

# **Symposium on Ocular Disease**

## **April 13 & 14, 2024**

### **Double Tree by Hilton 1960 Chain Bridge Rd Mclean VA**

Each day is worth 10.0 COPE hours  
The overall program runs roughly from 7:45am to 5:15 pm

**Courses and Speakers subject to change**

#### **SATURDAY COURSES - AM**

##### **COPE 87648-GO- E Schmidt 2hr** **Not So Fast... Some Cases Will Fool You**

This course will feature case presentations with seemingly innocuous presentations that turn out to be complicated entities. Detailed differential diagnosis schemes will be presented for each case and potential therapy paradigms will be outlined. Each case will be followed to its end so that the attendee will be able to completely work through the presentation from its start to completion.

##### **COPE 85140-PO – E Schmidt 1hr** **An OD Guide to Cataracts**

This course will provide a comprehensive overview on cataracts including clinical work up, overview of procedures, IOL options, and post-op management

##### **COPE 85372-NO – E Schmidt 1hr** **Differential Diagnosis of the Swollen Optic Nerve Head**

Swollen Optic nerve heads present a serious and challenging situation for the practicing optometrist. This course will break down the pathology and possible etiologies behind a swollen disk. Various clinical entities will be detailed and management scenarios will be presented.

##### **COPE 88970-TD – E Schmidt 1hr** **Uveitis Unmasked**

Uveitis is a common ocular condition that can have serious complications. This course will delineate the various presentations of iritis and its differential diagnosis. Treatment options will be presented. When and what type of laboratory testing should be employed will be detailed as well as the management of side effects of therapy and complicated cases.

#### **SATURDAY COURSES - PM**

##### **COPE 82278 - TD S Ferrucci 2hr** **Refer or Relax: Macula**

This course discusses macula-involving cases encountered in the primary care ODs office and asks if this is something that we can monitor ourselves (relax) or need referral (refer) to a retinal specialist. Cases include Central serous retinopathy, epiretinal membranes, macular holes, and more.

**COPE 83720 - TD S Ferrucci 2hr**

**Refer or Relax: Retina**

This course discusses cases encountered in the primary care ODs office, and asks if this is something that we can monitor ourselves (relax) or requires referral to a retinal specialist for further treatment. Cases Include lattice, retinal holes, diabetic retinopathy, choroidal nevi and more.

**COPE 86319-TD 1hr – S Ferrucci 1hr**

**Imaging Techniques and Emerging Therapies for Geographic Atrophy**

Optometric physicians often serve as the primary point of detection of geographic atrophy (GA) which is the defining lesion of atrophic AMD. Multimodal imaging is essential to detect, monitor, and quantify GA lesions. This course will explore early high-risk OCT biomarkers that predict or predispose to future GA development as well as OCT and fundus autofluorescence features that predict expansion. Emerging complement inhibitor therapies will be introduced.

**SUNDAY COURSES - AM**

**COPE 76984 - TD T Earley 2hr**

**Early Diagnosis and Management of Age-Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) in Primary Care Optometry**

This course will discuss the diagnosis and management of patients with AMD. Both preventative and treatment modalities will be discussed.

**TQ: COPE pending T Earley 2hr**

**A Crash Course in Anterior Segment Disease**

This course will provide a comprehensive review and update on all aspects of properly diagnosing and managing commonly encountered anterior segment diseases.

**COPE pending - Nutrition in Ocular Disease 1hr – P Davey**

Carotenoids are nutrients that have been proven to protect the eye from light damage and several ocular pathologies. This course will review carotenoids, how to assess their levels, and identify the patients that would benefit from diet, lifestyle, and supplementation.

**SUNDAY COURSES - PM**

**COPE pending - The Eyes and Systemic Disease 2hr – P Davey**

This course will provide a comprehensive overview of common systemic conditions as well as the ocular manifestations. Included will be a discussion of diabetes, hypertension, and thyroid disease.

**COPE 81870-TD D Gupta 2hr – Clinical Pearls in Disease Management**

**COPE 82255-TD D Gupta 1hr – Case Studies in Disease Management**

This live course will provide a comprehensive review and update on properly diagnosing and managing patients with common ocular and systemic conditions.