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This event is proudly presented by the World Council of Optometry, Optometry Victoria South Australia and the Optical Distributors and Manufacturers Association

The theme, Optometry Unites, Down Under was chosen to convey the international aspect of the event. We look forward to welcoming optometrists from around the globe to an exciting three days of conferencing!

With abstracts received from 26 countries, the program has been designed to include a wide range of subjects, covering multiple topics for delegates to choose a personalised schedule to suit their specific areas of interest.

The latest research and insights will be presented in a variety of forms: keynote presentations, full lectures, short paper presentations, dedicated sponsor and poster sessions.

Sessions will be accredited for continuing professional development hours/points.

The title, speaker names, affiliations and learning objectives for each oral presentation are listed in the following pages. The sessions appear in alphabetical order by title. The full list of poster presentations follows the oral presentations. Please note the program is subject to change. For updates, refer to the conference website.

Registration details and further information can be found at www.omega-event.org

A breakthrough Soft CLs for myopia control - Johnson & Johnson Sponsored Session

Contact Lens

Learning objectives

- At the conclusion of the presentation, delegates should be able to understand the role of optical treatments in slowing myopia
- At the conclusion of the presentation, delegates should be able to understand the use of non coaxial versus coaxial optical technology in providing good treatment efficacy and vision quality
- At the conclusion of the presentation, delegates should be able to understand how to personalize myopia management
- ¹ Johnson & Johnson Vision

A collaborative approach to implementing a supervised student-led optometry clinic within a metropolitan aboriginal primary health care service

Indigenous Eye Health

Learning objectives

- Increase understanding of the structure and benefits of a student-led optometry eye clinic
- Gain knowledge of Aboriginal Primary Health Care holistic service delivery through the example of an eye health care service
- Define the benefits of embedded health services research approaches that apply methods and strategies of implementation science
- ¹ Flinders University, School of Optometry and Vision Science
- ² Elizabeth Eye Care & Australian College of Optometry
- ³ Flinders University & Wardliparingga Aboriginal Health Equity, SAHMRI
- ⁴ Wardliparingga Aboriginal Health Equity, SAHMRI
- ⁵ Aboriginal Health, Northern Adelaide Local Health Network
- ⁶ Flinders University

- Friday 8 September 14:30-15:30
- Ø Goldfields Theatre

Noel Brennan¹

 Sunday 10 September 9:00-10:00

📀 🛛 Eureka Room 2

Jose Estevez¹, Tristan Glover², Katherine Zamora-Alejo³, Courtney Hammond⁴, Toni Shearing⁵, Kurt Towers⁵, Natasha Howard⁴ and Jamie Craig⁶

A lifestyle epidemic in dry eye disease: An update from the latest TFOS report and considerations for dry eye management - CSL Seqirus Sponsored Session

Dry eye

Learning objectives

- To become aware of the key recommendations and findings of the recent TFOS workshop titled "A Lifestyle Epidemic: Ocular Surface Disease" and the impact our lifestyle choices may have on the ocular surface.
- Recognise how these choices may influence the choice of management options for dry eye disease, including that of topical ciclosporin.
- To understand that good management of dry eye disease may involve patient education on changes to their lifestyle, in conjunction with evidence-based treatments.
- ¹ CSL Seqirus

A multi-tiered teaching and learning approach at a Melbourne eyecare clinic

Optometric Education

Learning objectives

- Describe different clinical teaching methods including team teaching and near peer-to-peer feedback
- · Identify benefits and challenges of different clinical teaching approaches
- Discuss the value of feedback from students and staff in evolving clinical teaching approaches
- ¹ Melbourne Eyecare Clinic
- ² The University of Melbourne

- Sunday 10 September 14:30-15:30
- Oldfields Theatre

Jennifer Rayner¹

- Saturday 9 September 14:30-15:30
- 🥺 Eureka Room 3

Maria Bui¹, Kwang Cham², Tim Martin¹ and Andrew Huhtanen¹

A step closer to global optometry: the unsw-makchs project

Optometric Education

Learning objectives

- Demonstrate a novel, collaborative model of optometric education between a well-established and newly developed teaching program
- To understand how this model can be used to enhance student learning and faculty development
- ¹ University of New South Wales, Sydney
- ² Makerere University College of Health Sciences, Uganda
- ³ University of New South Wales, Sydney

Accommodation deep dive

Paediatric Binocular

Learning objectives

- Discuss factors controlling accommodation and how they influence the optometrist's approach to assessing accommodation
- Describe, with reference to evidence, a range of tests assessing accommodation skills
- Describe, with reference to evidence, a range of options for managing accommodation dysfunction
- ¹ University of New South Wales, University of Melbourne

Adapting a collaborative model of glaucoma care to the COVID pandemic with telehealth consultation

Glaucoma/Neuro

Learning objectives

- Demonstrate the utility of video-link technology in the provision of collaborative glaucoma care
- Outline the challenges faced in providing collaborative care while complying with COVID19 public health directives
- Review of clinical characteristics of patients seen in a collaborative glaucoma clinic during 2020/2021
- ¹ Australian College of Optometry
- ² National Vision Research Institute, Australian College of Optometry/Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences (University of Melbourne)
- ³ The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital

- Saturday 9 September 16:30-17:30
- Eureka Room 3

Kathleen Watt¹, Anguyo Dragela², Naomi Nsubuga², Ann Webber¹, Lily Ho¹, Rebecca Dang¹, Jerome Ozkan³, Eric Papas³ and Isabelle Jalbert³

Friday 8 September
 10:30-11:30

Eureka Room 2

Tim Fricke¹

- Friday 8 September 16:00-17:00
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Janelle Scully¹, Nelofar (Nellie) Deen¹, Neville Turner¹, Marianne Coleman², George YX Kong³, Catherine Green³, Tracy Siggins³ and Catherine Mancuso³

Amblyopia beyond the patch: today's research, tomorrow's practice

Paediatric Binocular

This talk aims to provide an update on key questions that exist in amblyopia and strabismus research:

- How does amblyopia affect vision beyond clinical measures of acuity?
- · What disability is associated with amblyopia?
- What are limitations of current treatments? Do they do more harm than good?
- ¹ Optometry Australia, American Academy of Optometry (FAAO)



Eureka Room 2

Ann Webber¹

Beyond the roadmap to close the gap for vision

Indigenous Eye Health

Learning Objectives

- Identify the evidence, background and strategy of implementation of the Roadmap
- Understand the methods of evaluation used to measure the effectiveness of Roadmap implementation
- Demonstrate awareness of the key and valuable lessons learnt in implementing and evaluating the Roadmap

¹ The University of Melbourne

² Indigenous Eye Health Unit, The University of Melbourne

Building paediatric eyecare capability via project echo tele-mentoring in Australia

Professional Practice (ethics, communication skills and evidence into practice)

Learning Objectives

- Understand current paediatric eyecare knowledge gaps experienced by optometrists
- Understand how Project ECHO tele-mentoring program can improve practitioner capabilities
- Understand the benefits of engaging in tele-mentoring programs for both practitioners and patients

¹ University of New South Wales

² Optometry Australia, American Academy of Optometry (FAAO)

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Mitchell Anjou¹ Shaun Tatipata²

- Sunday 10 September 14:30-15:30
- 🥺 Eureka Room 2

Melinda Toomey¹, Lisa Keay¹, Ann Webber² and Kerrie Ren¹

Can correction of refractive error change a child's life trajectory?

Learning objectives

- Describe the main findings from the VIP-HIP study that are related to visual function
- Discuss the main findings from the VIP-HIP study related to visual processing and academic performance
- Discuss why uncorrected hyperopia can be related to reading and academic difficulties
- ¹ Marshall B. Ketchum University

09:30-09:50 Plenary 1

September

Susan Cotter¹

Choroidal neovascular membranes – how not to miss one

Posterior Eye

Learning Objectives

- Understand the clinical and imaging signs of CNV
- Understand the differential diagnoses for CNV
- Understand the most appropriate optometric management for CNV
- ¹ Centre for Eye Health, University of New South Wales

Clinical signs and symptoms of dry eye disease in presence of peripheral neuropathy among patients with type 2 diabetes

Dry Eye

Learning Objectives

- Prevalence of dry eye disease in people with type 2 diabetes, especially in those with severe peripheral neuropathy
- Understanding the factors contributing to dry eye disease in type 2 diabetes
- Importance of a periodic ocular surface evaluation in patients with type 2 diabetes

¹ University of New South Wales

² School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of New South Wales

- Sunday 10 September 09:00-10:00
- Eureka Room 1

Michael Yapp¹

- Saturday 9 September 11:30-12:30
- Plenary 1

Maria Markoulli¹, Shyam Sunder Tummanapalli², Leiao Leon Wang, Roshan Dhanapalaratnam, Ann Poynten, Eric Papas¹ and Arun Krishnan

Collaborative paediatric eyecare model: a shared care approach to paediatric care between optometry and ophthalmology

Public Health

Learning objectives

- List the benefits of an effective collaborative care model between optometry and ophthalmology
- Learn about the clinical audit outcomes from a novel paediatric collaborative eyecare
- ¹ Melbourne Eyecare Clinic

 Sunday 10 September 11:30-12:30
 Eureka Room 2

Andrew Huhtanen¹

Combination of low-dose atropine and optical myopia control methods in children with myopia progression

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

 The proper diagnosis including the cycloplegic refraction and binocular vision changes and proper structured approach enables better compliance of the children and their guardians to the proposed treatment as well good treatment results

¹ Ophthalmology Clinical Centre SPEKTRUM, Wrocław University of Science and Technology, Polish Society of Ophthalmologists

² Ophthalmology Clinical Centre SPEKTRUM

Computer vision syndrome: do blue-light filtering lenses (and other therapies) help?

Other

Learning objectives

- Quantitively appreciate how much blue light is emitted from electronic screens, and how this relates to emissions from natural light sources and to safety guidelines regarding blue light exposure
- Understand what recent randomised controlled trials say about whether blue-filtering spectacle lenses are effective in treating computer vision syndrome
- Appreciate what a recent review of the randomised controlled trial evidence says about the efficacy of various other therapies (e.g. the use visual hygiene protocols, and of oral supplements) for alleviating computer vision syndrome
- ¹ Dept of Optometry and Vision Sciences, The University of Melbourne
- ² The University of Melbourne

- Friday 8 September 13:30-14:30
- Eureka Room 3

Joanna Przeździecka-Dołyk¹, Aleksandra Danielska²

- Saturday 9 September 09:00-10:00
- 🍳 🛛 Eureka Room 1

Andrew Anderson¹, Laura Downie²

Contact lens acute red eye caused by citrobacter diversus: first case report and review of literature

Contact Lenses

Learning objectives

- At the conclusion of the presentation, delegates should be able to describe the clinical features of citrobacter diversus causing contact lens acute red eye and its management
- Delegates should be aware that citrobacter sp. can cause keratitis in the eye but is rare and a review of literature about citrobacter sp. causing keratitis
- Delegates should be aware that citrobacter sp. can adhere to soft contact lenses - rub and rinse are required before and after contact lens usage with a multipurpose disinfecting solution
- ¹ University of New South Wales, Sydney
- ² University of New South Wales, Sydney and Aston University, United Kingdom
- ³ L V Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, India
- ⁴ University of New South Wales, Sydney

Contact lens comfort in practice - Alcon Sponsored Session Contact Lens

Learning objectives

- Understand how low friction and low modulus contact lens surfaces improves lubricity and reduce cell damage in corneal epithelial cell models
- Understand the impact of a contact lens on the tear film and how this affects contact lens comfort
- Understand the various contact lens attributes and how they can be altered to become more biomimetic
- Understand the links between the ocular surface, tear film and contact lens materials and how this may impact contact lens comfort and decrease contact lens discontinuation
- ¹ Centre for Ocular Research & Education (CORE); University of Waterloo, Canada
- ² University of Florida

- Saturday 9 September11:30-12:30
- Eureka Room 3

Parthasarathi Kalaiselvan¹, Debarun Dutta², Savitri Sharma³, Fiona Stapleton⁴ and Mark Willcox¹

- September 13:30-14:30
- 🥺 Eureka Room 3

Lyndon Jones¹, Jennifer Craig and W. Gregory Sawyer²

Contact lens wearer's attitude, behaviors and needs during and after pandemic restrictions in Australia

Contact Lenses

Learning objectives

- To understand and monitor impact of COVID-19 on contact lens wearers in Australia over time
- To understand changes in attitudes and behaviour amongst contact lens wearers during and after pandemic lockdown restrictions
- To understand the perceptions of COVID-19, eye health and the role of optometrists amongst contact lens wearers during and after pandemic lockdowns
- ¹ JJVC, OA, CCLSA
- ² JJVC

Working with First Nations Communities - Insights from First Nations Practitioners to strengthen your capability to work with Indigenous Peoples

Indigenous Eye Health

Learning objectives

- Develop an awareness and appreciation for First Nations communities and cultural protocols
- Build your knowledge on how to engage with First Nations Peoples and their communities.
- ¹ Indigenous Eye Health Unit, The University of Melbourne
- ² Fred Hollows Foundation/Brien Holden Institute, Australia
- ³ Occhiali Optometrist, NZ

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Hirdesh Nair¹, Michelle Ho²

- Friday 8 September
 14:30-15:30
- Eureka Room 3

Shaun Tatipata¹, Lauren Hutchinson², Renata Watene³

Delivering a global multilingual fellowship examination online

Optometric Education

Learning objectives

- To understand whether a paper-based assessment could be transposed to an online environment
- To understand the acceptability of the new exam by those sitting the exam
- To determine whether an online environment could be used for this fellowship exam in future

¹ International Association for Contact Lens Educators

- Sunday 10 September 14:30-15:30
- Eureka Room 2

Craig Woods¹, Lakshmi Shinde¹, Ian Miller¹, Kavitha Jayanna¹, Siobhan Alllen¹, Shehzad Naroo¹, Philip Morgan² and Nilesh Thite¹

² Eurolens Research, Division of Pharmacy and Optometry, The University of Manchester, UK

Demographic and corneal profiles of a South African clinic-based keratoconic population

Indigenous Eye Health

Learning objectives

- Understand the prevalence of KC
- Understand that KC is found more in certain race groups and demographic areas
- Appreciate the need for epidemiological studies for screening and early detection
- ¹ University of Johannesburg

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Elizabeth Chetty¹, Alan Rubin¹

Developing eye care in Papua New Guinea and an analysis of eye conditions in Papua New Guinea

Public Health

Learning objectives

- Understand the specific complexities and challenges of developing and delivering eye care in PNG
- Identify the main eye conditions in PNG and how they differ from other developing countries
- Understand the rationale for introducing therapeutic optometry in PNG now, and the vital role optometry will play in reducing visual impairment
- ¹ L&F Eyecare

Digital eye strain

Public Health

Learning objectives

- How it is best to define digital eye strain
- What the current thinking is on the mechanisms of eye strain in digital environments
- What management strategies are supported by scientific evidence
- ¹ Aston University, UK

- Sunday 10 September 11.30-12.30
- Eureka Room 2

John Farmer¹

- S Friday 8 September 16:00-17:00
- Plenary 1

James Wolffsohn¹

Effective transfer of tertiary hospital clinical learning into University of Western Australia Optometry curriculum

Optometric Education

Learning objectives

- To present ocular inflammation case studies taken from the ophthalmology department of a tertiary level public hospital in Western Australia
- To relate the effective transfer of clinical learning by hospital clinicians, who are also optometric educators, to the University of Western Australia optometry curriculum
- ¹ University of Western Australia

Effects of short term wear of myopia control spectacle lens on binocular functions of myopic children

Paediatric Binocular

Learning objectives

- To investigate visual function changes following short-term wear of DIMS lenses among myopic children
- To determine accommodation function changes following short-term wear of DIMS lenses among myopic children
- To determine vergence function changes following short-term wear of DIMS lenses among myopic children
- ¹ Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia; Universiti Teknologi MARA
- ² Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

 Saturday 9 September 14.30-15.30
 Eureka Room 3

Wilfred Tang¹, Andrew Tan Nguyen¹

 Saturday 9 September 11.30-12.30

Eureka Room 2

Fatin Nur Najwa Norazman¹, Bariah Mohd-Ali², Mizhanim Mohamad Shahimin² and Norliza Mohamad Fadzil²

Evaluating progression during myopia management

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Understand the rate of myopia progression with and without treatment
- Understand the key factors/modifiers that may influence the progression of myopia
- Develop a clinical framework on understanding when to modify myopia treatment protocol based on in practice patient myopia progression versus current research evidence available

- Friday 8 September 16.00-17.00
- Oldfields Theatre

Noel Brennan¹, Hirdesh Nair²

² JJVC, OA, CCLSA

Evaluation of quality of life in children with infantile esotropia before and after strabismus surgery

Paediatric Binocular

Learning objectives

- To create awareness of the problems of strabismus in children
- To create awareness regarding surgical treatment of strabismus in improving the quality of life of the children
- ¹ Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science, School of Medical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Kubang Kerian, Kelantan, Malaysia
- ² Department of Pharmacology, School of Medical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Kubang Kerian, Kelantan, Malaysia
- ³ Department of Ophthalmology, Hospital Canselor Tuanku Muhriz Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Cheras, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia
- ⁴ Unit of Biostatistics and Research Methodology, School of Medical Sciences, Universiti Sains Malaysia, Kubang Kerian, Kelantan, Malaysia

Evaluation of the specificity and sensitivity of a school-based screening program in South Australian school children: children's eye screening South Australia study (cessa)

Public Health

Learning objectives

- Approximately 1/4 children in the greater Adelaide region, South Australia, from lower socio-economic areas, may have an undiagnosed vision disorder
- Distance visual acuity measurement alone may not be sufficiently sensitive to diagnose common vision disorders in young children
- ¹ Flinders University
- ² Deakin University

- Saturday 9 September 11:30-12:30
- Eureka Room 2

Waheeda Azwa Hussein¹, Norul Badriah Hassan², Jemaima Che Hamzah³, Sarimah Abdullah⁴ and Shatriah Ismail¹

Saturday 9 September 11:30-12:30

🍳 Eureka Room 2

Cassandra Haines¹, Nicola Anstice¹, Alexandra Jaworski² and Ranjay Chakraborty¹

Evidence-based solutions: how global big data can guide and drive the achievements of world targets and resolutions

Public Health

Learning objectives

- Summarise the estimates of vision loss generated by the GBD-VLEG and to familiarise the audience on where to find the data relevant to their country and context
- Outline the United Nations and World Health Organization resolutions with goals anticipated for 2030
- Recognise the gaps and disparities in the data between countries and regions and to consider future research initiatives
- Motivate and activate the cadre of World Council of Optometry members to respond and engage in successful action and advocacy
- Prioritise inter-professional and inter-sectoral collaborations to achieve the goals set forth by 2030
- Mobilise the optometric communities of academia, clinical practice and professional associations to further achieve outcomes to provide for the best visual health for all in our world
- ¹ AOA, AAO, ASCO, Nova Southeastern University and individual member

Examination of visual measures in Parkinson's disease

Systemic Disease

Learning objectives

- Describe the visual symptoms that Parkinson's disease patients can experience
- Appreciate whether certain PD medications can influence retinal outcome measures
- Gain an understanding of why the timing of retinal function assessments need to be carefully considered within the clinical context of PD
- ¹ The University of Melbourne
- ² The Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health



Eureka Room 3

Janet Leasher¹, Konrad Pesudovs and Kovn Naidoo

- Sunday 10 September 11:30-12:30
- Eureka Room 1

Katie Tran¹, Pei Ying Lee¹, David Finkelstein², Allison McKendrick¹, Bao Nguyen¹, Bang Bui¹ and Christine Nguyen¹

Eye drop retention time using a fluorophotometer

Dry Eye

Learning objectives

- Gain a better understanding of the retention time of various lubricating eye drops, tear film stability post-instillation, and use this information to make evidence-based recommendations for the management of patients with dry eye disease
- ¹ School of Optometry & Vision Science, University of New South Wales, Sydney
- ² University of New South Wales, Sydney

- Saturday 9 September 11:30-12:30
- Plenary 1

Tianni Jia¹, Fiona Stapleton², Fatima Iqbal¹, Maitreyee Roy¹ and Jacqueline Tan¹

From data to decisions: The art of evidence-based programs

Public Health

Learning objectives

- To understand how data from eye health programmes can be used to make evidence based decisions.
- To understand the importance and impact of quality training and its impact on programmes
- ¹ LSHTM

Functional vision outcomes with a suprachoroidal retinal prosthesis in retinitis pigmentosa

Other

Learning objectives

- Appreciate the types of bionic eyes available
- Understand the advantages and disadvantages of differing surgical approaches
- Understand the functional vision and real-world translational outcomes of a suprachoroidal retinal prosthesis
- ¹ Centre for Eye Research Australia

Saturday 9 September
 3.30-4.15
 Plenary 1

Priya Morjaria¹

- Sunday 10 September 11.30-12.30
- 📀 🛛 Eureka Room 1

Carla Abbott¹

Getting started with topography and orthokeratology using topography-based lens designs

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Orthokeratology basic lens design and construction simplified for beginners
- Topography what this is and how this is used in clinical practice
- · Fitting tips and pearls for orthokeratology
- All attendees will be able to setup an orthokeratology clinic following this practical lecture
- ¹ Rose Optometry

Glaucoma grand rounds: clinical decision-making

Glaucoma/ Neuro

Learning objectives

- Qualitatively assess the multi-factorial diagnostic data of IOT, OCT, VF, gonioscopy, patient history, and others to identify glaucoma
- Gain insights of the effectiveness of IOT control with topical medications, laser procedures, and surgeries depending on classification and aggressiveness of glaucoma
- Recognise and appreciate the often parallel yet asymmetrical changes in structure and function of the retinal nerve fiber in glaucoma
- Understand the natural loss of the retinal nerve fiber with age as compared to the accelerated loss with glaucoma
- ¹ Northwest Eye Surgeons

Implementation and scalability of shared care models for chronic eye disease: a realist assessment informed by health system stakeholders in Finland, the United Kingdom, and Australia

Public Health

Learning objectives

- Understand the importance of local context in implementing new models of care
- · Learn about key determinants of successful implementation and scalability
- Apply these concepts to current challenges in eyecare delivery
- ¹ Optometry Australia, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
- ² The George Institute for Global Health
- ³ Sydney University

- Sunday 10 September
 11.30-12.30
- Goldfields Theatre

Jagrut Lallu¹

 Friday 8 September 10.30-11.30
 Plenary 1

Brett Bence¹

- Sunday 10 September 09.00-10.00
- Eureka Room 3

Lisa Keay¹, Belinda Ford², Blake Angell², Hueiming Liu² and Andrew White³

Implementing best practice clinical processes within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health research: the prophecy study

Indigenous Eye Health

Learning objectives

- Develop knowledge of working within clinical research settings with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people
- Understand approaches to innovate clinical research eye care within Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health
- Understand the elements and outcomes of a clinical research eye care model for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander research participants
- ¹ Wardliparingga Aboriginal Health Equity, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute
- ² Flinders University, School of Optometry and Vision Science
- ³ Flinders University
- ⁴ Telethon Kids Institute; The Australian National University; Wardliparingga Aboriginal Health Equity, South Australian Health and Medical Research Institute

Importance of eye care amongst asylum seekers and refugee communities

Public Health

Learning objectives

- Understand the barriers for asylum seekers and refugee to access health care
- Understand the prevalence of ocular manifestations in the asylum seekers and refugee communities
- Examine the current outreach model of eye care services and its impact on patient's quality of life

¹ Australian College of Optometry

² Asylum Seekers Resource Centre

- Sunday 10 September 09.00-10.00
- Eureka Room 2

Dominique Birbeck¹, José Estevez², Shereen Rankine¹, Waylon Miller¹, Katia Ferrar¹, Jamie E Craig³, Natasha J Howard¹ and Alex Brown⁴

 Sunday 10 September 11.30-12.30
 Eureka Room 2

Tracy Tran¹, Josephine Li¹, Josie McMahon², Sheenagh McShane², Jane Trevaskis¹, Piers Carozzi¹, Pete Haydon¹ and Neville Turner¹

Indigenous cultural responsiveness training: an experiential view from OV/SA & IAHA

Indigenous Eye Health

Learning objectives

- To increase understanding and value of engaging on a self-reflective journey of cultural responsiveness as a health practitioner or future health practitioner and its relationship with clinical outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.
- To introduce IAHA's Cultural Responsiveness in Action Framework as an evidence-based framework for you to begin or continue your journey as a culturally responsive health practitioner.
- To improve practitioner motivation and engagement through the demonstration of case studies and reflections of participants that have completed IAHA's Cultural Responsiveness training modules.
- ¹ Fred Hollows Foundation; Brien Holden Institute; Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA)
- ² Indigenous Allied Health Australia (IAHA)
- ³ Optometry Victoria South Australia (OV/SA)

Influence of age on peripheral refraction in myopic Malay school children

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Understand that myopic Malay school children have hyperopic relative peripheral refraction along the horizontal meridian
- Understand that RPR in myopic Malay school children is not affected by different age groups even though they have similar refractive error
- Findings from this study can be beneficial as a reference for future research on PR for other ethnicity besides large number of PR studies available, mainly in Chinese and Caucasian study population
- ¹ Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia, Ministry of Health, Malaysia
- ² Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
- ³ Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)
- ⁴ Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia

- Saturday 9 September 11:30-12:30
- Eureka Room 1

Lauren Hutchinson¹, Jed Fraser², Ilsa Hampton³

- Sunday 10 September 11.30-12.30
- Goldfields Theatre

Syarifah Faiza Syed Mohd Dardin¹, Bariah Mohd-Ali², Mizhanim Shahimin³ and Norhani Mohidin⁴

Inherited retinal diseases: diagnosis, genetic testing, and gene therapy

Posterior Eye

Learning objectives

- Differentiate key inherited retinal diseases and understand the spectrum of vision loss in different subtypes
- Describe key methods for genetic testing for retinal diseases and the differences between genetic testing strategies for monogenic and polygenic eye conditions
- Identify key referral pathways in the management of IRDs to facilitate patient access to genetic services, vision support, and research
- Develop an understanding of current and emerging retinal gene therapies

¹ University of Melbourne

² Department of Optometry and Vision Science, Department of Surgery (Ophthalmology), University of Melbourne

Inter-university education-based collaborations in optometry – a panel discussion

Optometric Education

Learning objectives

- Identify synergies for and benefits of successful inter-university collaborations
- Identify the challenges encountered when conducting education research in optometry and strategies to help address these
- Promote and help facilitate inter-university collaborations in education research in optometry

¹ Deakin University

² The University of Melbourne

Sunday 10 September 11.30-12.30 Plenary 1

Alexis Ceecee Britten-Jones¹, Lauren Ayton²

Sunday 10 September 11.30-12.30

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Alexandra Jaworski¹, Amanda Douglass¹, Anthea Cochrane² and Kwang Cham²

It's ok for ortho-k: endothelial cell morphology monitoring in myopic eyes undergoing ortho-k treatment for 12 months

Contact Lenses

Learning objectives

- Understand the changes in cell morphology that could be affected by the ortho-k contact lens wear
- Understand why cell morphology assessment should be carried out
- ¹ Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia
- ² National University of Malaysia
- ³ Universiti Kebangsaan Malaysia (UKM)

Learnings from implementing a myopia control clinic in a public health optometry setting

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Describe the challenges, limitations and outcomes of implementing a myopia control clinic in a public health setting
- Identify barriers to myopia control in a public health setting
- Understand the need for a targeted framework when managing children with myopia from a low socioeconomic background
- ¹ Australian College of Optometry

Lighting the way: new evidence and advances in myopia management - HOYA Vision Care Sponsored Session

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- To understand the treatment outcome of the myopia management spectacle lens with D.I.M.S. Technology on European children, including the tolerance & changes in SER and AL growth, and the lens performance compared to Asian children.
- Obtain the latest insight on light & myopia management and sun protection during myopia management.
- Understand a novel myopia management spectacle lens with both D.I.M.S. technology and sun protection features and its application in clinical practice.
- ¹ Ulsters University
- ² Eye Care Kids
- ³ AOMA

- Friday 8 September
 16.00-17.00
- Eureka Room 2

Mizhanim Mohamad Shahimin¹, Yu Chen Low², Bariah Mohd-Ali¹, Norhani Mohidin³ and Norlaili Arif³

- Saturday 9 September 11.30-12.30
- Oldfields Theatre

Zeinab Fakih¹, Nellie Deen¹

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Katheryn Saunders¹, Soojin Nam², May Zhang³

Localising diabetic retinopathy features in 45-degree fundus photographs

Posterior Eye

Learning objectives

- Develop a pathophysiology-driven approach to searching for gestures of diabetic retinopathy
- Understand the distribution patterns of diabetic retinopathy lesions at the posterior pole
- · Identify retinal locations which are more susceptible to diabetic retinopathy
- ¹ Deakin University
- ² Centre for Eye Research Australia and University of Melbourne

 Sunday 10 September 11.30-12.30

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Tim Murphy¹, James Armitage¹, Peter van Wijngaarden² and Amanda Douglass¹

Mental wellbeing of optometry and pharmacy students during Covid-19

Optometric Education

Learning objectives

- Appreciate the multiple stressors that clinical students face during learning and the impact of COVID-19
- Understand which factors do and do not contribute to student mental wellbeing in clinical programs
- Recognise how delivery and assessment of course content can significantly impact on student wellbeing
- ¹ University of Auckland

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Eureka Room 3

Philip Turnbull¹, Lynne Petersen¹ and Andrew Collins¹

Migraine: what's optometry got to do with it?

Systemic Disease

Learning objectives

- Recognise migraine, based on symptomatology
- Know the clinical vision tests that might be confounded by migraine
- Appreciate how optometrists and other eyecare professionals can play an important role in the management of migraine
- ¹ The University of Melbourne

- Saturday 9 September 14.30-15.30
- 📀 🛛 Eureka Room 1

Bao Nguyen¹

Miyosmart and combination treatments in myopia management

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Practical steps in myopia management using spectacle lenses and atropine
- Practical follow up and treatment guidelines for spectacle patients who continue to progress with myopia
- The use of Miyosmart in different ethnic groups and its effect on myopia and axial length

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 11.30-12.30
- Oldfields Theatre

Jagrut Lallu¹

¹ Rose Optometry

Multimodal imaging approach to diagnosis of agerelated macular degeneration

Posterior Eye

Learning objectives

- Review the use of Fundus Photography, Fundus Autofluorescence (FAF), Spectral Domain (SD) OCT and OCT-Angiography in diagnosis and management of ARMD, focusing on interpretation of normal versus abnormal retinal scans
- Study specific diagnostic biomarkers with various imaging modalities to be able to diagnose Dry ARMD, Geographic Atrophy and Neovascular ARMD
- Focusing on multi-modal imaging approach, to recognise various types of drusen, types of outer retinal layer abnormalities associated with ARMD and types of choroidal neovascularization
- Review the most up-to-date literature looking at retinal biomarkers for ARMD progression and management

¹ New England College of Optometry

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- Eureka Room 3

Elena Biffi¹

Myopia control and spectacle lenses – status report -EssilorLuxottica Sponsored Session

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Understand more about the direction of myopia control using spectacle lenses
- Gain insight into the global thinking on myopia control
- Learn more about the different visual needs for myopes over 18 years of age
- Discuss relevant case information
- ¹ EssilorLuxottica
- ² International Lecturer/consultant
- ³ Brien Holden Foundation

Myopia management attitudes in Asia: how the Philippines is coping with the myopia epidemic

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Allow the practitioners to relate the supports and resources required to encounter barriers and challenges
- ¹ School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of New South Wales, Sydney
- ² Asia Optometric Congress

- Sunday 10 September
 2.30-3.30
- Plenary 1

Tim Thurn¹, Mark Bullimore², Nina Tahhan³

- Sunday 10 September 11.30-12.30
- Goldfields Theatre

Anna Tran¹, Jennifer Choi¹, Jong Mei Khew², Kah Ooi Tan² and Monica Jong²

Novel technology to extend your clinical practice

Glaucoma/ Neuro

Learning objectives

- Understand the key differences between MRF and standard clinical instruments for vision and visual field testing
- Integrate knowledge about neuro-ophthalmic disease expression into clinical cases where patients were diagnosed and managed with MRF
- Discuss MRF application in cases having glaucoma and retinal disease and identify the benefits of voice-guided telemedicine for triage and in detecting progression in patients with chronic eye disease
- ¹ Australian Optometry Association; Imaging and Perimetry Society; Optometry Glaucoma Society
- ² Department of Optometry, University of Melbourne
- ³ La Trobe University, Bundoora, Australia

Optical biometry - the long and the short of it

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Identify why it is necessary to measure axial length in myopic and pre-myopic patients
- · Identify methods to measure axial length
- Interpret the measurements and apply them to patient care
- ¹ University of Waterloo

Oral options: what our patients can put in their mouths to help their dry dye

Dry Eye

Learning objectives

- Understand the current benefits, risks and prescribing recommendations of oral medications in the management of dry eye disease in Australia and New Zealand
- Understand how some lifestyle habits can impact signs and symptoms of dry eye disease
- Understand the current evidence surrounding nutrition, including essential fatty acids, and its impact on dry eye disease
- ¹ Matthews Eyecare, Cornea and Contact Lens Society of New Zealand, New Zealand Association of Optometrists

- Friday 8 September
 16.00-17.00
- 🥺 Eureka Room 1

Algis Vingrys¹, Selwyn M. Prea² and Chamini N. Wijesundera³

- Sunday 10 September 09.00-10.00
- Plenary 1

Debbie Jones¹

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 Goldfields Theatre

Adele Jefferies¹

Overminus lens treatment for intermittent exotropia: risks & rewards

Learning objectives

- Describe the dose and duration of overminus lens treatment evaluated in the IXT-5 randomized trial.
- Recall how to measure "IXT control" using the PEDIG IXT Control Scale.
- Recall the demographic and clinical characteristics of the participants in the IXT-5 trial.
- Discuss the primary results of the PEDIG IXT-5 study and know the demographic and clinical characteristics to which these apply.
- Discuss the clinical implications of the surprise finding from the IXT-5 trial.
- ¹ Marshall B. Ketchum University

Paediatric anterior segment pathology – visual and ocular complications

Anterior Eye and Oral Medication – Anterior Eye

Learning objectives

- To be able to describe clinical tests that can inform diagnosis
- Have an understanding of appropriate management plans including referral pathways
- Increase understanding of paediatric lens and corneal anomalies that may present in clinical practice
- To be able to review ophthalmic tests that inform diagnosis
- To be able to review referral and treatment options for managing paediatric patients
- ¹ Optometry Australia
- ² Optometry Australia, American Academy of Optometry (FAAO)

 Saturday 9 September 16:25-17:00
 Plenary 1

Susan Cotter¹

- Friday 8 September
 13.30-14.30
- Eureka Room 2

Elspeth Wrigley¹, Ann Webber²

Predictive potential of features of meibomian glands in determining symptoms of dryness in a symptomatic dry eye population

Dry Eye

Learning objectives

- Participants will learn to identify novel features of meibomian glands that haven't been explored previously
- Attendees will be able to understand the utility of automated algorithms and image analysis to predict dry eye
- Participants (clinicians and researchers) will develop ideas on how they can incorporate eyelid imaging in day-to-day practice and research
- Industry will be able to develop ideas on incorporating new features in meibography to make it more accessible in translating research
- ¹ School of Optometry & Vision Science, UNSW
- ² University of New South Wales

Preliminary study of practitioners' perception on myopia management practice in China

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Evaluate the elements and what to be considered when embarking on myopia management
- ¹ Asia Optometric Congress, Asia Optometric Management Academy, School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of New South Wales, Australia
- ² Asia Optometric Congress, School of Graduate Study, Management and Science University, Malaysia
- ³ Asia Optometric Congress, School of Graduate Study, Management and Science University, Malaysia Centre of Excellence for Vision and Eyecare, Management and Science University, Malaysia Department of Optometry and Vision Science, Faculty of Health and Life Science, Management and Science University, Malaysia
- ⁴ Asia Optometric Congress, Asia Optometric Management Academy
- ⁵ Eurolens Research, Division of Pharmacy and Optometry, The University of Manchester, UK
- ⁶ Asia Optometric Congress, Asia Optometric Management Academy

- Saturday 9 September
 11.30-12.30
- Plenary 1

Fatima Iqbal¹, Jacqueline Tan¹, Eric Papas², Brianna Nguyen¹, Casey Phan¹ and Fiona Stapleton²

- Friday 8 September 13.30-14.30
- Eureka Room 3

Kah Ooi Tan⁶, Monica Jong¹, Jong Mei Khew², Mohd Zaki Awg Isa³, Oliver Woo⁴ and Philip Morgan⁵

Prescribing prisms: is there any point?

Primary Care/Professional Practice/General Optometry

Learning objectives

- Determine the appropriate amount of prism necessary to alleviate symptoms
- Evaluate the optimal method of incorporating prism into spectacles
- Assess the efficacy of a prismatic correction
- ¹ SUNY College of Optometry

Prevalence of myopia amongst children presenting to optometrists in Australia and New Zealand

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Identify trends in the prevalence of myopia in patients who presented to a cohort of optometric practices in Australia and New Zealand
- Understand the prevalence of myopia in Australia and New Zealand in a global context
- ¹ Optometry Department, Specsavers Australia and New Zealand

Friday 8 September
 13:30-14:30
 Plenary 1

Mark Rosenfield¹

Saturday 9 September 11:30-12:30

Oldfields Theatre

Joseph Paul¹, Pamela Tse¹, Duchesne Markham¹ and Ben Ashby¹

Preventing corneal infiltrates: update on corneal immune cells and nerves during contact lens wear

Contact Lenses

Learning objectives

- Understand the role of immune cells and corneal nerves in modulating the corneal
- immune response
- Learn how contact lens wear modifies the corneal immune response
- Understanding how risk factors for contact lens-related infiltrative events modulate the corneal immune response
- ¹ University of New South Wales, Sydney

Procedures for dry eye management

Dry Eye

Learning objectives

- Understand how the current definition of dry eye disease informs its diagnosis
- Appreciate the need to subclassify dry eye disease to inform treatment approaches
- Review current artificial tear and technological approaches to dry eye and the research into their effectiveness
- ¹ Aston University, UK

Retinal microglial changes in response to acute intraocular pressure elevation

Glaucoma/ Neuro

Learning objectives

- Understand how animal models can be used to study the pathophysiology of glaucoma
- Understand how moderate IOP elevation affects retinal function and how long it might take to recover
- Understand the role of retinal immune cells in retinal ganglion cell survival in glaucoma
- ¹ Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences, The University of Melbourne
- ² Australian Optometry Association; Imaging and Perimetry Society; Optometry Glaucoma Society
- ³ Department of Anatomy and Neuroscience, The University of Melbourne

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- Eureka Room 2

Rabia Mobeen¹, Fiona Stapleton¹ and Blanka Golebiowski¹

 Sunday 10 September 16:00-16:30
 Plenary 1

James Wolffsohn¹

- Friday 8 September 16:00-17:00
- 📀 🛛 Eureka Room 1

Anna van Koeverden¹, Bang Bui¹, Algis Vingrys², Erica Fletcher³ and Andrew Jobling³

Retinal photography screening for diabetic retinopathy in Victorian Aboriginal Community Controlled Health Organisations

Indigenous Eye Health

Learning objectives

- Understand that a functioning system for diabetic retinopathy screening around the 17 non-mydriatic cameras in Aboriginal Community Controlled Organisations is a critical healthcare priority for Aboriginal Victorians
- Understand the importance of developing a system for early detection and timely management of retinal pathology, particularly diabetic retinopathy, within the framework of Six Building Blocks of Health System Strengthening
- Understand the most important aspects of this system in the context of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander health and well-being are: self-determination, a well trained workforce, with time and resources to enable optimal use of the retinal cameras, and access to best practice standards of care in retinal photography in the form of appropriate equipment and a system for grading photographs and referring patients to eye care specialists that ensures Aboriginal data sovereignty
- ¹ Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital
- ² Victorian Aboriginal Controlled Community Health Organisation

Retinal vascular autoregulation in health and disease

Posterior Eye

Learning objectives

- Understand retinal blood vessel autoregulation
- Understand the role of glial and pericytes in controlling the blood vessels
- Appreciate how failure of these vascular control mechanisms may be involved in glaucoma and diabetic eye disease
- ¹ Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences, The University of Melbourne

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- Eureka Room 2

James Rule¹, Noela Prasad²

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Bang Bui¹

Self-regulation to legislation: journey of Indian optometry, an example to many

Primary Care/Professional Practice/General Optometry

Learning objectives

- Define self-regulation
- Understand the importance of setting standards through self-regulation
- Appreciate how advocacy leads to legislation
- ¹ Optometry Council of India

Sports-related ocular injuries at a tertiary eye hospital in Australia

Primary Care/Professional Practice/General Optometry

Learning objectives

- Describe the epidemiology of high-risk sports that are associated with mild and severe ocular injuries
- Describe the mechanisms of ophthalmic trauma associated with sports-related injuries
- Appreciate the short and intermediate sequelae of ophthalmic trauma associated with sports-related injuries
- Generate awareness of the role of health advocacy in mitigating the risk of sports-related eye trauma
- ¹ The Royal Victorian Eye and Ear Hospital

Stemming and navigating the rising tide of Acanthamoeba keratitis

Contact Lenses

Learning objectives

- Recognise the modifiable and non-modifiable risk factors for contact lens associated Acanthamoeba keratitis
- Design strategies for communicating healthy contact lens wear
- ¹ University of New South Wales, Sydney

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- Eureka Room 2

A/Prof. Carnt¹

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Ramachandra Shet¹, Lakshmi Shinde¹, Anitha Arvind¹, Jayantha Bhatacharjee¹ and Prema Chande¹

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Rahul Chakrabarti¹, Gizem Ashraf¹, Janan Arslan and Carmel Crock¹

Strategies to promote mental wellbeing and avoid burnout in optometry

Other

Learning objectives

- · Summarise the factors that lead to burnout in optometry
- Outline evidence-based strategies to improve mental health and wellbeing
- Discuss the importance of education in skill development to increase resilience
- Explain the factors in workplace culture and design that impact professional satisfaction
- ¹ University of Western Australia

Student perceptions on the use of conversational chatbots in a virtual eye clinic

Optometric Education

Learning objectives

- Inform optometric educators of a new learning technology incorporating chatbots into case-based learning
- ¹ The Hong Kong Polytechnic University

Surface gel layers: reductions in shear stress and cell damage

Contact Lenses

Learning objectives

- What is shear stress?
- What is a surface gel layer?
- · How does lubricity depend on water content?
- ¹ University of Florida

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 Eureka Room 3
- Lisa Jansen¹

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Eureka Room 2

Jessica Neuville¹, Kin Hei Lau¹, Hoi Ching Chung¹, Ching Hong Chung¹, Yee Kiu So¹ and Allen Cheong¹

- Saturday 9 September 09:00-10:00
- Eureka Room 2
- W. Gregory Sawyer¹

The double-edged sword of ChatGPT in eye care

Learning objectives

- Discuss the advantages of integrating ChatGPT into eye care practices.
- Discuss the potential pitfalls, biases, and uncertainties of using ChatGPT in medical contexts.
- · Discuss the ethical considerations related to patient privacy, informed consent, and the responsibility of human oversight when utilizing ChatGPT in eye care practice.
- ¹ Marshall B. Ketchum University

The dry eye wheel – a better way to tackle dry eye

Dry Eye

Learning objectives

- · Have a better understanding of the tear film and ocular surface's role in maintaining ocular comfort
- · Have explored mitigations to minimise dry eye
- · Be able to assist patients with dry eye, regardless of their existing skills and access to equipment

The University of Auckland, NZ

- ² Centre for Ocular Research & Education (CORE); University of Waterloo, Canada
- Aston University, UK

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Susan Cotter¹

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Goldfields Theatre

Jennifer Craig¹, Lyndon Jones² and James Wolffsohn³

The latest contact lens innovation and technology from Bausch & Lomb - Sponsored Session

Contact Lens

Learning objectives

- Recognise that comfort, vision and health are important to all contact lens wearers
- · Describe how contact lens development and advancement are essential to innovative technology
- Appreciate the importance of prescribing tailored solutions to ensure successful contact lens fits
- ¹ Bausch & Lomb

- Saturday 9 September 7.30-8.30
- Eureka Room 1

Simon Hanna¹³



The power of consensus

Learning objectives

- · Have an overview of how consensus reports are developed
- Understand how best to utilise consensus reports
- Have experienced how a diagnosis can only be created by a consensus approach
- ¹ Aston University, UK

Friday 8 September 09:30-09:50 Plenary 1

James Wolffsohn¹

The role of culture and language in effective doctorpatient interactions

Professional Practice (Ethics, Communication Skills and Evidence into Practice)

Learning objectives

- Understand the role that culture and language concordance play in fostering an effective patient-doctor relationship
- Learn the cultural dimensions that influence patient's preferences and behaviors
- Explore how they can increase perceived quality of care by providing cultural concordant care
- ¹ SUNY Optometry
- ² SUNY College of Optometry

Thinking beyond glaucoma to the brain

Glaucoma/ Neuro

Learning objectives

- Develop an awareness of visual signs and symptoms in brain diseases
- Develop a deeper appreciation for neurology driven OCT changes
- Gain a deeper understanding of how to differentially diagnose glaucoma and brain diseases
- ¹ The University of Melbourne
- ² Australian College of Optometry

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 16:00-17:00
- Eureka Room 3

Gui Albieri¹, Jennifer Hue²

- Friday 8 September
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- Eureka Room 1

Christine Nguyen¹, Adrian Bruce²

Unanswered questions in myopia management

Myopia Management

Learning objectives

- Explain the general evidence-base for myopia management interventions based on age and refraction
- Discuss approaches in understanding comparative efficacy of myopia control treatments
- Determine what represents a successful long-term outcome in childhood myopia management

¹ Myopia Profile Pty Ltd, Queensland University of Technology

² Myopia Profile Pty Ltd, University of New South Wales, Sydney

Utilising advocacy and leadership to achieve universal eye health coverage

Public Health

Learning objectives

- Define advocacy and understand the need for advocacy within the profession of optometry
- Discuss leadership styles and how to incorporate a personal style into program development
- Describe the steps necessary to begin developing an advocacy program
- · Provide tools and resources to aid in development of programs
- ¹ American Optometric Association
- ² LSHTM

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Kate Gifford¹, Paul Gifford²

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Eureka Room 2

Don Lyon¹, Luisa Casas Luque and Priya Morjaria²

What can corneal immune cells and sensory nerves tell us about eye and systemic health?

Anterior Eye and Oral Medication – Anterior Eye Therapeutic

Learning objectives

- Describe the immune cell subtypes in the cornea, and how these cells are important for maintaining the health of the ocular surface and for deriving therapeutic effects
- Appreciate how corneal in vivo confocal microscopy can be used as a noninvasive tool that provides unique insight into eye and systemic disease, and the use of different therapies
- Understand the bidirectional interaction between corneal immune cells and sensory nerves, and how this interplay can be leveraged to develop new therapies to treat corneal disease
- ¹ The University of Melbourne

What do struggling learners need from their optometrist?

Paediatric Binocular

Learning objectives

 Participants will develop their practise by engaging with a critical analysis of the evidence and theories regarding the effects and interactions between vision and learning in the classroom, particularly as they relate to a struggling learner

¹ University of New South Wales, Sydney

- ² University of New South Wales, Sydney; University of Melbourne
- ³ University of New South Wales, Sydney

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Laura Downie¹, Holly Chinnery¹

- Saturday 9 September 09:00-10:00
- Eureka Room 3

Amanda Lea¹, Tim Fricke² and Isabelle Jalbert³

What is new and upcoming in visual field assessment?

Glaucoma/ Neuro

Learning objectives

- Gain an appreciation of new technology that is available for perimetry now, in addition to likely future advances
- Enhance understanding of how perimetry and structural data can be linked for the assessment of glaucomatous damage
- Develop an appreciation for research developments in visual field assessment and how these influence clinical practice now and in the future
- ¹ Department of Optometry and Vision Sciences, University of Melbourne and Lions Eye Institute and School of Allied Health, University of Western Australia

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 13.30-14.30
- Oldfields Theatre

Allison McKendrick¹

WHO World Report on Vision and its impact to optometry

Other

Learning objectives

- Recognise the future demands on eye care worldwide in terms of population growth, ageing, and the increase in chronic diseases.
- Understand optometry as a profession and as individuals need to be proactive in advocating for increased access to eyecare, and in preparing for potential changing roles in health systems.
- ¹ World Council of Optometry

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Peter Hendicott¹

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