

**Forum on Ocular Disease  
Marriott hotel 400 W Livingston Street Orlando FL  
October 24 & 25, 2026**

**18 COPE/FL board hours in one weekend**

Confirmed Speakers

Mark Dunbar, OD, FAAO  
Alice Sterling, OD

Julie Rodman, OD, FAAO  
Deepak Gupta, OD – Course Director

Each day is worth 9.0 COPE and FL board approved CE hours  
The overall program runs roughly from 7:45am to 5:00 pm  
Tentative Agenda (subject to change) Courses Listed in Order of Presentation

**SATURDAY MORNING COURSES**

**TQ COURSE: COPE 101683-TD / FL board pending D Gupta 2hr  
Keratoconus: Diagnose and Manage Like A Pro**

This course will discuss the diagnosis and management of keratoconus. It will discuss various management options, such as contact lenses and surgery.

**COPE 101960-PH / FL Board pending J Rodman  
Ocular Manifestations of GLP-1/GLP-1 + GIP Drugs**

GLP-1 receptor agonists are widely prescribed for the management of Type 2 diabetes and obesity. The most frequently reported complications include non-arteritic ischemic optic neuropathy, diabetic retinopathy, links to macular complications, changes in intraocular pressure, refractive shifts and dry eye. This course will review the pathophysiology of GLP-1 RAs and investigate the link between these medications and ocular side effects.

**TQ COURSE: COPE 104370-TD / FL board pending J Rodman  
Retinal decision making: Refer this, not that!**

Knowing when to refer a patient to the retina clinic can be challenging. Often, multimodal imaging yields results that are challenging to interpret and subtle in presentation. This course will investigate various retinal conditions that are commonly encountered in optometry practices. Open-ended discussion will be used to discuss clinical pearls that will guide management decisions.

**SATURDAY AFTERNOON COURSES**

**COPE 103514-GL / FL board pending 2hr M Dunbar  
The Glaucoma Puzzle: When The Pieces Don't Always Fit**

Glaucoma is a complex disease that results in characteristic cupping of the optic nerve and visual field loss. The problem is individual variability in optic nerve appearance and susceptibility to IOP can make it difficult to diagnose and follow glaucoma. This course will provide an overview using cases to work through when the pieces of the glaucoma puzzle don't always fit.

**COPE 103444 – TD / FL board pending M Dunbar 2hr  
Case Files From Bascom Palmer**

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute is regarded as one of the leading eye hospitals in the world and is responsible for many scientific breakthroughs. Interesting cases from over three decades of practice will be presented in a grand rounds case presentation format. Topics will include a potpourri of interesting and relevant anterior and posterior segment disease cases.

**SUNDAY MORNING COURSES**

**COPE 101807-TD / FL board pending 1hr D Gupta  
Case Studies in Ocular Disease**

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

**COPE 101805 – PH / FL board pending 2hr D Gupta  
Pharming: Prescribe Like a Pro**

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.

**TQ COURSE: COPE 101688-PO / FL board pending 2hr D Gupta  
Ocular Surgery: When the Scalpel is Needed**

This course will discuss surgical procedures such as cataract surgery, pterygium, corneal transplant, glaucoma surgeries and more. For each, there will be a discussion of patient selection, overview of procedures, and the optometrist's role in preop and postop management.

**SUNDAY AFTERNOON COURSES**

**COPE 101024-EJ / FL board pending – A Sterling 2hr  
Florida Jurisprudence for Optometry**

This two hour course will satisfy the requirement for Florida licensed optometrists for Jurisprudence.

**COPE 102834-EJ / FL board pending A Sterling 2hr  
Prevention of Medical Errors**

This course is designed to meet the requirements set forth in Florida Statute 456.013 by the state legislature to reduce the risk of medical error and to improve patient safety. Root cause analysis, patient safety, error reduction and error prevention will be presented.