

Forum on Optometry Sep 12 & 13, 2026

Marriott hotel 625 North Road Mystic CT

Each day is worth 10.0 COPE hours
The overall program runs roughly from 7:30am to 5:00 pm
Tentative Agenda (subject to change)

SATURDAY COURSES – 8:00AM TO 12:20PM

COPE 102794-PH T Offerdahl 2hr

An Optometrist's Guide to Systemic Disease

This course unravels and illustrates the close association between the eye and thyroid dysfunction. Clinical features, laboratory testing, clinical examination, and therapeutic options will be reviewed. The ocular manifestations and management of this condition will be discussed.

COPE 103382-TD M Dunbar 1hr

Chairside Consults in Ocular Surface Disease

This course features an interactive discussion on ocular surface disease, equipping clinicians with practical strategies to recognize, diagnose, and manage conditions such as dry eye disease, meibomian gland dysfunction, and demodex blepharitis

COPE 10344-TD M Dunbar 2hr

Case Files From Bascom Palmer

Bascom Palmer Eye Institute is regarded as one of the top 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.

SATURDAY COURSES – 12:50PM TO 5:10PM

COPE pending R Shuldiner 2hr

Low Vision Testing: Producing Patient Results & Financial Success

Accurate measurement of acuity and trial frame refraction require special eye charts and procedures. Case history requires different questions. The 12 Step Low Vision Exam will be fully presented.

COPE 101807-TD 1hr D Gupta

Case Studies in Ocular Disease

This course focuses on common conditions including both anterior segment and posterior diseases through case studies.

COPE 101683-TD – 2hr D Gupta

Keratoconus: Diagnose and Manage Like A Pro

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 COURSES – 7:45AM TO 12:15PM

COPE 105244-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.

COPE 103114-TD – S Ferrucci 1hr

Early Intervention Strategies for dry AMD and Presbyopia

This lecture provides an in-depth look at diabetic retinopathy, including diagnosis and treatment. The latest classification system for retinopathy is reviewed, and management recommendations for appropriate follow-up care

COPE 103834 -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, epi-retinal membranes, macular holes, and more.

SUNDAY COURSES – 12:45PM TO 5:05PM

COPE 101684-GL 2hr D Gupta

Glaucoma Diagnosis: Fine Tune Your Skills

This course will discuss the risk factors for glaucoma and also 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 101685-GL 2hr Glaucoma Management: Fine Tune Your Skills

COPE 104897-GL 1hr A Primer in Glaucoma – D Gupta

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