

AZOA 2026 Bronstein Contact Lens & Cornea Seminar

16 hours of COPE-accredited CE (COPE accreditation pending)



January 9 - 11 /
DoubleTree Resort by Hilton Hotel Paradise
Valley-Scottsdale

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, January 9

12PM Registration - PLEASE NOTE THE AFTERNOON START TIME THIS YEAR!

1:00 - 2:40PM No Such Thing as a Free Lunch - Refractive Surgery/Kenworthy & Fintelmann/101451-PO(2 hrs)

Refractive surgery is praised when things go right, but also vilified when things go wrong. This course provides a comprehensive overview of refractive surgery including LASIK, PRK, SMILE and ICL. Co-management between optometry and ophthalmology will be emphasized and discussion will include patient selection and choosing the most appropriate surgical procedure. Complications of refractive surgery along with risks vs benefits will be explored. Advanced ocular imaging such as topography, epithelial mapping and anterior segment OCT will be discussed as it relates to refractive surgery. Additionally, in many cases, refractive laser correction such as transepithelial PTK and topography-guided PRK can be the solution

2:40PM - 3PM BREAK

3:00 - 3:50PM You Can Check Out Anytime You Like, But You Can Never Leave - Herpes/Kenworthy & Fintelmann/101452-TD (1 hour)

Herpes simplex and herpes zoster eye disease remain among the most challenging causes of ocular morbidity worldwide. These viruses establish lifelong latency and may recur unpredictably, affecting nearly every ocular structure. This course reviews the ocular manifestations of herpes simplex virus (HSV) and varicella-zoster virus (VZV), with an emphasis on anterior segment disease, diagnostic testing, and evidence-based management strategies. Attendees will gain clinical insight into identifying and differentiating epithelial, stromal, and uveal disease and will understand the rationale for antiviral and corticosteroid therapy through the findings of clinical studies and practical cases.

4:00 - 4:50PM Corneal Petri Dish – Recipes for Keratitis/Kenworthy/101453-TD (1 hr)

This course explores bacterial, fungal, and Acanthamoeba keratitis through the lens of clinical pathogenesis, diagnostic strategy, and therapeutic management. Specific emphasis is given to early recognition of key risk factors, characteristic presentations, and evidence-based treatment protocols to prevent vision-threatening complications. Practical pearls, culture guidelines, and surgical considerations are integrated to reinforce timely, effective, and rational management of infectious keratitis in clinical practice.

Saturday, January 10

8AM Registration & Breakfast

9AM-10:40AM The VIPs of RGP lenses: A Review of RGP, Hybrid, and Scleral Lenses/Bhagat/101665-CL (2 hrs)

This course reviews changing fitting philosophies and trends for specialty contact lenses, such as gas permeable lenses, hybrid, scleral contact lenses, and lens care options. This course will also focus on reviewing types of rigid gas permeable lenses and their parameters. The course will also review the candidates and situations that a rigid gas permeable lens may benefit a patient. It will conclude by reviewing new advancements in rigid gas permeable materials and lenses to enhance lens comfort and ocular health.

10:50AM-11:45AM Adding Color to Contact Lenses: Clinical Uses of Prosthetic, Cosmetic and Tinted Lenses/Bhagat/96261-CL/(1 hr)

Cosmetic contact lenses can be used to improve many of the uncomfortable visual symptoms that these patients are dealing with, and also improve the appearance of the eye in cases of scarring or other irregularities. This course will review the common congenital and acquired conditions that can be managed with prosthetic and tinted contact lenses. The goal is to demonstrate how simple cosmetic contact lens fitting can drastically improve the psychological well-being as well as the overall quality of life of both adults and children alike.

11:45AM - 1:00PM LUNCH WITH EXHIBITORS

1:00 - 1:50PM

Specialty Contact Lens Made Simple /Pal/98436-CL/1 hr)

How do we take a complex fitting processes like fitting scleral lenses, orthokeratology and hybrid lenses and make the process simple? Years ago, fitting toric and multifocal contact lenses was reserved for contact lens experts. Today let's simplify the fitting process so these specialty lenses are just as simple to fit. I will take the last 22 years of specialty lens fitting and simplify the process for you.

1:50 - 2:40PM

Managing Presbyopia to It's full potential/Pal/95767-GO/1 hr)

The expectation of presbyopes to have functional vision in all ranges of vision is higher than ever before. Presbyopes are young active adults needing hassle free vision. Let's explore the options available to provide the best care for our patients.

2:40PM- 3PM

REFRESHMENT BREAK WITH EXHIBITORS

3PM-5PM

AZOA PAST PRESIDENT'S ROUNDTABLE

3:10 - 4:50PM

Myopia Management In Clinical Practice/Pal/99150-GO/2 hrs)

5PM-7PM

***NEW EVENT* - EXHIBIT HALL COCKTAIL RECEPTION - Please join us at 5pm (or immediately following class) on Saturday evening IN the exhibit hall for cocktails while you mingle with your favorite industry reps and colleagues after a long day of education. We encourage you to support our industry partners that support the AZOA!**

Sunday, January 11

7AM

Registration & Breakfast

8:00AM - 9:40AM

Ocular Surface Disease: From Autologous Serum to Zoster/Sicks/101943-TD /2 hrs

This 2-hour rapid fire course gives detailed information on ocular surface disease management including a review of diagnostic testing, topical therapeutics, oral medications, in-office and home therapies and pipeline therapies.

9:40AM- 9:50AM

BREAK

9:50AM - 11:30AM

Scleral Lens Customizations and Advanced Therapeutics/Sicks/101998-CL(2 hrs)

This 2-hour case-based course will supply detailed information on multiple cases of patients with ocular surface disease and other complex scenarios who were successful with scleral lens wear. The course is wide-ranging, covering disease states; scleral lens options, add-ons, and modification; customized lens fitting using profilometry and impression-based techniques; higher-order aberrations; and problem solving/troubleshooting strategies.

11:40AM-12:30PM

What's New In Cornea and Contact Lenses/Sicks/102000-TD COPE Approval pending1hr

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