

Saturday
April 25

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

Continental breakfast - sponsored by
St. Luke's Cataract and Laser Institute

Exhibit Hall Open

8:15 am - 9:55 am

**New Frontiers in Cornea, Cataract,
Refractive and Glaucoma (2, TQ)**
Neel R. Desai, M.D., Priti Panchal, O.D.

9:55 am - 10:40 am **Break**

Exhibit Hall Open

10:40 am - 12:20 pm

**Amblyopia Management for Primary
Care O.D.s (1)**
**Acquired Brain Injury: What the O.D.
Needs to Know (1)**
Richard Sorkin, O.D.

12:20 pm - 1:10 pm

Lunch - sponsored by *Retina Vitreous
Associates of Florida*

Exhibit Hall Open

1:10 pm - 1:20 pm

Lighthouse of Pinellas Update

1:20 pm - 1:30 pm

FOA Update

1:30 pm - 3:10 pm

**Pharmaceutical Update - Innovations
and Insights for Eye Care (2, TQ)**
Greg Caldwell, O.D.

3:10 pm - 3:30 pm

Break

3:30 pm - 5:10 pm

**Latest Advances in Eye Care
Technology - Innovations in Early
Detection and Management (2, TQ)**
Greg Caldwell, O.D.

Sunday
April 26

7:30 am - 8:00 am

Registration

Continental breakfast - sponsored by
the POA

8:00 am - 9:40 am

**Grand Rounds - Improving Eye Care
and outcomes for Patients (2, TQ)**
Greg Caldwell, O.D.

9:40 am - 10:00 am

Break

10:00 am - 11:40 am

Prevention of Medical Errors
Alice Sterling, O.D.

11:40 am - 12:00 pm

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12:00 pm - 1:40 pm

Florida Jurisprudence
Alice Sterling, O.D.

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

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

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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>

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THE SUNCOAST SEMINAR

PRESENTED BY THE PINELLAS OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

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April 25 - 26, 2026



**Featuring 14 hours of optometric
continuing education including:**

- 10 hours COPE, 8 hours TQ (approved or pending)
- 2 hours Optometric Jurisprudence
- 2 hours Medical Errors



The Pinellas Optometric Association welcomes you to the 34th annual Suncoast Seminar

Courses include 10 COPE approved or pending credit hours (8 of which are transcript quality), plus 2 hours of optometric jurisprudence, and 2 hours of medical errors. COPE 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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Registration

Fee schedule:

Early Registration through March 25, 2026

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

Late Registration after March 25, 2026

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



Register online at:

<https://suncoastseminar2026.cheddarup.com>

Active POA members may be eligible for additional discount; be sure to ask about the discount code before registering if eligible.

Cancellations through March 25, 2026 are subject to a \$50 non-refundable administration fee. We will not be able to process refunds for cancellations after March 25, 2026.

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 3/25/2026 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 lookup tool on the ARBO website:

<https://www.arbo.org/oetracker>

For further instructions for the OE Tracker app see:

https://s3.amazonaws.com/arbo.org/public/attendee_app_instructions.pdf



Faculty

Greg Caldwell, O.D., F.A.A.O. – Pennsylvania College of Optometry; Residency in primary care and ocular disease, The Eye Institute, Philadelphia PA; Diplomate, A.B.O.; private practice in Duncansville, PA

Neel R. Desai, M.D. – Pennsylvania State University College of Medicine; Fellowship in cornea, cataract, and refractive surgery, Wilmer Eye Institute, Johns Hopkins Hospital; Medical Director, Lions Eye Bank, Tampa FL; private practice, Eye Institute of West Florida, Largo and Tampa, FL

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Richard Sorkin, O.D., F.A.A.O., F.C.O.V.D. – Nova Southeastern University; Residency in pediatrics and binocular vision, N.S.U.; private practice (vision therapy specialty), St. Petersburg, FL

Alice Sterling, O.D. – U.A.B. School of Optometry; past chairperson, Florida Board of Optometry; private practice, Florida Eye Clinic, Orlando, FL

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