



Department of Ophthalmology

22nd Annual Residents & Alumni Hybrid Symposium

Advancing Vision Through Innovation, Research, and Collaboration

Friday, June 19, 2026

Professional Building

Brainard Conference Room (Rm. 542) & Main Lounge (Rm. 500)

1725 W. Harrison St., **5th Floor**

Chicago, IL 60612

Schedule of Events

Time	Event
7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast & Registration — Brainard Conference Room (Rm. 542)
8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	Scientific Program — Brainard Conference Room (Rm. 542)

MORNING SESSION

8:00 AM – Welcome & Introduction

Jonathan B. Rubenstein, MD, FACS

8:05 AM – Long-Term Follow-Up for Laser Barricade of Large Rhegmatogenous Retinal Detachments

Tarin T. Tanji, MPH; Kevin F. Elwood, MD; Sarah Kee, BS; Alicia Wang, BS; Qianyi Pu, MS;

Anne Shepherd, MD; Vivek Chaturvedi, MD, FASRS

8:20 AM – Early Epiretinal Membrane Surgery Is Associated with Improved Visual Outcomes After Macula-On Retinal Detachment: A Large Database Study

Paul de Bustros, MD; Vivek Chaturvedi, MD, FASRS

8:35 AM – Comparative Outcomes Between Local Steroid Therapies in Non-Infectious Uveitis

Allison L. Wuller, BS; Veena Rajji, MD, MPH

8:50 AM – Rescan or Recycle: Examining the Longitudinal Variability of Topographic and Biometric Intraocular Lens Measurements

Mohit Uppal, MD; Anjali Tannan, MD

9:05 AM – Hyperacute Epiretinal Membrane After Retinal Detachment Repair: Optical Coherence Tomography Characteristics, Progression, and Surgical Outcomes of Membrane Peel

Madelyn Malvitz, BS; Kevin Elwood, MD; Rishabh Gupta, MD; Vivek Chaturvedi, MD, FASRS

9:20 AM – Triple or Staged? Comparing Outcomes in Patients Undergoing Corneal Endothelial Keratoplasty

Erika Zheng, MD; Opeyemi Obiwumi, MD; Mohan Bhadriraju, BA; Gabriella Tran, BA; Neel Vaidya, MD; Jonathan B Rubenstein, MD, FACS

9:35 AM – Live Exhibitors Breakout Session Main Lounge (Rm. 500)

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9:50 AM – The Devil Is in the Details: Avoiding Disasters in Oculofacial Surgery

Jeremiah Tao, MD, FACS

10:05 AM – The Influence of Bandage Contact Lenses on Tonometry Devices

Matthew Lim, MD; Allison Wuller, BS; Oscar Chen, MD, MS; Jonathan B. Rubenstein, MD, FACS

10:20 AM – Anatomical and Functional Outcomes in Primary Uncomplicated Pars Plana Vitrectomy for Retinal Detachment: Peripheral Vitreous Shave Versus a No-Shave Technique

Rishabh Gupta, MD; Kevin Elwood, MD; Ankita Batra, BS; Madelyn Malvitz, BS; Vivek Chaturvedi, MD, FASRS

10:35 AM – Educational Quality of Glaucoma Content on TikTok: Implications for Patient Education and Engagement

Nicholas J. Pizzo, BS; Tejas C. Sekhar, BA; Mohit Uppal, MD

10:50 AM – Intravitreal Cerliponase Alfa for CLN2-Associated Retinal Degeneration: Safety and Early Clinical Outcomes in a Pediatric Case

Praewpailin Rich, BS; Nicholas J. Pizzo, BS; Tejas C. Sekhar, BA; Mohit Uppal, MD; Sara Fard, MD; Elizabeth M. Berry-Kravis, MD

11:05 AM – A Mixed-Methods Approach to Characterize Nonadherence to Topical Therapy in Glaucoma and Dry Eye Disease

Tejas C. Sekhar, BA; Jessica D. Toledo, MS; Oneke Gwan, BS, MA; Nandi Thales Mogo, BS; Nina A. Goyal, MD

11:20 AM – Introduction to the 17th Annual Wayne Won Wong, MD Memorial Lecture

Jonathan B. Rubenstein, MD, FACS

11:25 AM – Wong Memorial Lecture: Blink Twice: From Surgical Flaps to Nature's Third Eyelid

Jeremiah Tao, MD, FACS

11:55 AM – Lunch Break & Exhibits -Main Lounge (Rm. 500)

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Featuring: **Alcon, Astellas, Bausch + Lomb, Dompé, Glaukos, Heidelberg Engineering, Johnson & Johnson, MicroSurgical Technology, New World Medical, Regeneron, RxSight, Sight Sciences, Tarsus Pharmaceuticals, Théa Pharma, ZEISS, & 4DMT**

AFTERNOON SESSION

12:55 PM – Introduction to the Sunny B. Patel, MD Memorial Lecture

Jonathan B. Rubenstein, MD, FACS

1:00 PM – Sunny B. Patel, MD Memorial Lecture: Wrong-Site Risk in Strabismus Surgery: A Quality Improvement Approach

Madhuri Chilakapati, MD

1:30 PM – Atopic Dermatitis as a Risk Factor for Retinal Detachment and Proliferative Vitreoretinopathy in a U.S. Population

Catherine Chang, BA; Nathan Vance, BSPH; Mathew MacCumber, MD, PhD

1:45 PM – Listening, Observing, and Thinking Beyond the Exam

Madhuri Chilakapati, MD

2:00 PM – Live Exhibitors Breakout Session-Main Lounge (Rm. 500)

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2:15 PM – Greening the OR: Reducing Cataract Surgery Material Waste

Terrence Murphy, MD, MPH; Anjali Tannan, MD

2:30 PM – Comparative Efficacy of Membrane Peel After Retinal Detachment Repair Versus After Retinal Horseshoe Tear Repair

Leah Doro, MD; Mohit Uppal, MD; Madelyn Malvitz, BS; Sarah Syeda, MD; Anne Shepherd, MD

2:45 PM – Continuous-Wave Cyclodiode vs. Micropulse Transscleral Cyclophotocoagulation for Treatment of Severe Glaucoma at Rush University Eye Center

Sparsh Jain, MD; Jason Lau, BA; Reece Elowe, BSA; Anjali S. Hawkins, MD, PhD

3:00 PM – Quantifying Use of Selective Laser Trabeculoplasty as First-Line Treatment of Mild to Moderate Open-Angle Glaucoma and Ocular Hypertension at Eye Center Physicians

Polina Prokhoda, MD; Anjali S. Hawkins, MD, PhD

3:15 PM – Effects of Posterior Capsular Opacification and Timing of YAG Capsulotomy on Refractive Outcomes with the Light Adjustable Lens

Rohun R. Gupta, MD; Neel Vaidya, MD

3:30 PM – Final Comments

Jonathan B. Rubenstein, MD, FACS