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7:30 - 8:15 AM: Registration / Continental Breakfast / Exhibits

8:15 - 9:00 AM: OMIC Risk Management

- **Speaker: Michelle Pineda**

1. Identify and implement at least three key risk management strategies to mitigate common malpractice risks specific to New Jersey ophthalmic practices, such as proper documentation, informed consent procedures, and effective communication protocols for patient follow-up and referrals.

9:00 - 9:45 AM: Before It Becomes a Claim: Managing Risk in Refractive Cataract and Elective Surgeries

- **Speaker: Lisa M. Nijm, MD, JD**

1. Identify key communication and patient-selection risk points across premium and elective ophthalmic procedures based on publicly obtained data regarding malpractice litigation.
2. Apply practical strategies for expectation-setting, informed consent, and documentation to improve patient trust, reduce dissatisfaction, and help surgeons decrease their risk for litigation.

9:45 - 10:30 AM: Treatment of Uveitis for the Comprehensive Ophthalmologist

- **Speaker: James P. Dunn, MD**

1. Differentiate between the common types of uveitis to accurately determine optimal timelines for subspecialty consultation.
2. Identify clinical indicators that demonstrate when steroid therapy is insufficient in uveitis management.

10:30 - 11:00 AM: Break & Exhibit Hall

11:00 - 11:45 AM: Thyroid Eye Disease - Past, Present, and Future

- **Speaker: Sathyadeepak Ramesh, MD, FACS**

1. Evaluate the latest diagnostic options and clinical markers for Thyroid Eye Disease (TED).
2. Analyze and integrate modern targeted biologic therapies into the clinical management of TED.

11:45 AM - 12:15 PM: Building a Better Blepharoplasty

- **Speaker: Sathyadeepak Ramesh, MD, FACS**
 1. Compare modern blepharoplasty techniques to optimize patient selection and surgical execution.
 2. Formulate a treatment plan that incorporates appropriate adjunctive procedures alongside a standard blepharoplasty.

12:15 - 12:45 PM: Business Meeting

12:45 - 1:45 PM: Lunch & Exhibit Hall

1:45 - 2:15 PM: Corneal Neurotization for Neurotrophic Keratitis

- **Speaker: Sathyadeepak Ramesh, MD, FACS**
 1. Assess novel surgical and medical treatments available for the management of neurotrophic keratitis (NK).
 2. Review and interpret clinical outcomes and patient recovery paths following corneal neurotization procedures.

2:15 - 3:00 PM: The AI-Enabled Ophthalmologist: What Happens When ChatGPT Enters the Exam Lane

- **Speaker: Lisa M. Nijm, MD, JD**
 1. Describe how AI-assisted counseling tools can help collect lifestyle preferences, educate patients, and identify expectation-related risk factors before premium cataract and elective ophthalmic consultations.
 2. Develop a practical framework for integrating AI into premium ophthalmic workflows while preserving surgeon judgment, informed consent, and patient trust.

3:00 - 3:15 PM: Afternoon Break

3:15 - 4:15 PM: Visual Hallucinations and Illusions

- **Speaker: Grant T. Liu, MD**
 1. Distinguish between a hallucination (perception in the complete absence of external stimuli) and an illusion (misinterpretation of a real external stimulus).
 2. Classify hallucinations into simple/unformed (flashes, dots) versus complex/formed (people, animals, or complete scenes).
 3. Recognize various types of migraine visual aura.
 4. Diagnose and advise patients with visual snow syndrome.

4:15-5:00 PM TENTATIVE IF RECEIVE GRANT FOR ADDITIONAL LAST SPEAKER