



## Summer Symposium

July 09-12, 2026

Stein Eriksen Lodge · Deer Valley, Utah

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### THURSDAY, JULY 09, 2026

12:00 pm **Light Lunch Reception** (*Stein Eriksen Upper Ballroom Terrace*)

1:00 **Opening Remarks** Steven Dell, MD

1:05 **AECOS America Update** Kendall Donaldson, MD

1:10 **Opening Session: AECOS Innovation Forum** (*All talks 5 min + 2 min discussion*)

#### **Advances in Glaucoma and Other Progressive Diseases**

**Moderators:** *William Link, PhD and Ike Ahmed, MD*

**Panel:** *Wayne Caulder, Andy Chang, Magda Michna PhD*

1:15 **OnPoint Vision** William Wiley, MD

1:22 **Valitor Bio** Greg Kunst, CEO

1:29 **Glaive Optics** Eric Bernabei

1:36 **iVeena** Bala Ambati, MD

1:43 **SpyGlass Pharma** Patrick Mooney

1:50 **Aquea Health** Mark Packer, MD

1:57 **Iantrek** Adam Szaronos

2:04 **Digital Innovation** (*Change panels*)

**Moderators:** *William Link, PhD and Kendall Donaldson, MD*

**Panel:** *Andre Narr, Erin Powers, Rajesh Rajpal MD*

2:06 **Visionairy** Mac Singer, MD

2:13 **MD Consult** Tammy Bogetti

2:20 **AI Trace Powered by KOVA AI** Mark Lobanoff, MD

2:27 **VirtuaLens** John Branch, MD

2:34	GreenMan	Natalia Morales, MD
2:41	Lightfield Medical	Chip Berestka, MD
2:48	<b><u>Ocular Surface and Corneal Therapies</u></b> (Change panels) <b><u>Moderators:</u></b> William Link, PhD and Andy Corley <b><u>Panel:</u></b> Laurent Attias, Bobak Azamian MD, Antonise Golabek, Cari Stone	
2:50	OcuBio	Victor Perez, MD
2:57	Invisra	Robert Shalwitz, MD
3:04	Stuart Therapeutics	Eric Schlumpf
3:11	Rinsada	Srinivas Kondapalli, MD
3:18	BioTissue	Ted Davis
3:25	Osheru	Patricia Buehler, MD, CEO
3:32	Eye-Yon	Sumitra Khandelwal, MD
3:39	Emmecell	Ramin Valian
3:46	Aurion Biotech	Marjan Farid, MD
3:53	Closing Discussions	
3:55	Break	
	<b><u>Session 2: Hot Topics!</u></b> <b><u>Moderators:</u></b> Steven Dell, MD and Stephen Slade, MD	
4:15	Political Update	Jeffrey Kimbell
4:35	Legal Update	Alan Reider, JD Allison Shuren, JD
	<b><u>Surgical Case Presentations</u></b> (5 min to present case, 10 min for disc) <b><u>Moderators:</u></b> Kendall Donaldson, MD and William Trattler MD	
5:00	<b><u>Case:</u></b> Patient with Multiple Failed Grafts Looking for Alternate Options <b><u>Panel:</u></b> Richard Davidson MD, Marjan Farid MD, Yuri McKee MD, Audrey Talley Rostov MD, Keith Walter MD	Sumitra Khandelwal, MD
5:15	<b><u>Case:</u></b> ICL Exchange Needed for a Size Smaller Than What is Commercially Available. <b><u>Panel:</u></b> Arjan Hura MD, Eva Kim MD, Lance Kugler MD, Rob Melendez MD, Gregory Parkhurst MD	Robert Weinstock, MD
5:30	<b><u>Case:</u></b> That Did Not Just Happen!! <b><u>Panel:</u></b> Steven Dell MD, Jennifer Loh MD, Beeran Meghpara MD, Julie Schallhorn MD, Brian Shafer MD	Nicole Fram, MD
5:45	<b><u>Case:</u></b> Stacking IOLs for Extreme Cases <b><u>Panel:</u></b> James Loden MD, Priya Mathews MD, Brett Mueller MD, Neda Shamie MD, William Wiley MD	John Doane, MD

6:00 **Case:** Mix and Match Range of Vision IOLs Joaquin de Rojas, MD  
**Panel:** Alan Faulkner MD, Adam Muzychuk MD, Radhika Rampat MD,  
Deborah Ristvedt MD, John Vukich MD

6:15 **Case:** ICL, Severe TIDs, and BAIT: You Don't Want to Miss This Ike Ahmed, MD  
**Panel:** Roya Garakani DO, Jai Parekh MD, Sheri Rowen MD,  
Zarmeena Vendal MD, Blake Williamson MD

6:30 – 8:00 pm **AECOS Exhibitors Reception (Olympic Ballroom, Lower Terrace)**

## FRIDAY, JULY 10, 2026

06:00 **Breakfast with the AECOS & CEDARS ASPENS Mentorship Class of 2026 (Stein Eriksen Upper Ballroom Terrace)**

### **Session 3: Case Presentations** (5 min to present case, 10 min for disc)

**Moderators:** Andrew Chang and William Wiley, MD

07:00 **Case:** Visual Rehabilitation with PTK for Reis-Bucklers Corneal Dystrophy Kenneth Beckman, MD  
**Panel:** James Loden MD, Marguerite McDonald MD, Julie Schallhorn MD,  
William Trattler MD

07:15 **Case:** Prior Hyperopic LASIK Needs Cataract Surgery Mark Kontos, MD  
**Panel:** Joaquin De Rojas MD, Mitchell Jackson MD, Deborah Ristvedt MD,  
Mathew Shulman MD, Karina Somohano MD

07:30 **Case:** High Myope Contact Lens Intolerant Case Sheri Rowen, MD  
**Panel:** John Doane MD, Arjan Hura MD, Brett Mueller MD, Lisa Nijm MD JD,  
Audrey Talley Rostov MD

07:45 **Case:** The Case Where 3 Light Adjustments Were Not Enough Priya Mathews, MD  
**Panel:** Steven Dell MD, Anna Lehmann MD, James Loden MD,  
John Vukich MD, Shannon Wong MD

08:00 **Case:** Flap Amputation: When it Works and When It Doesn't George Waring IV, MD  
**Panel:** Alan Faulkner MD, Lance Kugler MD, Stephen Slade MD, William Trattler MD,  
Aaron Waite MD

08:15 **Case:** Gore-Tex Scleral Suturing of Multifocal IOL Beeran Meghpara, MD  
**Panel:** Lauren Doss MD, Roya Garakani DO, Cathleen McCabe MD, Mitchell Shultz MD,  
Geoffrey Tabin MD

### **Session 4: Call your Attending - Fellows with Tough Cases!** (5 min to present case, 5 min for disc)

**Moderators:** Sumitra Khandelwal, MD and Robert Weinstock, MD

**Panel:** Zubair Ansari MD, Majan Farid MD, William Wiley MD

08:30 **Case:** Expect the Unexpected – A Complex Cataract Case Benjamin Jinsung Park, MD

08:40 **Case:** A Challenging Case of Aphakia Managed with Yamane Scleral  
Fixation Oscar Chen, MD

08:50	<b>Case:</b> Light Adjustable Lens Surprise	Kayla Unsell, MD
09:00	<b>Case:</b> Complex IOL Exchange – Vitrectomy, Synechialysis, and Pupilloplasty	Jonathan Tijerina, MD
09:10	<b>Case:</b> When Suction is Lost – A SMILE Surgical Dilemma	Suzanne Kirk, MD
09:20	<b>Case:</b> All Hands on Deck – A Mature Cataract with Diffuse Zonulopathy	Victoria Vi-van Ly, MD
09:30	Break	
	<b>Session 5: Case Presentations</b> (5 min to present case, 10 min for discussion) <b>Moderators:</b> <i>Ike Ahmed, MD and Neda Shamie, MD</i>	
10:00	<b>Case:</b> MIGS Reimagined - A Case of Evolving Surgical Strategy in Glaucoma Management <b>Panel:</b> <i>Karam Alawa MD, Jai Parekh MD, Steven Sarkisian MD, Brian Shafer MD, Zarmeena Vendal MD</i>	Cathleen McCabe, MD
10:15	<b>Case:</b> RLE for a Professional Pilot - Current Options and Considerations <b>Panel:</b> <i>Damien Goldberg MD, Jennifer Loh MD, Mark Kontos MD, Ryan Smith MD, George Waring IV MD</i>	John Vukich, MD
10:30	<b>Case:</b> The First Year After Opening My Practice - The Worst Negative Dysphotopsia I've Ever Seen <b>Panel:</b> <i>Richard Davidson MD, Sarah Griffin MD, Radhika Rampat MD, Claudia Perez Straziota MD, Blake Williamson MD</i>	Brett Mueller, MD
10:45	<b>Case:</b> In the Blink of an Eye - Rapid Ocular Surface Rehab Needed for Cataract Surgery Patient <b>Panel:</b> <i>Alice Epitropoulos MD, Sumitra Khandelwal MD, Matteo Piovella MD, Jennifer Rose-Nussbaumer MD, Neel Vaidya MD</i>	Marjan Farid, MD
11:00	<b>Case:</b> Tailoring Surgical Strategy in a Complex Iris Defect - Repair vs Artificial Iris Implantation <b>Panel:</b> <i>Lauren Doss MD, Nicole Fram MD, Tim Page MD, Francis Price MD, Geoffrey Tabin MD, Keith Walter MD</i>	Yuri McKee, MD
11:15	<b>Session 6: Pharma I</b> <b>Moderators:</b> <i>Kendall Donaldson, MD and Gary Wortz, MD</i> <b>Panel:</b> <i>Frank Bowden MD, Marguerite McDonald MD, Jai Parekh MD, Neda Shamie MD, Dee Stephenson MD</i>	
12:00	Adjourn	
5:30 – 6:30	Tarsus Reception ( <i>Stein Eriksen Upper Ballroom Terrace</i> )	

**6:30 -7:30**      ***Special Session: Ask Me Anything: How to Invest Successfully*** (Stein Eriksen Upper Ballroom)  
***Seasoned Ophthalmologists Share Personal Investment Strategies***

**Moderator:**      *Steven Dell, MD*

**Panel:**      *John Doane MD, Nicole Fram MD, William Trattler MD, William Wiley MD, Gary Wortz MD*

**SATURDAY, JULY 11, 2026**

**06:00**      ***Breakfast with the Experts*** (Stein Eriksen Upper Ballroom Terrace)

**Session 7: Complex Case Videos** (100% video, no slides 4 min video, 4 min discussion)

**Moderators:**      *Eva Kim, MD and Deborah Ristvedt, MD*

**Panel:**      *Lance Kugler MD, Matthew Shulman MD, Claudia Perez Straziota MD, Keith Walter MD*

<b>07:00</b>	Three Simple Pearls for Cataract Surgery	Beeran Meghpara, MD
<b>07:08</b>	ICL Thriller: Horror Looks You Right Between the Eyes	Taj Nasser, MD
<b>07:16</b>	CTAK for Keratoconus with Contact Lens Intolerance	Frank Bowden, MD
<b>07:24</b>	Tips & Tricks for IOL Exchange	James Lehmann, MD
<b>07:32</b>	How I Explant the LAL	Shannon Wong, MD
<b>07:40</b>	IOL Exchange	Eva Kim, MD
<b>07:48</b>	Don't Cry for Me Argentina	Ryan Smith, MD
<b>07:56</b>	No View, No Problem	Robert Weinstock, MD

**08:04**      **Session 8: Practice Impossible!**

**Moderator:**      *Steven Dell, MD*

**Panel:**      *Joaquin De Rojas MD, Eva Kim MD, Jennifer Loh MD, Adam Muzychuk MD, William Wiley MD*

**08:50**      **Presentation of AECOS Visionary Award**      Steven Dell, MD

**09:00**      **AECOS Visionary Award Lecture**      William Trattler, MD

**09:15**      **Break**

**Session 9: Challenging Cases** (5 min to present case, 10 min for disc)

**Moderators:**      *Marjan Farid, MD and Warren Foust*

**09:45**      **Case:**      In & Out Multifocal IOL and Severe Glaucoma?  
Reposition or Exchange?      Karam Alawa, MD

**Panel:**      *Yuri McKee MD, Beeran Meghpara MD, Steven Sarkisian MD,  
I. Paul Singh MD, Zarmeena Vandal MD*

**10:00**      **Case:**      Post-LASIK Patient Demanding Multifocal      I. Paul Singh, MD  
**Panel:**      *Alice Epitropoulos MD, Damien Goldberg MD, James Katz MD,  
Dee Stephenson MD, Blake Williamson MD*

**10:15**      **Case:**      How Low Can You Go (ICL Vault)      Matthew Hirabayashi, MD  
**Panel:**      *Rakhi Ammar MD, John Doane MD, John Vukich MD, Aaron Waite MD,  
William Wiley, MD*

- 10:30      **Case:** Light the Way: Patient with Mild Glaucoma - Which MIGS to Choose      Brian Shafer, MD  
**Panel:** Austin Bohner MD, Nicole Fram MD, James Katz MD, Deborah Ristvedt MD,  
Steven Sarkisian MD
- 10:45      **Case:** The Trojan Horse - Cataract Referral from a Retina Specialist      Gary Wortz, MD  
**Panel:** Mark Kontos MD, Marguerite McDonald MD, Priya Mathews MD,  
Matteo Piovella MD, Ryan Smith MD
- 11:00      **Case:** The Pterygium Dilemma: A Case Report on Premium Cataract Surgery  
Planning in a High Myope      Radhika Rampat, MD  
**Panel:** Joaquin de Rojas MD, Sheri Rowen MD, Julie Schallhorn MD,  
Mitchell Shultz MD, Stephen Slade MD
- 11:15      **Session 10: Pharma II**  
**Moderators:** Kendall Donaldson, MD and Jennifer Loh, MD  
**Panel:** Kenneth Beckman MD, Richard Davidson MD, Marjan Farid MD, Cathleen McCabe MD
- 12:00      **Adjourn**
- 6:00 pm      Ophthalmic World Leaders (OWL) Networking Reception (*Flagstaff Room, Stein Eriksen Lodge*)
- 6:30 pm      **AECOS Annual Cookout** (*Flagstaff Mountain Deck*)

## SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

- 06:00      **Breakfast with the Experts** (*Stein Eriksen Upper Ballroom Terrace*)
- Session 11: Challenging Cases**      (*5 min to present case, 10 min for disc*)  
**Moderators:** Marguerite McDonald, MD and Radhika Rampat, MD
- 07:00      **Case:** How to Enhance a PRK Patient - Repeat PRK, LASIK, SMILE, ICL      Arjan Hura, MD  
**Panel:** Scott Barnes MD, Michael Caplan MD, Lance Kugler MD,  
James Loden MD, Taj Nasser MD
- 07:15      **Case:** When Standard Drops Alone Do Not Control IOP      Steven Sarkisian, MD  
**Panel:** Karam Alawa MD, Austin Bohner MD, Yuri McKee MD, Tim Page MD,  
Zarmeena Vendal MD
- 07:30      **Case:** Altitude-Associated Refractive Shift in a Post-LAL, Post-LASIK Eye?      Sarah Griffin MD  
**Panel:** Steven Dell MD, John Doane MD, Deborah Ristvedt MD, Geoffrey Tabin MD,  
John Vukich MD, Robert Weinstock MD
- 07:45      **Case:** Refractive Cataract Surgery in a Patient with 25D of Astigmatism      Eva Kim, MD  
**Panel:** Steven Dell MD, Taylor Linaburg MD, Sheri Rowen MD, Shannon Wong MD
- 08:00      **Case:** Keratoconus Ectasia Managed with Mix and Match EDOF IOLs      Adam Muzychuk, MD  
**Panel:** Richard Davidson MD, Sumitra Khandelwal MD, Mark Kontos MD, Keith Walter MD,  
Robert Weinstock MD

**8:15**            **Case:** Trifocal IOL Technology to Correct Extreme Astigmatism After PKP            Matteo Piovella, MD  
**Panel:** Zubair Ansari MD, Stephen LoBue MD, Ryan Smith MD, William Wiley MD,  
Gary Wortz MD

**Session 12: Videos – Most Challenging Scenarios, Greatest Saves!** (4 min videos, 4 min disc, no slides)

**Moderators:** Nicole Fram, MD and Arjan Hura, MD

**Panel:** Karam Alawa MD, Brett Mueller MD, Dee Stephenson MD, Abinaya Thenappan MD.

<b>08:30</b>	Reverse Horizontal Chop: Shreveport Chop	Steven LoBue, MD
<b>08:38</b>	Save a Bag, Save a Colleague	Nicole Fram, MD
<b>08:46</b>	Converting to SICS After the Argentine Flag Sign	Geoffrey Tabin, MD
<b>08:54</b>	Cataract Surgery After Corneal Inlay Explantation	Yuri McKee, MD
<b>09:02</b>	IOL Reposition with Prolene Suture	Amy Lin, MD
<b>09:10</b>	Switching Gears – Cow Hitch Prolene Fixation vs Yamane	Roya Garakani, DO
<b>09:18</b>	It's Cataract Surgery with Toric IOL in RK	Claudia Perez Straziota, MD

**Session 13: Controversies and Challenges (cases)** (5 min to present case, 10 min for disc)

**Moderators:** Arjan Hura, MD and Stephen Klyce, PhD

<b>9:30</b>	<b>Case:</b> Corneal Wound Burn	Amy Lin, MD
	<b>Panel:</b> Alice Epitropoulos MD, Sumitra Khandelwal MD, James Loden MD, Rob Melendez MD, Radhika Rampat MD, Gary Wortz MD	
<b>9:45</b>	<b>Case:</b> Complex EK - How Cell Injection Will Change Our Practice	Jennifer Rose-Nussbaumer, MD
	<b>Panel:</b> Richard Davidson MD, Marjan Farid MD, Amy Lin MD, Yuri McKee MD, Geoffrey Tabin MD, Neel Vaidya MD	
<b>10:00</b>	<b>Case:</b> Trans-Epithelial Topography Guided PTK in Keratoconus	Aaron Waite, MD
	<b>Panel:</b> John Doane MD, Lance Kugler MD, William Trattler MD, William Wiley MD	
<b>10:15</b>	<b>Case:</b> Multifocal IOL Challenging Case	Damien Goldberg, MD
	<b>Panel:</b> Rakhi Ammar MD, Sarah Griffin MD, Jennifer Loh MD, Rob Melendez MD, Barry Seibel MD	
<b>10:30</b>	<b>Case:</b> Monocular Diplopia after Cataract Surgery	Shamik Bafna, MD
	<b>Panel:</b> Zubair Ansari MD, Alice Epitropoulos MD, Adam Muzychuk MD, Mathew Shulman MD, Karina Somohano MD, Dee Stephenson MD	
<b>10:45</b>	<b>Case:</b> Surprise Complication After YAG Capsulotomy	Anna Lehmann, MD
	<b>Panel:</b> Shamik Bafna MD, Jennifer Rose-Nussbaumer MD, Mathew Shulman MD, Dee Stevenson MD, Claudia Perez Straziota MD, Abinaya Thenappan MD	
<b>11:00</b>	<b>Case:</b> IOL selection for Post-LASIK Cataract Patient with High HOA	Taylor Linaburg, MD
	<b>Panel:</b> James Katz MD, James Lehmann MD, Sheri Rowen MD, Mitchell Shultz MD, Neel Vaidya MD, Gary Wortz MD	
<b>11:15</b>	<b>Case:</b> ICL Sizing Using Multiple AI-Based Modality	Gurpal Viridi, MD
	<b>Panel:</b> Rakhi Ammar MD, Michael Caplan MD, Matthew Hirabayashi MD, Eva Kim MD,	

*Taj Nasser MD, Gregory Parkhurst MD*

11:30	Hot Discussion Topics	Steven Dell, MD
12:00	Closing Remarks, Adjourn	Steven Dell, MD

**AECOS 2026 Summer Symposium Concludes**

**AECOS 2027 Summer Symposium: Stein Eriksen Resort, July 15-18, 2027**

**Previous Visionary Award Winners:**

- 2013 *Ike Ahmed, MD*
- 2014 *Bonnie An Henderson, MD*
- 2015 *Burkhard Dick, MD*
- 2016 *John Kanellopoulos, MD*
- 2017 *David Chang, MD*
- 2018 *Ashvin Agarwal, MD*
- 2019 *Stephen Slade, MD*
- 2021 *Robert Maloney, MD*
- 2022 *Andy Corley*
- 2023 *Marguerite McDonald, MD and Stephen Klyce, PhD*
- 2024 *Roberto Zaldivar, MD and Roger Zaldivar, MD*
- 2025 *David Cox and Adam Krafczek,*

**Congratulations to the AECOS/CEDARS ASPENS Mentorship Class of 2026:**

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