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2025
Seminar in
OPTOMETRY
May 17 & 18, 2025

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This seminar will be submitted to ARBO to obtain COPE accreditation for the event. A total of 13 COPE hours of instruction plus 1 hr of GA jurisprudence will be presented and attendance will be tracked utilizing the ARBO OE Tracker Card. Most state boards accept COPE-accredited programs for continuing education hours but attendees should contact their state boards to confirm approval. Full attendance is mandatory to receive full credit.

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SEMINAR PURPOSE

This seminar brings the latest information to regional optometrists. The sessions will benefit individual practices and should meet the licensing requirements for optometrists in Georgia and other southern states.

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TENTATIVE AGENDA S O P O

SATURDAY, MAY 17, 2025:

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Registration & Badge pick up
- 8:00 – 9:40 a.m. **The SEVEN HABITS of Highly Effective Anterior Uveitis Mangement,** Paul Karpecki, OD (COPE pending)
- 9:40 - 10:10 a.m. Refreshment Break/Visit Vendors
- 10:10 - 11:50 a.m. **OSD Putting it All Together,** Paul Karpecki, OD (COPE pending)
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (included)
- 1:00 - 2:40 p.m. **New Pharmaceuticals and their Clinical Applications,** Paul Karpecki, OD (COPE 91647-PH)
- 2:40 - 3:10 p.m. Refreshment Break/Visit Vendors
- 3:10 - 4:00 p.m. **Begin with the Lid in Mind: Demodex Blepharitis and MGD,** Paul Karpecki, OD (COPE pending)

SUNDAY, MAY 18, 2025:

- 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Registration & Badge pick up
- 8:00 – 9:40 a.m. **Landmark Trials in Glaucoma- What They Mean To Us Clinically?** Eric Schmidt, OD (COPE 91752-GL)
- 9:40 - 10:10 a.m. Refreshment Break/Visit Vendors
- 10:10 - 11:50 a.m. **Clinical Conundrums - Real-Life Tales From The Exam Room,** Eric Schmidt, OD (COPE pending)
- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. Lunch (included)
- 1:00 - 2:40 p.m. **Hot Topics in Eyecare,** Eric Schmidt, OD (COPE pending)
- 2:45 - 3:35 p.m. **Georgia Jurisprudence,** Kirk Gilliard, JD (NON-COPE)

*course titles, order of presentation and speakers subject to change

ABOUT YOUR SEMINAR S O P O

LODGING

For your convenience, a block of rooms is being held until 04/16/2025 at the **Hyatt Place Athens/Downtown**, 412 N. Thomas Street, Athens, GA 30601, 706-425-1800. The Hyatt is connected to The Classic Center. The Room Block Code is G-SOP2.

To book online: <http://tinyurl.com/SOPOMay2025>

Note: you must edit the dates at the top of the booking page to see all the room types available in the SOPO Block

CLASSIC CENTER TRAVEL INFORMATION

The Classic Center is located in Downtown Athens, GA, approximately 70 miles northeast of Atlanta. The Classic Center parking deck is a convenient, safe place to park while visiting. There are 4 separate entrance/exits and 24-hr security and video surveillance. Daily parking rate is \$12 max (\$15 lost ticket fee), payable by credit card.

SEMINAR CANCELLATION POLICY

1. A cancellation received by 5 p.m. ET on or before **May 9, 2025** will be refunded. No refunds will be issued thereafter.
2. To change or cancel your registration, call 706-357-4488
3. If an event is cancelled for any reason, the Classic Center and SOPO will not be responsible for any charges related to travel



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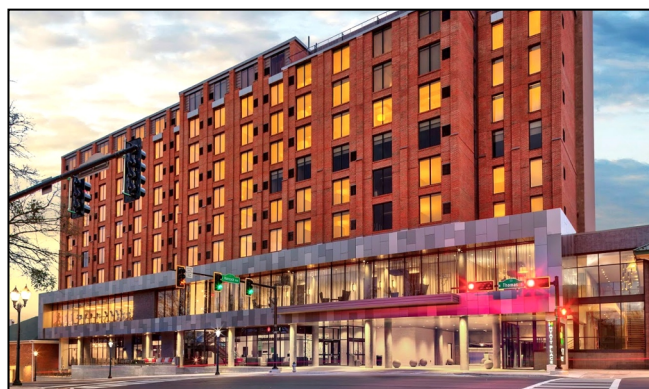
SEMINAR REGISTRATION:

SOPO Member on or before April 21, 2025	\$459
SOPO Member after April 21, 2025	\$559
Nonmember on or before April 21, 2025	\$559
Nonmember after April 21, 2025	\$659
One day only (Saturday or Sunday) on or before April 21		\$289
One day only (Saturday or Sunday) after April 21		\$339

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