2017 Nebraska Primary EyeCare Conference

Embassy Suites Lincoln

March 24-26, 2017

Continuing Education Credits:
Optometrists can earn up to 16 CE hours at the conference.

COPE Approved Activity

Register Online at: nebraska.aoa.org/springconference
Nebraska Optometry’s Meeting Highlights

The 2017 Nebraska Primary EyeCare Conference will be March 24-26 in Lincoln at the Embassy Suites Lincoln. The conference will feature Dr. John Berdahl of Vance Thompson Vision in South Dakota, Dr. Valerie Kattouf of Illinois College of Optometry, and conclude with Dr. Brett Bence, FAAO, Immediate Past President, American Academy of Optometry.

The NOA room block at the hotel expires on March 2. Lodging information below.

Doctors can earn up to 16 hours of C.E. credits and will also get an update on current issues facing the profession from AOA Trustee Ron Benner, OD, of Montana.

AOA Trustee Liaison Visit

Ronald L. Benner, O.D., was elected to the American Optometric Association Board of Trustees at the 118th Annual AOA Congress & 45th Annual AOSA Conference: Optometry’s Meeting® in June 2015 and subsequently re-elected at the 119th Annual AOA Congress & 46th Annual AOSA Conference: Optometry’s Meeting® in July, 2016.

As a member of the AOA Board of Trustees, Dr. Benner is a liaison to the Association of Regulatory Boards of Optometry (ARBO), the Constitution and Bylaws Committee, and the Building committee.

Dr. Benner has served on the AOA-Political Action Committee (AOA-PAC) since 2006, serving as chair since 2010. He currently serves on the Advocacy Executive Committee, Federal Relations Committee, Federal Legislative Action Keyperson Committee, Third Party Center Committee and State Government Relations Committee as well as chairs the Sports & Performance Vision Committee.

Prior to his time with AOA-PAC, Dr. Benner has served on the Professional Relations, Nominating, Credentials, and Geriatrics Committees. He has been an AOA member since 1982.

Spring Conference Lodging
Embassy Suites Downtown
1040 P Street, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508

To make a reservation, go to www.embassysuiteslincoln.com or call 402-474-1111

Please use group code - NOA by March 2 to book your reservation.

Note: Registered hotel guests may eat the complimentary Embassy Suites breakfast at no charge. Attendees who are NOT registered hotel guests may purchase breakfast at the hotel restaurant.
John Berdahl, M.D.

John Berdahl, MD specializes in Advanced Cataract Surgery, Corneal Surgery and Glaucoma Surgery, in addition to Refractive Surgery to correct nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism. He earned his medical doctorate, graduating with honors from Mayo Medical School in Rochester, MN and finished his internship at the Mayo Clinic in Scottsdale, AZ. He completed ophthalmology residency at Duke University where his published work, research, teaching and care of patients brought him many honors including best resident and national recognition as first place winner of the Resident Writers Award. Dr. Berdahl pursued additional advanced surgical training at one of the most coveted cornea and glaucoma fellowships in the country at Minnesota Eye Consultants. As a fellow he received the Claes Dohlman Award from Harvard University, which is given to the top cornea fellow in the country.

Originally from Hills, MN, Dr. Berdahl graduated from Augustana College and taught and coached at Hills-Beaver Creek prior to entering medical school. Dr. Berdahl has published numerous book chapters and peer-reviewed articles and his extensive research has been presented nationally and internationally. His commitment to those in need is demonstrated by his leadership role in EyeCare America (which provides free eye care to underserved) and the numerous surgical mission trips he continues to participate in worldwide.

William D. Townsend, O.D., F.A.A.O.

Lively, friendly and outgoing, with a fun sense of humor, Bill Townsend puts patients at ease immediately. He is a nationally and internationally known speaker and optometric educator on a wide range of topics, including dry eye, allergies, and ocular disease. The University of Houston, College of Optometry awarded Bill the Alumnus of the Year Award for 2015. In addition to this honor, he will be giving the commencement address for this year's graduating class. He also writes for several optometric journals and has co-authored a textbook on retinal anatomy and disease. Bill was born and raised in Texas, and has lived and practiced in Canyon, Texas since 1979. He enjoys bicycling, sailing, and traveling. He is active in his church and is involved with the jail ministry. He and his wife, Janet, also an optometrist, have two married daughters, Erin and Jessica.

Thyroid Disease and the Eye (1 hr - COPE 46465-SD)

Approximately 20 million Americans have some form of thyroid disease, which has multiple and potentially serious effects on the visual system. Optometrists should recognize signs and symptoms suggesting thyroid abnormalities. This presentation addresses the anatomy, physiology, and pathology of the endocrine system in general with special focus on the thyroid gland. We then target the specific tests that aid in diagnosis of anomalies of the thyroid and discuss management of ocular manifestations and complications of thyroid disease.

Innovations And Updates On Ocular Surface Disease (1 hr - COPE Pending)

Our understanding of ocular surface disease has grown exponentially in the past decade. In this presentation you will learn about new information on the demographic and epidemiology of OSD and recent landmark studies that have altered the way we diagnose and manage this condition. You will also learn about new recently introduced treatments as well as therapies and technology that is in development. Finally you will be introduced to practice management strategies that will help make this a profitable part of your practice.

Depress Your Patients Diagnosing Managing Vitreoretinal Anomalies (2 hrs - COPE 49989-PS)

Evaluation of the peripheral retinal fundus remains an important and challenging segment of examining the eye. Optometrists are uniquely qualified to assess and manage most peripheral retinal anomalies. This course reviews the normal landmarks and anatomy of the retinal periphery. It addresses primary forms of peripheral retinal degenerations and discusses examination techniques that are useful in examining the retinal periphery.
Valerie Kattouf, O.D.
Dr. Valerie M. Kattouf is a 1995 graduate of the Illinois College of Optometry. Upon graduation, Dr. Kattouf completed a residency in pediatrics and binocular vision at the State University of New York. Dr. Kattouf is currently chief of the Pediatrics and Binocular Vision Service and a clinical instructor at the University of Chicago. Dr. Kattouf’s career focus is teaching courses in the areas of strabismus and amblyopia and infant and toddler examination skills. Dr. Kattouf has authored articles in optometric literature and lectured at numerous scientific meetings on the topics of pediatric eye care and strabismus. Dr. Kattouf is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and the College of Optometrists in Visual Development, and a volunteer member of the American Optometric Association. Dr. Kattouf was named the Illinois Optometric Association’s Young Optometrist of the Year in 2002.

I Strain- What effects do today’s tablets and devices have on vision? (2 hrs - COPE 48682-FV)
To help the attendee learn about the various concerns and issues patients especially children can have due to the use of tablets and devices.

Amblyopia 101 How to Use Current Amblyopia Research in Your Clinical Practice (1 hr - COPE 50163-FV)
This lecture will review all of the current amblyopia research and summarize how you can implement the findings into your daily practice. Case based presentations on anisometric, isometric, strabismic and image degradation amblyopia will be integrated. The best treatment choices for each patient will be reviewed including lens treatment, occlusion methods, pharmacologic treatment and orthoptics.

Optometric Evaluation Concussion Patients (1 hr - COPE 52492-FV)
A review of the pathophysiology of concussion, the incidence and effect in today’s population. The visual findings in concussion patients will be reviewed. The necessary optometric testing to diagnose the binocular vision, accommodative and ocular motor findings in concussion patients is presented to the practitioner in an organized and practical fashion. Protocol for the optometric practitioner to guide the concussion patient to return to play and return to learn will be reviewed.

Brett Bence, O.D., F.A.A.O.
Brett Bence, OD, joined the clinical staff at Northwest Eye Surgeons in January 1988, becoming a partner in 2003. He provides medical ocular consultations and treatment, pre- and post-operative patient care, and facilitates our continuing medical education programs.

Dr. Bence is board certified by the American Board of Optometry. He has presented nearly 150 lectures, research papers, and posters. He is president of the American Academy of Optometry for 2015-2016 and past president of the Optometric Physicians of Washington. He enjoys exploring Pacific Northwest trails, biographies on US presidents, and working vacations on the Nebraska family farms.

A Contemporary Look at Cerebrovascular Disease for the Ophthalmic Practitioner (2 hrs - COPE 51917-SD)
This 2 hour course will provide a comprehensive overview of the patient who either has Amaurosis Fugax or presents with risk of cerebrovascular disease. The outline includes Overview of stroke Amaurosis fugax Vascular neuroanatomy, pathobiology AF causes, masqueraders Optometric clinical exam Auxiliary imaging Decision making stroke risk reduction Surgery vs. anti-thrombotic medications.

Will this patient go blind from glaucoma Relevance of progression criterion (1 hr - COPE 52117-GL)
This course reviews risk factors for glaucoma progression and details visual field and imaging indication of advancing glaucoma. Several cases are used to demonstrate progression criterion.

The Prominent Secondary Glaucomas (1 hr - COPE 51918-GL)
This course will detail diagnosis, pathophysiology, histopathology, and management of 3 most common secondary glaucomas that optometrists will encounter pseudoexfoliation, pigment dispersion syndrome and pigmentary glaucoma, and steroid-induced glaucoma.
Friday, March 24, 2017

8:00 - 10:00 am
The Sky’s the Limit...Or Is It
Presenter: John Berdahl, MD
(2 hrs - COPE 47070-PO)

Break and time with Exhibitors

10:20 - 11:10 am
4 Years of ReLACS The New State of Cornea
Presenter: John Berdahl, MD
(1 hr - COPE 44118-PO)

11:10 am - 12:00 pm
Cataract Surgery Patient Education and New Technology for Surgery, Implants, and Medications
Presenter: John Berdahl, MD
(1 hr - COPE 45521-PO)

Lunch and time with Exhibitors

2:00 - 3:00 pm
Thyroid Disease and the Eye
Presenter: William Townsend, OD, FAAO
(1 hr - COPE 46465-SD)

3:00 - 4:00 pm
Innovations and Updates on Ocular Surface Disease
Presenter: William Townsend, OD, FAAO
(1 hr - COPE PENDING)

Saturday, March 25, 2017

7:30 - 8:00 am
MIPS Update
Presenter: Ed Schneider, OD

8:00 - 10:00 am
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Presenter: William Townsend, OD, FAAO
(2 hrs - COPE 49989-PS)

Break and time with Exhibitors

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Presenter: Valerie Kattouf, OD
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3:00 - 4:00 pm
Optometric Evaluation Concussion Patients
Presenter: Valerie Kattouf, OD
(1 hr - COPE 52492-FV)

4:00 - 5:00 pm
EyeAssure Update

Sunday, March 26, 2017

8:00 - 10:00 am
A Contemporary Look at Cerebrovascular Disease for the Ophthalmic Practitioner
Presenter: Brett Bence, OD, FAAO
(2 hrs - COPE 51917-SD)

Break

10:20 - 11:10 am
Will This Patient Go Blind From Glaucoma? Relevance of progression criterion
Presenter: Brett Bence, OD, FAAO
(1 hr - COPE 52117-GL)

11:10 am - 12:00 pm
The Prominent Secondary Glaucomas
Presenter: Brett Bence, OD, FAAO
(1 hr - COPE 51918-GL)

Save the Date
NOA Fall Convention
September 22-24, 2017
Younes Conference Center
Kearney, NE

NOA Summer Conference June 3-4, 2017
Save the date for the 2017 NOA Summer Conference, June 3-4, 2017 in Omaha at the Hilton Omaha, 1001 Cass Street. Now expanded to two-days, this educational event will feature a Clinical Update presented by KMK Educational Services and offers 12 hours of CE. More information, including registration will be released soon!
Member, Non-Member and Student Registrations: Includes admission to all conference continuing education sessions and scheduled meal functions.

Registration Policies: Attendees registered on or before March 13, receive the discounted registration fees. Only registered individuals with badges may attend conference events. Spouses/guests must register to attend conference meal functions.

Attire: Business casual attire is recommended.

Cancellation Policy: A refund, less a $25 administrative fee, will be given for all written requests received by March 15. Refunds after that date will be reviewed by the NOA Board of Directors.

Mail your registration form with payment information to
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