

Conference on Primary Eye Care
November 8-9, 2025

Twelve Hotel by Marriott – Midtown Location
361 17th Street Atlanta GA

Each day is worth 9.0 COPE hours
The overall program runs roughly from 7:45am to 4:45 pm
Courses and Speakers subject to change

SATURDAY COURSES- AM

COPE 96949-GO Eric Schmidt 2hr
Not So Fast! Some Cases may Fool You

This course will feature case presentations with seemingly innocuous presentations that turn out to be complicated entities. 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. Potential pitfalls of improper diagnosis and therapy will be discussed.

COPE 97920-TD Eric Schmidt 1hr
Unmasking Uveitis

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 and strategies on tapering therapy will be discussed. When and what type of laboratory testing should be employed will be detailed as well as the management of complicated cases

COPE pending - Eric Schmidt 1hr
An OD Guide to Cataracts

The use of Premium IOLs in cataract surgery is becoming more prevalent. Optometrists should play an important role in choosing IOLs and in insuring the best outcome from this surgery. This course will discuss how to choose the right implant for your patient and how to insure excellent outcomes

COPE pending 1hr Pinakin Davey
A Guide to Thyroid and Thyroid Eye Disease

This course focuses on thyroid disease and thyroid eye disease. For both, we will discuss diagnosis, management, and the optometrist's role in managing these patients.

SATURDAY COURSES- PM

COPE pending /FL board 20-1204658 - G Caldwell 1hr
The Role of Nutrition in Managing Ocular Disease

Early detection, prevention, and wellness is not only trending but is now expected by our patients. This course will introduce and review concepts of integrative and complementary medicine and provide clinicians with clinical pearls for recently approved nutraceutical and therapeutic opportunities.

COPE 95352-PH 2hr Pinakin Davey
Pharmaceuticals Update

This course focuses on the most recent FDA-approved drugs relevant to optometric patient care, covering their indications for use, mechanisms of action, and potential ocular side effects. By the end of the course, you will feel more confident and comfortable prescribing these pharmaceutical agents in your practice.

COPE 92079-EJ – Bob McCullough 1hr
Georgia Jurisprudence

This one hour course will provide optometrists an update on the laws and rule governing Georgia licensed optometrists.

SUNDAY COURSES -AM

TQ: COPE 96568-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.

TQ: COPE 94530-TD S Ferrucci 2hr
COPE pending – S Ferrucci 1hr
Retina : Refer or Relax

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.

SUNDAY COURSES - PM

COPE 95163-GL 2hr / FL board 20-1283079
Glaucoma: 5 Things You Need to Diagnose

This interactive course will summarize the risk factors for glaucoma and talk in detail about the clinical evaluation of the patient suspected of having glaucoma. It will include a discussion of optic nerve analysis, nerve fiber layer evaluation, and visual field testing.

COPE 95164-GL 2hr/ FL board 20-1283080
Glaucoma Management: 5 Ways to Lower IOP

This course reviews the different clinical decisions that face the optometrist managing glaucoma. It will discuss both the medical and surgical options available to patients who demonstrate progression of the disease.