



WASHINGTON  
ACADEMY OF  
EYE PHYSICIANS  
& SURGEONS

# 2025 ANNUAL MEETING

**Physician Scientific CME Program**

**March 13-14, 2025**

The Meydenbauer Center • Bellevue, WA

Paul B. Griggs, MD • 2025 Annual Meeting Program Chair

# Message from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the 2025 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 2025 conference promises to

be another outstanding event and I look forward to seeing you in March.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Griggs, MD  
Program Chair,  
WAEPS 2025 Annual Meeting

## Faculty



### Heather O'Donnell, MD

Dr. O'Donnell is a high-volume cataract surgeon & general ophthalmologist in Vancouver, BC, Canada. In addition to her practice in downtown

Vancouver, since 2016 she has served the remote coastal community of Bella Bella, BC where she has been working with community leaders to improve local access to visual field and OCT testing, reducing hundreds of visits required out of the community.

As a Clinical Assistant Professor at UBC, she is actively involved in resident surgical teaching. She is a passionate educator and has amassed hundreds of hours teaching and lectures to family physicians, emergency physicians, and medical students. In 2020 and 2021, she served as the physician co-director for clinical planning for the New St. Paul's hospital with a broad portfolio outside ophthalmology, from mental health and substance use, the centre for healthy aging, outpatient care and surgery. She also lectures on the topic of wellness and resilience to medical students.



### Gaurav Shah, MD

Dr. Shah, MD practices with the West Coast Retina Medical Group. He is a graduate of University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign

and the University of Illinois College of Medicine. He did his internship at Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Santa Clara, his residency at University of Minnesota, Department of Ophthalmology, and his Fellowship: Diseases and Surgery of the Retina and Vitreous, Wills Eye Hospital, Philadelphia, PA.

Dr. Shah has won numerous awards and honors, including Charter Inductee of the Retina Hall of Fame, OSN Top 150 of Retina Specialist 2016, American Academy of Ophthalmology Senior Achievement Award, American Academy of Ophthalmology Senior Achievement Award, American Society of Retina Specialists' Senior

Honor Award 2004, and the Academy Lifetime Achievement award. He has over 200 publications and 17 book chapters. He will be president of ASRS in 2027 and is currently on the Executive Board.



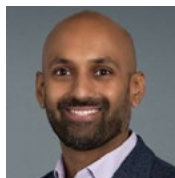
### Andrew Lee, MD

Dr. Lee is the Herb and Jean Lyman Centennial Chair in Ophthalmology and is the Founding Chairman of the Blanton

Eye Institute, Department of Ophthalmology at Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas. He is Professor of Ophthalmology, Neurology, and Neurosurgery at Weill Cornell Medicine and an adjunct professor of Ophthalmology at Baylor College of Medicine; Texas A and M College of Medicine; University of Iowa and the University of Buffalo; and Clinical Professor at the University of Texas Medical Branch (UTMB) in Galveston, Texas and the UT MD Anderson Cancer Center.

He is a graduate of the University of Virginia (UVA) undergraduate and UVA School of Medicine. He was an ophthalmology resident and chief resident at Baylor College of Medicine and a clinical neuro-ophthalmology fellow and Fight for Sight postdoctoral research fellow at the Wilmer Eye Institute, the Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Dr. Lee has served in numerous leadership roles at the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) and has received the AAO Achievement Award, Senior Achievement Award, Secretariat Award (three times), and Lifetime Achievement Award. He is a past President, a past Chairman of the Board, and Senior VP for Advocacy of the North American Neuro-ophthalmology Society.



### Manjool Shah, MD

Dr. Shah completed his residency training at the Casey Eye Institute and fellowship training in Glaucoma and Advanced Anterior Segment

Surgery at the University of Toronto. He is active in teaching residents and fellows, as well as through his work on various clinical committees with the

American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ASCRS), American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO), and American Glaucoma Society (AGS).

Furthermore, Dr. Shah is passionate about global ophthalmology, and has lectured and taught surgery in Nigeria, Peru, Nepal, Kenya, and Jamaica. His specialized interests include performing and teaching MIGS surgeries as well as traditional glaucoma surgeries, as well as the management of complex anterior segment challenges such as dislocated IOL's, subluxated or complex cataracts, and pupil and iris anomalies.



### Jeannette Domask, MPH, CPHRM

Jeannette Domask is a risk management professional with over 20 years of experience specializing in risk

management and medical malpractice litigation. Most recently, she held a role focusing on risk management and patient safety in a hospital setting. Jeannette has a Master of Public Health and is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM).



### Aaron P. Weingeist, MD

Board-certified ophthalmologist Dr. Aaron P. Weingeist obtained his medical degree from The University of Iowa,

Roy J. Carver College of Medicine in Iowa City, Iowa. He completed an internship in internal medicine followed by a three-year residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Weingeist specializes in refractive and cataract surgery. He is board certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and is certified in iLASIK surgery. He also treats eye diseases such as diabetes, glaucoma, macular degeneration, as well as performs refractions for glasses and contact lenses.

# Conference Schedule

## The schedule is as follows:

Thursday evening, March 13, 2025, Physician dinner with CME program: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Friday, March 14, 2025, Physician program continues: 8 am to 12 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:15 pm. Total CME credit: 8.5 hours

### MARCH 13, 2025 | THURSDAY

#### ■ PHYSICIAN DINNER MEETING/CME PROGRAM

- 7:00-7:45 pm      **Space Flight Associated Neuro-ocular Syndrome (SANS)**  
Dr. Andrew Lee  
*\*Sponsored by the Washington Eye Foundation*
- 7:45-8:30 pm      **Lessons Learned from Glaucoma Claims**  
Jeannette Domask, MPH, CPHRM  
Aaron Weingeist, MD of OMIC
- 8:30-9:15 pm      **Adjustable IOL Technology:  
The Science and Patient Selection**  
Dr. Heather O'Donnell
- 9:15-9:30 pm      **Questions & Answers**

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025

#### ■ SESSION 1/PHYSICIAN PROGRAM CONTINUES

- 8:00-8:25 am      **Five Medications That Could Blind Your  
Next Patient**  
Dr. Andrew Lee
- 8:25-8:50 am      **Five Visual Field Rules and How to Avoid Missing  
the Brain Tumor**  
Dr. Andrew Lee
- 8:50-9:15 am      **Optic Neuritis – The Good, the Bad, and the Ugly**  
Dr. Andrew Lee
- 9:15-9:40 am      **Five Imaging Studies That Every Ophthalmologist  
Needs to Know**  
Dr. Andrew Lee
- 9:40-10:15 am      **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibitors**
- **SESSION 2**
- 10:15-10:35 am      **Posterior Cornea: Cataract Surgical  
Considerations for the General Ophthalmologist**  
Dr. Heather O'Donnell
- 10:35-10:55 am      **Iris Registry – Lessons Learned**  
Dr. Gaurav Shah
- 10:55-11:15 am      **Malignant Glaucoma – Misdirected Notions  
Redirected**  
Dr. Manjool Shah

### FRIDAY, MARCH 14, 2025 (continued)

- 11:15-11:40 am      **Bridge the Generational Gap:  
Surgical Resident Teaching in 2025:**  
Dr. Heather O'Donnell
- 11:40-12:00 pm      **Panel Discussion**
- 12:00-2:00 pm      **WAEPS Annual Lunch Business Meeting**
- **SESSION 3**
- 2:00-2:20 pm      **Retina Detachment Repair –  
Results of the PRO Studies**  
Dr. Gaurav Shah
- 2:20-2:40 pm      **Fun with IOL's**  
Dr. Manjool Shah
- 2:40-3:00 pm      **Avoiding and Managing Cataract Complications  
in High Myopes**  
Dr. Heather O'Donnell
- 3:00-3:20 pm      **Update on Fungal Endophthalmitis  
and Viral Retinitis**  
Dr. Gaurav Shah
- 3:20-3:55 pm      **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibitors**
- **SESSION 4**
- 3:55-4:15 pm      **Glaucoma Surgical Update**  
Dr. Manjool Shah
- 4:15-4:35 pm      **How to Manage Patients When a Complicated  
Surgery is Complete**  
Dr. Heather O'Donnell
- 4:35-4:55 pm      **Spots and Dots – What is This?**  
Dr. Gaurav Shah
- 4:55-5:10 pm      **Zonulopathy 101**  
Dr. Manjool Shah
- 5:10 pm      **Adjournment and President's Reception**  
(exhibitor reps are invited to the reception)

#### 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 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 8.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



The Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons presents an annual meeting which is attended by approximately 120 ophthalmologists as well as approximately 350 ophthalmic personnel, practice managers and coding professionals. The physician program, which begins on Thursday night, March 13 and continues with a full day program on Friday, March 14, is rich and diverse.

The 2025 line-up of outstanding guest faculty for the physician program is as follows:

- Heather O'Donnell, MD | Cataract, Cornea and Refractive Surgery
- Andrew Lee, MD | Neuro-Ophthalmology
- Jeannette Domask, MPH, CPHRM & Aaron Weingeist, MD of OMIC | Malpractice Prevention
- Gaurav Shah, MD | Retina
- Manjool Shah, MD | Glaucoma

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## Fee & Registration

Your fee for the physician program depends on your WAEPS membership category. Your 2025 dues must be paid in order to register at the member rate. Early-bird discount applies to registrations received no later than February 14, 2025. We encourage all participants to register online on our website: [www.waeps.org/annual-meeting](http://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](mailto:waeps@waeps.org) or phone 206-956-3648.

|                               | On or before Feb 14 | After Feb 14 |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|--------------|
| WAEPS Active Members          | \$425.00            | \$475.00     |
| WAEPS Senior/Military Members | \$250.00            | \$300.00     |
| WAEPS Retired Members         | \$200.00            | \$250.00     |
| Non-Member Physicians         | \$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](mailto:waeps@waeps.org)

## Disabilities

We encourage participation by all individuals. If you require assistance, please email [waeps@waeps.org](mailto:waeps@waeps.org) 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, 2025. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after February 28, 2025.

## Information

Contact the WAEPS office: 206-956-3648 or via email: [waeps@waeps.org](mailto:waeps@waeps.org)