

WED SEPT. 23

8:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Executive Committee Meeting
Desert Rose Room

THURS SEPT. 24

8:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

WOA Board of Directors Meeting
Mangrove Room

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration
Registration Booth 3

1:00 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

"The Changing Landscape of Ocular Pharmacology: What's New and What's Next"
Cecelia Koetting, OD
2 hours PH | COPE: 103929-PH (Pending)
Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

Stay ahead of the curve with this fast-paced update on the newest FDA-approved drugs, devices, and technologies in eye care. From dry eye breakthroughs and glaucoma innovations to emerging myopia control options, learn what's new, what's next, and what matters most in clinical practice.

2:45 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL BREAK
Kilimanjaro 2-7 Room

Coffee, snacks, prize drawings and more!

3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

"It's All in Your Head: Diagnosing Neurologic Eye Conditions"
Cecelia Koetting, OD
2 hours NO | COPE#: 101597-NO (Pending)
Kilimanjaro 1 & 8 Rooms

The anterior segment is not immune to neurological disorders. From nerve injury to pain syndromes, the cornea and surrounding structures can be the primary site of symptoms, or a window into systemic disease. This course will explore the spectrum of neurological anterior segment conditions, including neurotrophic keratitis, neuropathic ocular pain, cervicogenic pain, and trigeminal neuralgia. Attendees will learn to differentiate these conditions from common

ocular surface disease, recognize their systemic connections, and apply appropriate management strategies, both ocular and neurologic.

—OR—

"Making Pediatric Eyecare Fun for All"

Marty Williamson, OD
1 hour GO | COPE#: NA
Aralia Room

Pediatric eyecare can be frustrating and challenging, but it should be fun for clinicians and patients alike. From being scared, to short attention spans, to being downright obstinate, completing a comprehensive eye exam on a child can be difficult. Children with cognitive restrictions and sensory processing disorders need special care to provide a positive experience. This course will cover common barriers presented by children and how we as clinicians can overcome them.

—and—

"Zebras of Pediatric Ocular Disease"

Marty Williamson, OD
1 hour TD | COPE#: NA
Aralia Room

Many ocular diseases can affect pediatric patients, but distinguishing common conditions from rare ones can be challenging. This case-based course features several patients whose seemingly routine presentations ultimately proved to be uncommon conditions.

5:15 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL OPEN HOUSE RECEPTION
Kilimanjaro Rooms 2-7
Hors d'oeuvres, prizes, beverages!

FRI SEPT. 25

7:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Registration
Registration Booth 3

7:00 a.m.—7:50 a.m.

"Unlocking Smart Strategies and Tools"
w/ Hot Breakfast!
Sponsored by Alcon Laboratories
Aralia Room

Powering Daily Disposable Contact Lens Practice Performance.

FRI SEPT. 25 CONT.

7:15 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast for Doctors
Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

"The Science of Red Light Therapy"

Cecelia Koetting, OD
1 hour TD | COPE#: 103289-TD (Pending)
Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

This lecture will provide an overview of photobiomodulation and its treatment applications for ocular surface disease. We will discuss the science of technology, treatment protocols, and clinical applications. Case studies will be reviewed to demonstrate implementation pearls and best practices.

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"The Triad You Didn't Learn: Gut, Eye, Brain"

Cecelia Koetting, O.D.
1 hour SD | COPE#: 103165-SD (Pending)
Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

The gut-eye-brain axis is gaining attention—what does the research say, and what should optometrists do with it? We'll unpack current findings and explore simple, practical ways to start the conversation in clinic.

9:45 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

EXHIBIT HALL BREAK

Kilimanjaro 2-7 Room
Coffee, snacks, prize drawings and more!

10:30 a.m. - 12:10 p.m.

"Will the Real Glaucoma, Please Stand Up"

Cecelia Koetting, O.D.
2 hours GL | COPE#: 103697-GL (Pending)
Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

When evaluating new patients to your practice or a previous patient, it is important to monitor optic nerve changes. When we see RNFL thinning and or visual field loss, we know we need to treat the patient for glaucoma. But what is the true underlying etiology? In this lecture we will explore the diagnostic and management differences between primary open angle and low tension glaucoma versus secondary glaucoma and other ONH changes.

12:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Membership Awards Luncheon

Tamboti, Aloeswood, Marula Rooms

1:30 p.m. - 3:20 p.m.

"Updates on Diagnosis and Management of Non-Infectious Uveitis"

Erich Hinel, O.D.
1 hour TD | COPE: 105195-TD (Pending)
Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

Uveitis is a serious and potentially destructive intraocular inflammation. It can often be the presenting clinical manifestation of an underlying systemic disease. This course highlights a practical clinical approach to the diagnosis and management of non-infectious uveitis, with emphasis on appropriate serologic testing and contemporary treatment strategies.

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"Recognition and Managing Infectious Uveitis"

Erich Hinel, O.D.
1 hour TD | COPE: 105196-TD (Pending)
Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

This course will present an overview of the identification and management of common forms of viral, bacterial, and parasitic etiologies of uveitis. Interesting and challenging patient cases will be presented that illustrate key clinical concepts and management strategies.

3:20 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL BREAK

Kilimanjaro Rooms 2-7
Coffee, snacks, prize drawings and more!

4:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

"Solving the Scleritis Dilemma"

Erich Hinel, O.D.
1 hour TD | COPE#: 105197-TD (Pending)
Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

Scleritis can present unique challenges for even the most experienced clinician. It is frequently associated with underlying autoimmune disease and can be the first clinical manifestation of life-threatening systemic vasculitis. This course will discuss the clinical approach necessary for successfully managing scleral inflammation.

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FRI SEPT. 25 CONT.

"Binge Worthy Patient Cases"

Erich Hinel, O.D.

1 hour TD | COPE: 105198-TD (Pending)

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

This course presents a series of patient cases from one of the nation's largest tertiary referral centers. Participants will be guided through discussion of interesting, challenging, and high-yield pathologies, with an emphasis on strengthening diagnostic skills and highlighting practical clinical pearls. Treatment and long-term management approaches aimed at reducing recurrences will be discussed.

5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

EXHIBIT HALL OPEN HOUSE

Final Session

Kilimanjaro Rooms 2-7

Hors d'oeuvres, prizes, beverages!

6:15 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

New Member/Student Orientation

Mangrove Room

7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

WOA Next Networking Social

All Doctors welcome!

Aralia Room

8:00 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

WOA Band Night with 3 Degree Shed

Tamboti, Aloeswood, Marula Rooms

SAT SEPT. 26

7:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Registration

Registration Booth 3

7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

"It's Always Herpes - Looking Beyond the Dendrite"

Erich Hinel, O.D.

1 hour TD | COPE#: 105199-TD (Pending)

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

Herpetic eye disease can present with a broad range of ocular manifestations. This course will review the full clinical spectrum of herpetic eye disease and emphasize key diagnostic clues beyond the classic findings.

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"When Good Medicines Go Bad: Ocular Side Effects of Topical and Systemic Medications"

Erich Hinel, O.D.

1 hour PH | COPE: 105200-PH (Pending)

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

This lecture reviews the ocular side effects of commonly prescribed systemic medications, with an emphasis on adverse effects associated with newer cancer therapies. Strategies for early detection, appropriate monitoring, and effective patient management will be discussed to reduce the risk of vision-threatening complications.

9:45 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

WOA Business Meeting

All WOA Members

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

President's Luncheon

Kilimanjaro Rooms 2 & 3 & 6 & 7

1:30 p.m. - 3:15 p.m.

"All About Papilledema"

Kelly Malloy, O.D.

1 hour NO | COPE#: 100884-NO (Pending)

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

This course reviews the clinical presentation of papilledema, and why it should be considered a medical emergency, even in subtle cases. This case-based presentation will demonstrate various etiologies of papilledema and discuss treatment of the underlying cause in both adults and children.

—and—

"A Clinician's Guide to Differentiating Glaucoma from Neuro-Ophthalmic Disease"

Kelly Malloy, O.D.

1 hour GL | COPE#: 100017-GL (Pending)

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

Increase your understanding of normal tension glaucoma (NTG) as a neurodegenerative disease with several pathophysiologic theories and

Event Schedule & Course Descriptions

SAT SEPT. 26 CONT.

systemic considerations, and learn to use the ABCs of NTG to differentiate it from a variety of neuro-ophthalmic disease processes.

3:15 p.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Break

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

3:30 p.m. - 5:15 p.m.

"Is It Real or No Big Deal?"

Kelly Malloy, O.D.

2 hours NO | COPE#: 102162-NO (Pending)

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

When working in a primary eye care setting, a variety of conditions present daily. It can be difficult to know when signs or symptoms suggest an urgent or emergent issue. This case-based course demonstrates several patient scenarios and asks participants how they would handle each. We have many tools at our disposal, which when used appropriately, can help to differentiate if the patient's signs & symptoms are real, or no big deal.

SUN SEPT. 27

7:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Registration

Registration Booth 3

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

8:00 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

"Cupped But Not Convinced"

Kelly Malloy, O.D.

2 hours TD | COPE#: (Pending)

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

Optic disc cupping is commonly equated with glaucoma, yet numerous optic neuropathies—including ischemic, traumatic, demyelinating, congenital, compressive, and tractional disorders—

can mimic glaucomatous damage. This course emphasizes the importance of integrating optic nerve head OCT, macular OCT (including GCL and en face analysis), visual fields, and clinical findings to accurately distinguish glaucoma from non glaucomatous optic neuropathy through a case-based approach.

9:45 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Break

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

10:00 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

"Breathe In, Refer Out "

Kelly Malloy, O.D.

1 hour SD | COPE#: 100753-SD (Pending)

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

This case-based lecture highlights visual and ocular signs and symptoms which lead to the diagnosis of lung-related abnormalities. Optometrists have the skill set to suspect and recognize potential pulmonary issues if they take the time to listen to their patients, ask pertinent questions, and carefully assess visual function and ocular health. Accurate and timely referral to pulmonology or other appropriate specialists can save vision and prevent systemic complications.

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"The Top 25 Neuro-Ophthalmic Tips for Optometrists"

Kelly Malloy, O.D.

1 hour NO | COPE#: 102676-NO (Pending)

Kilimanjaro Rooms 1 & 8

This fast-paced lecture highlights 25 of the most important tips, tricks, and lessons that will help make neuro-ophthalmic cases easier to handle. Case snippets are used to demonstrate and emphasize these tips.



See you in September!

