

32ND ANNUAL GIFFORD-TRUHLSEN CONFERENCE 2026

Clinical and Translational Advancements in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences

Friday, May 29

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

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Saturday, May 30

- 7:45 a.m.** Opening
Ronald Krueger, MD
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- 8:00 a.m.** Ocularist Explained
Trevor Greer, COT
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- 8:15 a.m.** Reconstruction in the Zone of Zero Forgiveness
Rao Chundury, MD
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- 8:30 a.m.** Beauty and Brains: Skull Based Surgery Utilizing a Blepharoplasty Incision
Lauren O'Neill
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- 8:45 a.m.** **Harold Gifford, MD Memorial Lecture**
The Evolution of Intraocular Lens Technology
John Vukich, MD
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- 9:15 a.m.** Q&A
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- 9:30 a.m.** Cataract / Refractive Innovation Panel – Case Reviews
- Brian Armstrong, MD
 - Ronald Krueger, MD
 - Ivey Thornton, MD
 - John Vukich, MD
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- 10:15 a.m.** Break
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- 10:25 a.m.** New Insights from the Nebraska CVI Project on the Problem of Diagnosing Pediatric Cerebral/Cortical Visual Impairment
John Rogers, M3
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- 10:35 a.m.** The Prognosis of Visual Snow: A Systematic Review
Alexis Hobelman, M2
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- 10:45 a.m.** Eye Care Abroad: A Kenyan Clinic with a Husker Heart
Imani Williams, MD
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- 10:57 a.m.** Posterior Choroidal Rupture in Four-week-old from Dog Bite while Co-sleeping
Derek Lahm, MD
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- 11:09 a.m.** Half Dosing of Teprotumumab: A Case Series
Linus Amarikwa, MD
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- 11:21 a.m.** Evaluation of Perinatal and Ocular Risk Factors for Persistent Avascular Retina Following Low Dose (0.03mg) Bevacizumab for Type 1 ROP
Hythem Abouodah, MD
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- 11:33 a.m.** Pre-intervention Reporting of Eye Vitals in Consultation Messages from Emergency Room Physicians
Jeff Warner, MD
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- 11:45 a.m.** Analyzing the effects of Pupil Size on Higher Order Aberrations in Patients with a Micro-aperture IOL
Brandon Vander Zee, MD
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- 11:57 p.m.** Association Between Metabolic Profile and Response to Topical Latanoprost in Patients with Ocular Hypertension or Glaucoma
Charlene Choo, MD
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- 12:09 p.m.** Publication Rates and Patterns of Registered Retina Trials
Golnoush Mahmoudi-Nezhad, MD
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- 12:21 p.m.** Risk Factors and Visual Acuity Outcomes of Optic Nerve Involvement in Patients with Ocular Syphilis at a Tertiary Hospital (2010-2025)
Nam Nguyen, MD
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- 12:33 p.m.** Q&A
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- 12:45 p.m.** **ADJOURN**



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