &
Visual Science, Dalhousie University, Halifax, Canada
President & Chief Scientific Officer, Altheda Wellness Innovation

11:05 am - 11:50 am

Keynote Lecture: Evidence-based Approach to Management of Ocular Surface Disease: Using the Latest Data to Tackle Anything from Dry Eyes to Infections with Confidence and Clarity.



Penny Asbel, MD, FACS, MBA, FARVO
Chair, Ophthalmology, College of Medicine University of
Tennessee Health Science Center (UTHSC)
Director, Hamilton Eye Institute at UTHSC

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11:50 am - 12:15 pm

Panel Discussion

12:15 pm - 1:00 pm

Lunch and Case Presentations

1:00 pm - 2:00 pm

Retina 2025 and Beyond: Guiding Patients Through the Latest Protocols for Management of AMD, GA, DR, DME and More. West Coast Retina, San Francisco, CA



Michael Jumper, MD



Georgia Kamboj, MD



Garuav Shah, MD, FASRS

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Glaucoma 2025 and Beyond: the Latest Protocols for Patient Screening and Treatments. Glaucoma Center of San Francisco, San Francisco, CA



Terri Pickering, MD



Shan Lin, MD



Andrew Iwach, MD

3:00 pm - 3:15 pm

Break

3:15 pm - 3:45 pm

Ocular Nutrition: Separating Hype from Reality for Practitioners and Patients



Christopher Wroten, OD
CEO, Bond-Wroten Eye Clinic, Baton Rouge, LA
Adjunct Professor Southern College of Optometry,
University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry,
UIW Rosenberg School of Optometry

3:45 pm - 4:15 pm

Friday Freakouts: Top 10 Eye Emergencies That May Ruin Your Weekend (but they don't have to)



Elliot Cherkas, MD
Department of Ophthalmology, Oregon Health Sciences
Casey Eye Institute, Portland, OR
Board of Directors, The Science of Eyesight Foundation

4:15 pm - 5:00 pm

Artificial Tears: Are They All the Same?



Milton Hom, OD, FAAO
Founder, Canyon City Eye Care, Azusa, CA
Co-Medical Director, multisite Neurosensory Abnormalities in Symptomatic Ocular Surface Patients (NASA) study

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History of the Symposium

The Advances in Eye Care San Francisco Symposium - founded in the early 2000's - is dedicated to advancing the professions of optometry and ophthalmology through exchange of clinical and scientific knowledge and skills. The Symposium was one of the first educational events in the United States to recognize the importance of interdisciplinary collaborative care by members of optometric and ophthalmic community.

Over the years, more than 200 nationally renowned specialists have taught at the Symposium, including department chairs and faculty in academic centers, leaders of large practices throughout the country, scientists at major pharmaceutical and technology companies, and individuals at the forefront of business communities. The Symposium has been profiled in major optometric and ophthalmic publications, including Primary Care Optometry News and Ocular Surgery News.

Comments from past Symposium attendees...

I wanted to give feedback regarding the CE event. It was extraordinary in terms of diversity of topics/speakers, location/food/environment, and the great service from staff. I hope to attend the next annual event.

-- Dr. Eileen Kim, San Jose

Thank you everyone for a first class CE event which was very enjoyable as well as informative. Much appreciated.

-- Dr. Stephen Woo, San Francisco

I want to thank all the staff for putting on the symposium, and for putting it on a Sunday! I have wanted to attend for years, but I work on Saturdays. I found the lectures very informative. I also made some connections with some of the vendors and some of the other attendees. Thank you again for the work that went into putting this together.

-- Dr. Sharon Freeman, Corte Madera

It was one of the best symposiums I've been to, please invite me next year!

-- Dr. Judy Tran, Milpitas

It was by far one of the best CEs I have attended in a long time. Many thanks to the team for putting on a wonderful event.

-- Dr. Afsaneh Mahajerani, San Jose

All of us from Stamper Optometry enjoyed the Symposium.

-- Dr. Bruce Stamper, San Francisco

It was such a wonderful symposium and I enjoyed every moment of it. Is it possible to be placed on your invite list for your next symposium?

-- Dr. Victoria Feng, Millbrae

Thanks you for an awesome program! It was super well organized and the speakers were great.

-- Dr. Gagan Khela, Oakland

Thank you for hosting such an awesome symposium. I had a great time and learned a lot.

-- Dr. Tiffany Leung, San Francisco

Thank you so much. I enjoyed and learned so much! Thank you thank you!

-- Dr. Theresa Nguyen, Pleasanton

The Symposium was awesome. Always very informative and very interesting subjects to apply immediately in our practice.

-- Dr. Susan Mozayani, Marin Eye Care, Novato

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