

Saturday
April 26

7:45 am - 8:15 am **Registration**

Continental breakfast - sponsored
by Johnson & Johnson Vision

Exhibit Hall Open

8:15 am - 9:55 am **Cataract Surgery Pre, Peri, and Post
Op: Putting the Patient First (TQ)**

Pit Gills, M.D. and Andreas
Zacharopoulos, O.D.

9:55 am - 10:40 am **Break** - sponsored by The Eye Institute
of West Florida

Exhibit Hall Open

10:40 am - 12:20 pm **Keratoconus, Other Ectasias, &
Fuchs' Corneal Dystrophy (TQ)**
Erin Greenberg, M.D.

12:20 pm - 1:10 pm **Lunch** - sponsored by St. Luke's
Cataract & Laser Institute

Exhibit Hall Open

1:10 pm - 1:20 pm **Lighthouse of Pinellas Update**

1:20 pm - 1:30 pm **F.O.A. Update**

1:30 pm - 3:10 pm **Our Top Topical Meds (TQ)**
Joseph Pizzimenti, O.D.

3:10 pm - 3:30 pm **Break** - sponsored by Sight360

3:30 pm - 5:10 pm **Inter-professional Care of Retina
Patients Using Multimodal Imaging
(TQ)**
Joseph Pizzimenti, O.D.

Sunday
April 27

7:30 am - 8:00 am **Registration**

Continental breakfast - sponsored
by Updegraff Laser Vision

8:00 am - 9:40 am **Emerging Trends in AMD (TQ)**
Joseph Pizzimenti, O.D.

9:40 am - 10:00 am **Break** - sponsored by the POA

10:00 am - 11:40 am **Prevention of Medical Errors**
Joe Sowka, O.D.

11:40 am - 12:00 pm **Lunch** - sponsored by Newsom Eye

12:00 pm - 1:40 pm **Florida Jurisprudence**
Joe Sowka, O.D.

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On-site parking discounts will be available on the day of event.

Phone: (888) 96-HYATT
Local: (727) 373-1234

<https://www.hyatt.com/en-US/group-booking/PIERC/G-P025>

Directions: from Tampa, take State Road 60 west all the way to Clearwater Beach. At the roundabout, take the Coronado Dr. exit toward the south beach. The resort is less than 1/4 mile on the right.

For further information, visit our website at:
<https://poaoptometry.org/suncoast-seminar>

email: thesuncoastseminar@gmail.com

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THE SUNCOAST SEMINAR

PRESENTED BY THE PINELLAS OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

Hyatt Regency Clearwater Beach Resort and Spa

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April 26 - 27, 2025



Featuring 14 hours of optometric
continuing education including:

- 10 hours TQ/COPE (approved or pending)
- 2 hours Optometric Jurisprudence
- 2 hours Medical Errors



The Pinellas Optometric Association welcomes you to the 33rd annual Suncoast Seminar

Courses include ten (10) transcript quality hours, two (2) hours of optometric jurisprudence, and two (2) hours of medical errors. C.O.P.E. numbers will be announced at the seminar.

The optometric jurisprudence and medical errors courses satisfy the Florida Board of Optometry biennial licensure requirements.

The Florida State Board of Optometry requires 6 hours of transcript quality (T.Q.) education each biennium for license renewal. T.Q. credit will be sent to the attendee upon passing a written examination with a grade of 70% or better. Attendance verification will be provided for all courses.

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 - Sunshine Optics
 - Tarsus Pharmaceuticals
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Registration

Fee schedule:

Early Registration through March 26, 2025

- AOA Member \$425
- non-AOA \$575

Late Registration after March 26, 2025

- AOA Member \$500
- non-AOA \$650

Active POA members may be eligible for additional discount.

Cancellations through March 26, 2025 are subject to a \$50 non-refundable administration fee. We will not be able to process refunds for cancellations after March 26, 2025.

Register online at:
<https://the-suncoast-seminar-2025.cheddarup.com/>



The course syllabus with the lecture notes will be available electronically prior to the event at no cost to all attendees. An optional printed spiral bound booklet of the syllabus will be available for \$30 and must be ordered via the registration website above by 3/26/2025 if desired.

We will be using the OE Tracker app to track attendance. Please download the app on your phone or tablet and make sure you are able to log in prior to the event. If you need assistance in creating an account, please call ARBO at: (704) 970-2710. Please note it may take several days to set up your account with ARBO. You may find your OE Tracker number with the look up tool on the ARBO website. For further instructions see:

- https://s3.amazonaws.com/arbo.org/public/attendee_app_instructions.pdf
 - <https://www.arbo.org/oetracker>
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