

**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 104969-TD / FL board 20-1372651 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 104771-PH / FL Board pending 1hr 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 20-1378989 2hr 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 20-1372622 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. It will include a discussion of the management of presbyopia – both contact lenses and pharmacological.

COPE 104970 – PH / FL board 20-1372648 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 20-1372650 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 20-1379016 – 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 20-1371626 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.