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Conference Mission

To highlight groundbreaking clinical management of complex surgical patients requiring multidisciplinary ophthalmic care.

Learning Objectives

1. Identify, evaluate, and manage common and rare challenging cases requiring multi-specialty ophthalmic care.
2. Analyze and implement advanced medical and surgical therapies across ophthalmic subspecialties to enhance patient outcomes and reduce complications.
3. Utilize the latest diagnostic tools and technologies to improve accuracy and effectiveness in diagnosing and managing complex ophthalmic cases, both surgical and non-surgical.

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Program Schedule

- 7:30 AM Check-in, Breakfast, and Exhibits
- 8:00 AM Welcome
Aakriti Garg Shukla, MD, MSc
- 8:02 AM Alumni Association President's Welcome
Royce W. S. Chen, MD
- 8:07 AM Harkness Eye Institute Welcome
G. A. "Jack" Cioffi, MD
- 8:20 AM Conference Format
Danielle Trief, MD, MSc

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM: Symposium 1

Moderators: Danielle Trief, MD, MSc and Vlad Diaconita, MD

Panelists: Sadeer Hannush, MD, Emily Ceisler, MD, Poonam Misra, MD, Jules Winokur, MD, MBA, Dimitra Skondra, MD, PhD

- 8:30 AM "A Guardian Angel for your Recurring Nightmare: Topical Calcineurin Inhibitors for Fungal Keratitis"
Jerry Hsu, MD, MS
- 8:50 AM "Why Are Your Glasses on Your Forehead?"
Mary Whitman, MD, PhD
- 9:10 AM "The Postage Stamp - Retinas That Make You Want to Mail It In"
Tavish Nanda, MD
- 9:30 AM Audience Discussion
- 9:35 AM *Break & Exhibits*

9:50 AM - 10:50 AM: Symposium 2

Moderators: Aakriti Garg Shukla, MD, MSc and Gabriel Rand, MD

Panelists: Sonali Talsania, MD, Payal Patel, MD, Viral Juthani, MD, Scott Brodie, MD, PhD, Marc Dinkin, MD

- 9:50 AM "If at First You Don't Succeed...A Case of Bilateral Third Nerve Palsy"
Lora Glass, MD & Steven E. Rosenberg, MD
- 10:10 AM "Third Time's the Charm: A Case of Painless Vision Loss"
Meital Ben Dov, MD
- 10:30 AM "Unexpected Breakthrough: A Frustrating Case of UGH Syndrome"
W. Violet Lin, MD
- 10:50 AM Audience Discussion
- 10:55 AM *Break & Exhibits*

11:10 AM - 12:10 PM: Symposium 3

Moderators: Royce W. S. Chen, MD and Portia Sirinek, MD

Panelists: Melissa (Wen-Jeng) Yao, MD, Dvir Koenigstein, MD, James Auran, MD, Megan Soucy, CGC, Jason Horowitz, MD

- 11:10 AM "Not a Pigment of Your Imagination: A Case of Unilateral Glaucoma"
Ives (Tony) Valenzuela, MD, Brian Marr, MD, Lauren Yeager, MD
- 11:30 AM "Transforming Retinoblastoma Care in the 21st Century: Is Expanded Genetic Screening the Answer?"
Lauren Yeager, MD
- 11:50 AM "When You Look at Fireworks Too Closely"
Royce W. S. Chen, MD
- 12:10 PM Audience Discussion
- 12:15 PM Lunch Roundtable Discussion

Lunch Roundtable Discussion

Heart Center, Riverview Terrace

Moderators: James Auran, MD, Poonam Misra, MD, Dimitra Skondra, MD, PhD

Topic: "Lifelong Surgical Growth"

Moderators: W. Violet Lin, MD, Viral Juthani, MD, Gabriel Rand, MD, Melissa (Wen-Jeng) Yao, MD

Topic: "Practice Growth and Management"

Moderators: Jules Winokur, MD, MBA, Dvir Koenigstein, MD, Sonali Talsania, MD, Lisa Park, MD

Topic: "Thriving as a Clinician-Educator"

Moderators: Mary Whitman, MD, PhD, Marc Dinkin, MD, Tongalp Tezel, MD, & Sadeer Hannush, MD

Topic: "Rewards and Challenges in Academia"

Moderators: Tavish Nanda, MD, Payal Patel, MD, Portia Sirinek, MD

Topic: "Rewards and Challenges in Private Practice"

12:30 PM Roundtable Session 1

12:55 PM Roundtable Session 2

1:20 PM Concluding remarks

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