

32<sup>ND</sup> ANNUAL GIFFORD-TRUHLSSEN CONFERENCE 2026

# Clinical and Translational Advancements in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

## Friday, May 29

<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Opening Ronald Krueger, MD	<b>12:00 p.m.</b>	Lunch / Visit Exhibitors
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	CTAK and Corneal Crosslinking: Evolving Standards in Keratoconus Treatment Brian Armstrong, MD	<b>1:00 p.m.</b>	Uveitis Update 2026 Steve Yeh, MD
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	<b>Judy &amp; C. David Fritch, MD Lecture</b> OCT Applications in Laser Corneal Surgeries David Huang, MD, PhD	<b>1:15 p.m.</b>	<b>Stanley M. Truhlsen, MD Memorial Lecture</b> Treatment of Retinopathy of Prematurity: Where We Are and Where We Are Going G. Baker Hubbard III, MD
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	Q&A	<b>1:45 p.m.</b>	Q&A
<b>9:00 a.m.</b>	Sutureless Epikeratophakia Using a Donor SMILE Lenticule after Previously Aborted SMILE due to Laser Malfunction Ivey Thornton, MD	<b>2:00 p.m.</b>	Break
<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	EVO ICL Sizing in the Modern Era: Imaging, AI, and Precision Planning Lance Kugler, MD	<b>2:15 p.m.</b>	Safety of Retinal Surgery Without Post-op Antibiotic Eyedrops Bailey Shen, MD
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	When to Choose WFO vs. WFG vs. TG vs. RT LASIK in the Correction of Low to Moderate Myopia with Astigmatism Ronald Krueger, MD	<b>2:30 p.m.</b>	Uncovering the Mysteries of Coat's Disease Pukhraj Rishi, MBBS
<b>9:45 a.m.</b>	Break	<b>2:45 p.m.</b>	Retina Cases Discussion: Management of AMD, DME and Retinal Disease in 2026 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Steven Yeh, MD</li> <li>• Bailey Shen, MD</li> <li>• Pukhraj Rishi, MD</li> <li>• G. Baker Hubbard III, MD</li> </ul>
<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	Incubators of Innovation: From Ideation to Clinical Practice John Vukich, MD	<b>3:30 p.m.</b>	Break
<b>10:30 a.m.</b>	Next Gen AI Reports: See, Detect, and Explain Ashok Puri, MBBS	<b>3:45 p.m.</b>	Management of Diabetic Traction Retinal Detachment: When to Perform Vitrectomy and Tips for Success G. Baker Hubbard III, MD
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Interventional Glaucoma Algorithms: Drops vs. SLT/dSLT Jessica Liu, MD	<b>4:15 p.m.</b>	Translational Research with Novel Retinal Imaging for the Future Barry Cense, PhD
<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	Outcomes of Micro Pulse Transscleral Cyclophotocoagulation in Pediatric Glaucoma Sinha Shruti, MD	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>	Promises and Limitations of OCT and OCT Angiography in Optic Nerve Diseases David Huang, MD, PhD
<b>11:15 p.m.</b>	Glaucoma Panel – Case Reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vikas Gulati, MD, PhD</li> <li>• Shane Havens, MD</li> <li>• Jessica Liu, MD</li> </ul>	<b>5:00 p.m.</b>	Reception with Vendors
		<b>6:30 p.m.</b>	Dinner

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### Saturday, May 30

<b>7:45 a.m.</b>	Opening Ronald Krueger, MD	<b>10:57 a.m.</b>	Posterior Choroidal Rupture in Four-week-old from Dog Bite while Co-sleeping Derek Lahm, MD
<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	Ocularist Explained Trevor Greer, COT	<b>11:09 a.m.</b>	Half Dosing of Teprotumumab: A Case Series Linus Amarikwa, MD
<b>8:15 a.m.</b>	Reconstruction in the Zone of Zero Forgiveness Rao Chundury, MD	<b>11:21 a.m.</b>	Evaluation of Perinatal and Ocular Risk Factors for Persistent Avascular Retina Following Low Dose (0.03mg) Bevacizumab for Type 1 ROP Hythem Abouodah, MD
<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	Beauty and Brains: Skull Based Surgery Utilizing a Blepharoplasty Incision Lauren O'Neill	<b>11:33 a.m.</b>	Pre-intervention Reporting of Eye Vitals in Consultation Messages from Emergency Room Physicians Jeff Warner, MD
<b>8:45 a.m.</b>	<b>Harold Gifford, MD Memorial Lecture</b> The Evolution of Intraocular Lens Technology John Vukich, MD	<b>11:45 a.m.</b>	Analyzing the effects of Pupil Size on Higher Order Aberrations in Patients with a Micro-aperture IOL Brandon Vander Zee, MD
<b>9:15 a.m.</b>	Q&A	<b>11:57 p.m.</b>	Association Between Metabolic Profile and Response to Topical Latanoprost in Patients with Ocular Hypertension or Glaucoma Charlene Choo, MD
<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	Cataract / Refractive Innovation Panel – Case Reviews <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Brian Armstrong, MD</li><li>Ronald Krueger, MD</li><li>Ivey Thornton, MD</li><li>John Vukich, MD</li></ul>	<b>12:09 p.m.</b>	Publication Rates and Patterns of Registered Retina Trials Golnoush Mahmoudi-Nezhad, MD
<b>10:15 a.m.</b>	Break	<b>12:21 p.m.</b>	Risk Factors and Visual Acuity Outcomes of Optic Nerve Involvement in Patients with Ocular Syphilis at a Tertiary Hospital (2010-2025) Nam Nguyen, MD
<b>10:25 a.m.</b>	New Insights from the Nebraska CVI Project on the Problem of Diagnosing Pediatric Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment John Rogers, M3	<b>12:33 p.m.</b>	Q&A
<b>10:35 a.m.</b>	The Prognosis of Visual Snow: A Systematic Review Alexis Hobelman, M2	<b>12:45 p.m.</b>	<b>ADJOURN</b>
<b>10:45 a.m.</b>	Eye Care Abroad: A Kenyan Clinic with a Husker Heart Imani Williams, MD		



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