

# Message from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the 2024 Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons Annual Meeting, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, WA. Four internationally renowned educators will be presenting cutting-edge information for practicing ophthalmologists. Our annual business meeting and social events will be a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues and learn about WAEPS'

legislative efforts on behalf of ophthalmologists in Washington state this year.

In addition, I urge you to support the participation of your employees in the Coding and Reimbursement Seminar, and the Ophthalmic Medical Personnel Program. We present these outstanding educational programs at a very reasonable cost as a member benefit to you and a great opportunity to build your staff members' skills and

dedication to excellence.

Our 2024 conference promises to be another outstanding event and I look forward to seeing you in March.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Griggs, MD Program Chair, WAEPS 2024 Annual Meeting

# **Faculty**



Arsham Sheybani, MD completed his medical degree with honors (AOA) at Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He completed his residency in

Ophthalmology at Washington University in St. Louis and was selected to remain on faculty as Chief Resident. During that year, Dr. Sheybani was responsible for ophthalmologic trauma and emergencies as well as all adult inpatient ophthalmology consultations at Barnes Jewish Hospital. Dr. Shheybani subsequently returned to Washington University School of Medicine as faculty in the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences where he serves as Residency Program Director.

Dr. Sheybani is currently involved in device design aiming to make glaucoma surgery safer. He is an avid surgical teacher, winning the resident selected faculty teaching award early in his career and he was honored by the American Glaucoma Society as the Surgery Day Lecturer.



**Dilraj Grewal, MD** is a Duke trained vitreoretinal surgeon and a Moorfields trained uveitis subspecialist with research interests in application of advanced

ocular imaging for retinal, choroidal and ocular inflammatory diseases. At the Eye Multimodal Imaging in Neurodegenerative Disease (iMIND) research lab at Duke, our group has spearheaded efforts in using OCT, OCT angiography and fundus imaging to evaluate early retinal microvasculature changes in neurodegenerative diseases.

Dr. Grewal serves as Associate Director of the Duke Reading Center. He works to develop novel imaging endpoints that are used across the entire spectrum of clinical trials. He has been recognized with the Senior Honor Award and Rhett Buckler Award from the American Society of Retina Specialists, Senior Achievement Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Ronald G. Michels and Heed Fellowship awards.



Jose Pulido, MD is a boardcertified ophthalmologist with an extensive research portfolio that has focused on vitreoretinal infectious and inflammatory diseases,

retinal degeneration, stem cells, checkpoint inhibitors, and immunotherapies where he has published close to 350 peer-reviewed ophthalmic papers, and numerous books, book chapters, and editorials. Dr. Pulido takes on this new role at Wills Eye as the Director of the Henry and Corrine Bower Memorial Laboratories for Translational Medicine in the Vickie and Jack Farber Vision Research Center at Wills Eye after fifteen years as Professor of Ophthalmology at Mayo Clinic.

Dr. Pulido earned a bachelors and master's in chemistry at the University of Chicago and a degree in medicine from Tulane University School of Medicine. He completed his ophthalmology residency and served as Chief Resident at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Following residency, he completed a vitreoretinal surgery and retina research fellowship at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

Dr. Pulido's research interests focuses on translating basic science to the clinical arena and much of his work has centered on vitreoretinal infectious and inflammatory diseases.



Kendall E. Donaldson, MD, MS, is Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology and cornea specialist at the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute. She completed her

residency training and cornea/external disease fellowship at Bascom Palmer in 2004. Prior to ophthalmology she completed a master's degree in anatomy and physiology, serving as an instructor and eventually directing the anatomy labs for the University of Maryland throughout the course of her undergraduate and graduate education. During her ophthalmology training, she also pursued a certificate program

in Management through the Wharton School for Business preparing her to become the Medical Director of the Bascom Palmer Eye Institute at the Plantation satellite upon its opening in November of 2004

Dr. Donaldson was selected to be one of the top 100 most influential female figures in ophthalmology in 2021 on The Ophthalmologist Power List. In 2022, she was honored to be in the Top 100 Ophthalmologists worldwide according to the Ophthalmologists Power List and she was also named on the 2022 Newsweek Best Ophthalmologists list of the top 175 ophthalmologists worldwide.

Dr. Donaldson's primary research interests are in the area of advancements in cataract surgery, and in particular, laser-assisted cataract surgery, severe ocular surface disease, and complex endothelial keratoplasty.



Hans Bruhn has more than 33 years of experience working in the medical malpractice/professional liability insurance field. He has worked for several national medical malpractice

insurance companies and brokers during his career. Currently, he is a Risk Manager with Ophthalmic Mutual Insurance Company (OMIC) based in San Francisco, California. In his current position, Hans works with physicians and their staff, advising them on how to reduce the risk of medical malpractice claims in their practice. In addition, Hans travels across the United States, giving presentations to various medical and subspecialty societies on risk management topics. He is also a contributing writer on risk management topics for OMIC and other publications.

Hans earned a Bachelor of Science degree in education (BS-Ed) from The University of Wisconsin and a Masters of Science degree in Health Services Administration (MHS) from Saint Mary's College in Moraga, CA.

# Conference Schedule

### The schedule is as follows:

Thursday evening, March 7, 2024: Physician dinner with CME program: 7:00 to 9:30 pm. Friday, March 8, 2024: Physician program continues 8:00 am to noon and reconvenes from 2:00 pm to 5:15 pm. **Total CME credit: 8.0 hours** 

	MARCH 7   THURSDAY		MARCH 8   FRIDAY (continued)	
PHYSICIAN DINNER MEETING/CME PROGRAM		• SESSION 2 (continued)		
7:00 – 7:45рм	Visual Quality vs Acuity — Which Matters Most? Kendall Donaldson, MD	11:40 - Noon	Panel Discussion	
		Noon – 2:00 PM	WAEPS Annual Lunch Business Meeting	
7:45-8:30рм	Lessons Learned from OMIC Closed Claims Hans Bruhn and Aaron Weingeist, MD of OMIC	• SESSION 3		
8:30-9:15 PM	Autoimmunity Jose Pulido, MD	2:00 - 2:20 PM	The Light Adjustable Lens – Patient Satisfaction and Vision Outcomes Kendall Donaldson, MD	
9:15-9:30 PM	Questions & Answers	2:20 - 2:40 PM	Ocular Adverse Events Associated with "Newer"	
	MARCH 8   FRIDAY		Cancer Therapeutic Agents	
• SESSION 1		2.40 2.00	Jose Pulido, MD  Emerging Therapies for Exudative AMD and Diabetic Retinopathy Dilraj Grewal, MD	
8:00-8:25 <sub>AM</sub>	Retinal Imaging in Neurodegenerative Diseases Dilraj Grewal, MD	2:40 – 3:00 PM		
8:25-8:50am	The Cataract Surgery that Caused Glaucoma Arsham Sheybani, MD	3:00-3:20 PM	Treatment of Negative Dysphotopsia Arsham Sheybani, MD	
8:50-9:15 <sub>AM</sub>	The Evolution of Ophthalmic Anesthesia   What's next?	3:20 - 3:55 PM	Coffee break/visit exhibitors	
	Kendall Donaldson, MD	• SESSION 4		
9:15-9:40am	Selecting Gene Panels Jose Pulido, MD	3:55 – 4:15 рм	Cases That Put It All Together Jose Pulido, MD	
9:40 - 10:15 ам	Coffee break/visit exhibitors	4:15 - 4:35 PM	Management of Non-Infectious Uveitis: What Is	
• SESSION 2			New in 2024 Dilraj Grewal, MD	
10:15 - 10:35 ам	Cataract Surgery in the Highly Hyperopic Patient Arsham Sheybani, MD	4:35 – 4:55 PM	UBM in Angle Closure Arsham Sheybani, MD	
10:35 - 10:55ам	Advanced Monofocal Technology Kendall Donaldson, MD	4:55 – 5:10 рм	Glaucoma versus Cornea – Striking the Balance Kendall Donaldson, MD	
10:55-11:15am	Uveal Melanoma Diagnosis and Management Jose Pulido, MD	5:10 рм	Adjournment and President's Reception (exhibitor reps are invited to the reception)	
11:15-11:40 ам	My Approach to Refractory Macular Holes Dilraj Grewal, MD		(Simple Control of the recording)	

#### **Accreditation Statement:**

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) through the joint providership of The University of Washington School of Medicine and WAEPS. The University of Washington School of Medicine is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

The University of Washington School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits $^{\text{TM}}$ . Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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he Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons presents an annual meeting which is attended by approximately 180 ophthalmologists as well as approximately 700 ophthalmic personnel, practice managers and coding professionals. The physician program, which begins on Thursday night, March 7 and continues with a full day program on Friday, March 8, is rich and diverse.

The 2024 line-up of outstanding guest faculty for the physician program is as follows:

- Kendall Donaldson, MD | Cataract, Cornea and Refractive Surgery
- Dilraj Grewal, MD | Retina

- Jose Pulido, MD | Ocular Oncology and Uveitis
- Arsham Sheybani, MD | Glaucoma
- Hans Bruhn & Aaron Weingeist, MD of OMIC | Malpractice Prevention

#### Schedule

■ THURSDAY, MARCH 7, 2024

Coding Meeting: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM with Joy Woodke, COE, OCS, OCSR

Physician Dinner with CME program: 7:00 PM - 9:30 PM

FRIDAY, MARCH 8, 2024
 Physician program continues: 8:00 AM – Noon and 2:00 PM – 5:15 PM
 Ophthalmic Medical Personnel (Tech) Meeting: 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM
 Total CME credit (pending): 8.0 hours

# Fee & Registration

Your fee for the physician program depends on your WAEPS membership category. Your 2024 dues must be paid in order to register at the member rate. Early-bird discount applies to registrations received no later than February 25, 2024. We encourage all participants to register online on our website: www.waeps.org/annual-meeting. You'll have the option to pay online or to request an invoice at the end of the registration process which you can forward to your accounting department. If you need assistance or need to register via hard-copy registration form, please email: waeps@waeps.org or phone 206-956-3635.

	On or before Feb 25	After Feb 25
WAEPS Active Members	\$425.00	\$475.00
WAEPS Senior/Military Members	\$250.00	\$300.00
WAEPS Retired Members	\$200.00	\$250.00
Non-Member Physicans	\$625.00	\$675.00
Allied Health Professionals	\$250.00	\$300.00
Residents	No Charge	

## **Reciprocal Society Members**

WAEPS has reciprocal arrangements with ophthalmology societies in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and British Columbia. Physicians, providing proof of membership in their respective state and province societies, may register at the WAEPS Active Member rate. Please contact our office for details if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity: waeps@waeps.org

#### **Disabilities**

We encourage participation by all individuals. If you require assistance, please notify Susanna Barnett at the WAEPS office at 206-956-3635 at least two weeks prior to the conference. Advance notification is essential for us to serve you better. Note that our conference venue is fully accessible and ADA compliant.

#### Other needs?

- Moms needing access to our "pump room" during breaks should contact us for details.
- Special dietary needs? Let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

# **Transportation**

Our conference venue is less than a block away from the Bellevue Transit Center where many bus routes stop. For more information, visit the Metro Transit and Sound Transit websites to plan your trip by public transportation.

# **Parking**

Underground parking is available at Meydenbauer Center.

### Cancellations

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing. There is a \$50.00 fee for cancellations received by February 28, 2024. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after February 28, 2024.

### Information

Contact the WAEPS office: 206-956-3635 or via email: waeps@waeps.org