



Winter Symposium
February 22 - 25, 2026
St. Regis Hotel · Aspen, Colorado

Program Chair: **Stephen G. Slade MD, FACS**

<u>Moderators:</u>	Steven Dell, MD	Kerry Solomon, MD
	John Doane, MD	William Trattler, MD
	Kendall Donaldson, MD	John Vukich, MD
	Marguerite McDonald, MD, FACS	William Wiley, MD

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

5:30 to 7:30 pm Opening Reception (*Astor Ballroom*)

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Morning Session:

06:30 – 07:00 Breakfast with the Experts (*Astor Ballroom, Pre-function area*)

07:00 **Session 1: The Innovator's Session: Regulation, Reimbursement, Profitability**
Moderators: **Stephen Slade, MD and Steven Dell, MD**

07:05 AECOS Update **Kendall Donaldson MD**
President, AECOS America

07:15 Keynote: The Future of Everything **Jeffrey Kimbell, JD**

07:40 Looking Forward in Regulation and Reimbursement **Alan Reider, JD**
Allison Shuren, JD

08:10 LASIK: Social Media and the Law **Robert Maloney, MD**

08:15 Private Equity in 2026 **Chris Moore, MBA**

08:30 The Industry Panel
Panel: **Michael Achtelik MD, Laurent Attias, Warren Foust, Jim Hollingshead, Erin Powers, Brent Saunders, Erin Powers, Elizabeth Yeu MD, (+ Abbvie)**

The Innovation Forum (5 min to present, 3 min discussion)

Moderator: **William Link, PhD**

08:45	Ufonia	Nick de Pennington, MD
08:53	Foresight Vision 6	Ayman Naseri, MD
09:01	Aquea Health	Charles Warden
09:09	Horizon Surgical	Jean-Pierre Hubschman, MD

09:17	EyeDura Therapeutics	Srini Venkatesh, PhD MBA
09:25	Eyexora	Theresa Heah, MD
09:33	Morning Session Adjourns	

Monday Afternoon Session:

3:00 pm	Astor Ballroom, Pre-function Area sponsored by Johnson & Johnson
3:30 - 4:00	Case Consultations: Bring your challenging cases for discussion

Session 2: The Modern Practice – What You Should be Doing Now!

Moderators: John Doane, MD and Kerry Solomon, MD

Panel: Analisa Arosemena MD, Neda Nikpoor MD, Yuna Rapoport MD, Caroline Watson MD, Charles Williamson MD

4:00	Personalized Medicine	Cristos Ifantides, MD
4:10	LASIK, LASIK, LASIK	Arjan Hura, MD
4:20	Digital Time Leak and Its Cost	Amaan Khan, MD
4:30	Time Management Study OBS v ASC	Mark Lobanoff, MD
4:40	Behind the Eight Ball	John Doane, MD
4:50	30 Intrascleral Fixated LAL Cases	Huck Holz, MD
5:10	Your Next Premium IOL	Adam Muzychuk, MD
5:20	The Dulaney Award and Lecture	Robert Maloney, MD
5:40	Innovation: What Are You Doing Differently	Kerry Solomon, MD
	<u>Panel:</u> Brandon Ayres MD, Preeya Gupta MD, Neda Shamie MD, Vance Thompson MD, William Wiley MD	Eric Donnenfeld, MD
06:10	<i>Evening Event: The Coleman Show (Astor Ballroom)</i> <i>An Evening with Geoff Tabin, MD</i>	Stephen Coleman MD

TUESDAY, February 24

Morning Session:

06:30 – 7:00	Breakfast with the Experts (Astor Ballroom, Pre-function area)
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Session 3: Modern Surgery

Moderators: Steven Dell, MD and Kendall Donaldson, MD

Panel: Ashley Brissette MD, Joseph Ciolino MD, Eva Kim MD, Mark Lobanoff MD, Robert Weinstock MD

07:00	Big Data Lessons	Steven Schallhorn, MD
07:10	Restoring Accommodation	Ronald Krueger, MD
07:20	Is Refractive Surgery Actually Down?	Vance Thompson, MD
07:30	Quick, Sutureless, Glueless Pterygium Technique	Marguerite McDonald, MD

07:40	<u>The Perfect Case</u> <i>Brandon Ayres MD, Neda Shamie MD, Stephen Slade MD</i>	Stephen Slade, MD
08:10	<u>Panel: Ralph Chu MD, Damien Goldberg MD, James Katz MD, Sheri Rowen MD</u>	
08:10	Improving Calculations for IOL Exchange	Douglas Koch, MD
08:20	Piggyback LAL	John Doane, MD
08:30	Latest Phacoemulsification Technology	Ashley Brissette, MD
08:40	Uveoscleral Outflow	James Lewis, MD
	<u>The Aspen MBA (5 min + 5 min discussion)</u>	Steven Dell, MD
08:50	AI for Optimum Patient Care	John Vukich, MD
09:00	First 150 Cases with an AI Generated Optic	Roger Zaldivar, MD
09:10	AI Generated Patient Flow	Brett Bielory, MD
09:20	AI Driven Patient Acquisition	Jeffrey Machat, MD
09:30	<u>Morning Session Adjourns</u>	
12:00 – 2:00	<u>AECOS presents: The George O. Waring III, MD Memorial Ski Race</u> <i>Ajax Mountain, Nastar Course. (\$50 minimum donation to participate)</i> <i>All proceeds benefit Challenge Aspen – “Creating Possibilities for People with Disabilities”</i> www.challengeaspen.org	

Tuesday Afternoon Session:

3:00 pm	<u>Astor Ballroom, Pre-function Area sponsored by Tarsus Pharmaceuticals</u>	
3:30 – 4:00	<u>Case Consultations: Bring your challenging cases for discussion (Astor Ballroom, Pre-function area)</u>	
<u>Session 4: Challenges in Your Practice</u>		
	<u>Moderators: John Vukich, MD and William Wiley, MD</u>	
	<u>Grand Rounds 1: New Technology and Techniques (10 min talks/videos incl discussion)</u>	
	<u>Panel: Jan Bonel, Alan Faulkner MD, Preeya Gupta MD, Jai Parekh MD, George Waring IV MD</u>	
4:00	A Retrospective Review of CTAK	James Lehmann, MD
4:10	Improving IOL Calculation Accuracy	Douglas Koch, MD
4:20	Refractive Cataract Surgery in Fuch's Patients	Tanner Ferguson, MD
4:30	Extreme RLE	Gary Wortz, MD
4:40	Iris Repair	Joshua Teichman, MD
4:50	Management of Extreme Irregular Astigmatism	George Waring IV, MD
5:00	The Latest in Keratoconus Detection	Stephen Klyce, PhD

Grand Rounds 2: Difficult Choices (10 min talks/videos incl discussion)

Panel: *Ashley Brissette MD, Sandy Feldman MD, Arjan Hura MD, Matteo Piovella MD, Joshua Teichman MD*

5:40	Descemet's Detachment in Refractive IOL	William Trattler, MD
6:00	Ghosting with the LAL: How to Fix it	Richard Davidson, MD
6:10	Management of a Fungal Keratitis Epidemic after PRK	Eric Donnenfeld, MD
6:20	Cataract, Irregular Astigmatism, Fuchs, What to Fix First	James Lehmann, MD
6:30	Complex Zonulopathy	Brandon Ayres, MD
6:40	Subluxed Lens Replacement with Presbyopic Implant	Matteo Piovella, MD
6:50	ICL Regression and AC Depth	Eva Kim, MD
7:00	AECOS Reception and Ski Race Awards	
7:30 pm	AECOS Celebration (The Velvet Buck, St Regis Hotel)	

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Morning Session:

06:30 – 07:00 Breakfast with the Experts *(Astor Ballroom, Pre-function area)*

Session 5: Complication Challenges

Moderators: *Marguerite McDonald, MD and William Trattler, MD*

HD Video Case Presentations: Surgical Technique (Videos, 10 min ea incl discussion)

Panel: *Brandon Ayres MD, Stephen Bylsma MD, Mark Kontos MD, James Lewis MD, Cathleen McCabe MD*

07:00	When to Implant an ICL?	Brian Szabo, MD
07:10	Vitrectomy For Premium IOLs	Nick Mantell, MD
07:20	Iridozonulohyaloidotomy	Tyler Kirk, MD
<u>The Wortz Case</u> (8 minutes Complications Cases)		
07:30	IOL Dislocation	Gary Wortz, MD
07:40	A True Disaster	Steven Dell, MD
07:50	CASE	Robert Weinstock, MD
08:00	CASE	William Wiley, MD
08:10	CASE	William Trattler, MD

Grand Rounds 3

Panel: *Brett Bielory MD, Jason Brenner MD, Chip Berestka MD, Richard Davidson MD, Brian Szabo MD*

08:20	Sustainability and the AECOS Green Working Group	Morgan Micheletti, MD
08:30	Mini-monovision of LAL to Monofocal Comparison	Clayton Blehm, MD
08:40	Tele-Ophthalmology in 2026	Brett Bielory, MD
<u>Closing Comments and Final Day Award</u>		
08:50		Stephen Slade, MD
		Steven Dell, MD

2026 AECOS Winter Symposium Adjourns