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AMERICAN EYE STUDY CLUB
 Whistler, British Columbia 2026

2026 Clinical Program & Meeting Schedule

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Sunday, July 26, 2026			
5:00 pm		Meeting Registration Opens	Croquet Lawn (outside, exit toward the back of the main lobby)
4:00 pm - 5:45 pm		AESC Foundation Board of Trustees	Deerhurst Room (3 rd Floor)
6:10 pm		Gathering for New Members & families with AESC & Foundation Officers	Croquet Lawn
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm		Welcome Reception/Dinner	Croquet Lawn

Monday, July 27, 2026			
6:30 am - 9:30 am		Breakfast for Members & families	Frontenac A Ballroom
7:30 am - 12:30 pm		General Sessions	Frontenac B/C Ballroom
7:30 am - 9:00 am		Welcome and Introductions All members around the table	Pamela E. Williams, MD; President <i>Ann Arbor, MI</i> Amit Tandon, MD; Program Chair <i>Columbus, OH</i>
9:00 am - 10:20 am		Scientific Session I AI, Innovation & Future Ophthalmology	Moderator: Mitul Vakharia, MD
9:00 am (15)		AI Glaucoma Screening: Our Initial Experience	Jeffrey D. Henderer, MD <i>Haverford, PA</i>
9:15 am (15)		Comparable Real-World Gains from Autonomous AI for Eye Exams for Diabetes in Rural and Urban Clinics	David Vollman, MD MBA <i>Excelsior, MN</i>
9:30 am (15)		External-Eye Imaging as a Scalable Platform for Periorbital Measurement, Global Dataset Curation, and Ophthalmic AI	Ann Tran, MD <i>Chicago, IL</i>
9:45 am (15)		Revenue Cycle Management and the Role of AI	Arvind Saini, MD MBA <i>Escondido, CA</i>
10:00 am (20)		Gun Violence in America	Cynthia Chiu, MD <i>Danville, CA</i>
10:20 am - 10:35 am		Coffee Break	Frontenac Lobby

10:35 am - 12:30 pm		Scientific Session II Glaucoma, Leadership & Population Health	<i>Moderator: Curtis Hagedorn, MD</i>
10:35 am (15)		Primary Angle Closure Suspect: Is Laser Iridotomy the Treatment of Choice in All Cases?	James Tsai, MD <i>New York, NY</i>
10: 50 am (15)		Ethics at the Angle: Decision Making in Glaucoma Across Worlds	Christopher Teng, MD MBA <i>New Haven, CT</i>
11:05 am (15)		10 years of Diabetic Tele-Screening: Have We Made a Difference?	Jacquelyn O'Banion, MD MSc <i>Atlanta, GA</i>
11:20 am (15)		Business resources for CEOs and Senior Leaders in Ophthalmology	Robert Melendez, MD MBA <i>Albuquerque, NM</i>
11:35 am (15)		Federal Advocacy Update: Protecting Ophthalmology in a Changing Health Care Landscape	Sohail Hasan, MD PhD <i>Orland Park, IL</i>
11:50 a.m. (30)		Life in Ophthalmology After Retirement	Robert Gold, MD - <i>Philadelphia, PA</i> Linda Tsai, MD MBA - <i>Scottsdale, AZ</i>
12:20 pm (10)		Discussion and Wrap-up	
12:30 pm		Meeting Adjourns <i>Afternoon and evening recreational activities</i>	

Tuesday, July 28, 2026			
6:30 am - 9:30 am		Buffet Breakfast for Members and Families	Frontenac A Ballroom
7:00 am - 8:00 am (60)		OMIC Risk Management Session – <i>Frontenac B/C Ballroom</i> Cataract Surgery Safety: Strategies to Reduce Adverse Events using a Systems Approach	Arvind Saini, MD MBA <i>Escondido, CA</i>
8:00 am - 12:15 pm		General Session	Frontenac B/C Ballroom
8:00 am - 10:00 am		Scientific Session III	Moderator: Robert Fish, MD Leadership, Culture & Professional Development
8:00 am		Announcements & New Introductions	
8:08 am (7)		The Terry Bergstrom History Talk - The AESC 50 Years Ago: 1976	Robert S. Gold, MD <i>Orlando, FL</i>
8:15 am (15)		More Than a Game: Life Lessons from a Historic College Football Season	Stephen Klapper, MD <i>Carmel, IN</i>
8:30 am (15)		Sagging Eye Syndrome: A Baby Boomer Disease	George S. Ellis, MD <i>Metairie, LA</i>
8:45 am (15)		Beauty and the Beast: What Drives Some Toward Aesthetics	Wendy Lee, MD <i>Miami, FL</i>
9:00 am (15)		Obstructive Sleep Apnea and the Eye	Andrea Tooley, MD <i>Padukah, KY</i>

9:15 am (15)		CRAO Is a Stroke – But tPA Is Not the Answer	John Chen, MD PhD <i>Rochester, MN</i>
9:30 am (20)		Getting Back on the Horse: The Emotional Toll of Surgical Complications and the Evidence-based Path to Thriving	Shira Robbins, MD <i>La Jolla, CA</i>
9:50 am - 10:05 am		Coffee Break	
10:05 am - 12:15 pm		Scientific Session IV	<i>Moderator:</i> Glen Hoar, MD
10:05 am (15)		The Power of Prolene for IOL Placement	Charles Cole, MD <i>New York, NY</i>
10:20 am (15)		Sustainable Ambulatory Surgery Center Business Model: A Changing Landscape	Lauren Ditta, MD <i>Memphis, TN</i>
10:35 sm (15)		Unexpected Outcomes After Intraocular Lens Implantation: A Brief Look at Intraocular Lens Production Quality Standards	Robert Fish, MD Littleton, CO
10:50 am (25)		Panel Discussion -- Which IOL Would You Choose?	Purnima Patel, MD; <i>Atlanta, GA</i> Sidney Gicheru, MD, <i>Irving, TX</i> Robert Melendez, MD; <i>Albuquerque, NM</i> Sonny Goel, MD; <i>Clarksville, MD</i>
11:15 am (15)		AI Education and Eye-TEACH	R.V. Paul Chan, MD Msc MBA <i>Chicago, IL</i>
11:30 am - 12:15 pm (45)		22 ND AESC FOUNDATION JERRY & DONNA KNAUER LECTURE - Establishing an Osteodonto Keratoprosthesis Program in Canada	Greg Moloney, MD, FRCSC <i>Vancouver, BC</i>
12:15 pm Afternoon Evening		Meeting Adjourns Pickle Ball, Zipline & Recreation on your own AESC Banquet	<i>Squamish Lil'wat Cultural Centre</i>

Wednesday, July 29, 2026			
6:30 am - 9:30 am		Buffet Breakfast for Members and Families	Frontenac A Ballroom
8:00 am - 12:45 pm		General Session	Frontenac B/C Ballroom
8:00 am - 9:45 am		Scientific Session V	<i>Moderator:</i> Edward Hall, MD
8:00 am		Announcements & New Introductions	
8:08 am (15)		And Now We Have a Clinical Test: Aqueous, the Final Chapter?	Jesse Berry, MD <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
8:23 am (15)		Gene Therapy for Neovascular AMD Sura-Vec: Results of Bilateral Dosing from a Fellow Eye Study	Jeremiah Brown, MD <i>Schertz, TX</i>
8:38 am (15)		siRNA - A New Paradigm for Treatment of Major Retinal Diseases	P. Lloyd Hildrebrand, MD <i>Las Vegas, NV</i>
8:53 am (15)		Biopsy of Uveal Melanoma: How to Adapt	Basil Williams, MD <i>Miami, FL</i>

9:08 am (15)		Visual Outcomes and Treatment Interval Changes in Eyes Transitioned to Bevacizumab	Matthew Cunningham, MD <i>Orlando, FL</i>
9:23 am (15)		Supraorbital Vibration As An Adjuvant to Topical Anesthesia During Intravitreal Therapy	Victor Villegas, MD <i>San Juan, PR</i>
9:40 am - 10:00 am		Coffee Break	
10:00 am - 12:45 pm		Scientific Session VI	<i>Moderator:</i> Matthew Cunningham, MD
10:00 am (15)		GLP-1 Receptor Agonists, Friend or Foe?	Aleksandra Ratchitskaya, MD <i>Cleveland, OH</i>
10:15 am (15)		Cutis Marmorata Telangiectatica Congenita: Retinal Anomalies and Dermatologic Manifestations	Vaidehi S. Dedania, MD <i>New York, NY</i>
10:30 am (15)		Upcoming Technologies in Pediatric Ophthalmology	Faruk Orge, MD <i>Columbus, OH</i>
10:45 am (15)		An Uphill Battle for Uveitis Patients: Celebrating Small Victories 1 PA at a Time	Ann-Marie Lobo-Chan, MD <i>Chicago, IL</i>
11:00 am (15)		An Interesting Case of Endophthalmitis	Glen Hoar, MD <i>Comox, BC</i>
11:15 am (15)		YAG! (I couldn't think of a better title...)	Edward Hall, MD <i>Rochester, NY</i>
11:30 am (15)		Management of Recurrent Thyroid Eye Disease Following Tepezza	Steven Couch, MD <i>Fenton, MO</i>
11:45 am (15)		Considerations for Office-based Surgery Center Reimbursement	Sidney Gicheru, MD <i>Irving, TX</i>
12:00 pm - 12:45 pm (45)		Workshop/symposium: Work Life Balance and Open Forum	Led by George S. Ellis, MD
12:45 pm		Meeting Adjourns <i>Afternoon Recreation; Dinner on your own</i>	

Thursday, July 30, 2026			
6:30 am - 9:30 am		Buffet Breakfast for Members & Families	Frontenac A Ballroom
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm		General Session	Frontenac B/C Ballroom
1:30 pm - 3:30 pm		Scientific Session VII	<i>Moderator:</i> Andrea Tooley, MD
1:30 pm (15)		The Importance of Music in Blindness	Curtis Hagedorn, MD <i>Denver, CO</i>
1:45 pm (15)		Cold Therapy for Chronic Ocular Surface Eye Pain: A New Treatment For an Old, Stubborn Problem	Cristos Ifantides, MD MBA <i>Cape Coral, FL</i>
2:00 pm (15)		Financial Return on Investment of Fellowship Training in Ophthalmology: A Multi center Study	Jeremiah Tao, MD <i>Irvine, CA</i>

2:15 pm (15)		3 Years In: 3 Lessons Learned	Reza Vagefi, MD <i>Wellesley, MA</i>
2:30 pm (15)		How to Succeed at Succession Planning	Thomas Lee, MD <i>Los Angeles, CA</i>
2:45 pm (15)		Secondary Intraocular Lenses with Scleral Fixation: Optimizing Outcomes and Managing Complications	Murtaza Adam, MD <i>Denver, CO</i>
3:00 pm (30)		Free for All – Case discussions or interesting topics... try to keep to 5 minutes each	
3:30 pm - 4:00 pm		Ice Cream Social	Frontenac Foyer
4:00 pm - 5:15 pm		AESC Business Meeting	Frontenac B/C Ballroom
5:15 pm		Conference Adjourns	
6:00 pm		Baptismo Emeritus Reception	Croquet Lawn