



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

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

<b><u>Moderators:</u></b>	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 <i>President, AECOS America</i>
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 <i>Panel: Michael Ahtelik MD, Laurent Attias, Warren Foust, Jim Hollingshead, Erin Powers, Brent Saunders, Erin Powers, Elizabeth Yeu MD, (+ Abbvie)</i>	
	The Innovation Forum ( <i>5 min to present, 3 min discussion</i> ) <b><u>Moderator:</u></b> 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	<i>Morning Session Adjourns</i>	

**Monday Afternoon Session:**

3:00 pm	<i>Astor Ballroom, Pre-function Area sponsored by Johnson &amp; Johnson</i>
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 Intracocular 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
	<b><u>Panel:</u></b> Brandon Ayres MD, Preeya Gupta MD, Neda Shamie MD, Vance Thompson MD, William Wiley MD	Eric Donnenfeld, MD
06:10	<i><b>Evening Event: The Coleman Show (Astor Ballroom)</b></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 <i>(Astor Ballroom, Pre-function area)</i>
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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	<b><u>The Perfect Case</u></b> <i>Brandon Ayres MD, Neda Shamie MD, Stephen Slade MD</i>	Stephen Slade, MD
08:10	<b><u>Panel:</u></b> <i>Ralph Chu MD, Damien Goldberg MD, James Katz MD, Sheri Rowen MD</i>	
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
	<b>The Aspen MBA (5 min + 5 min discussion)</b>	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	<b>Morning Session Adjourns</b>	

12:00 – 2:00    **AECOS presents: The George O. Waring III, MD Memorial Ski Race**  
*Ajax Mountain, Nastar Course. (\$50 minimum donation to participate)*  
*All proceeds benefit Challenge Aspen – “Creating Possibilities for People with Disabilities”*  
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**Tuesday Afternoon Session:**

3:00 pm	<i>Astor Ballroom, Pre-function Area sponsored by Tarsus Pharmaceuticals</i>
3:30 – 4:00	Case Consultations: Bring your challenging cases for discussion <i>(Astor Ballroom, Pre-function area)</i>

**Session 4: Challenges in Your Practice**

**Moderators:**    *John Vukich, MD and William Wiley, MD*

**Grand Rounds 1: New Technology and Techniques (10 min talks/videos incl discussion)**

**Panel:**            *Jan Bonel, Alan Faulkner MD, Preeya Gupta MD, Jai Parekh MD,  
George Waring IV MD*

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

**The Wortz Case** (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
08:50	Closing Comments and Final Day Award	Stephen Slade, MD Steven Dell, MD

**2026 AECOS Winter Symposium Adjourns**