



2023-2024 *Meeting* Series

Registration is required for each meeting.

Online Registration only: Please Visit
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Registration for meetings is accepted online and will begin mid-August.

A confirmation of your registration will be sent to the email you provide.
If you do not receive a confirmation, you did not successfully register.

NEW Monthly Meeting Location

PNC CHAMPIONS CLUB
at ACRISURE STADIUM



The PNC Champions Club at Acrisure Stadium offers a unique space for POS monthly meetings. The venue includes a large banquet area and separate reception room in a distinctive setting for attendees and guest faculty to enjoy.

MEETING AGENDA

- 4:00 pm Registration and Visit with Exhibitor
- 4:30 pm 1st Lecture
- 5:35 pm Resident Case Presentation
- 6:00 pm POS Business Meeting
POS Social Visit with Exhibitors
- 7:00 pm 2nd Lecture
(Dinner to be served during lecture)
- 8:15 pm Conclusion of Program

NO-SHOW AND CANCELLATION POLICY - [PLEASE READ!](#)

Due to the increase in meeting costs and trend of no-shows, the Society implemented a No-Show and Cancellation Policy.

Questions?

Contact: Nadine Popovich, Administrator

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Pittsburgh Ophthalmology Society

2023-2024 GUEST FACULTY

September 14, 2023

Hajirah Saeed, MD



Associate Visiting Professor
University of Illinois College of Medicine
Department of Ophthalmology | Chicago, IL
Lecturer in Ophthalmology, Part-time | Harvard Medical School
Boston, MA

Dr. Saeed joined the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences in 2022 as a Visiting Associate Professor, with a specialty in Cornea and Refractive Surgery and a focus on the pediatric population. She also serves as lecturer on Ophthalmology (part-time basis) at Harvard Medical School.

Dr. Saeed is internationally recognized as an expert on Stevens Johnson syndrome (SJS) and has an NIH grant focusing on the genetics and epidemiology of SJS. In addition, she and her team of researchers are working on novel diagnostic methods for various corneal pathology through machine learning, corneal collagen crosslinking in pediatric patients, and sustainable eye banking in the developing world.

Thank you to Srinivas Kondapalli, MD for inviting Dr. Saeed.

October 5, 2023

Carol L. Shields, MD



Chief, Ocular Oncology Service, Wills Eye Hospital
Professor of Ophthalmology, Thomas Jefferson University of
Philadelphia

Dr. Shields completed her ophthalmology training at Wills Eye in 1987 and subsequently did fellowship training in ocular oncology, oculoplastic surgery, and ophthalmic pathology.

She has authored or coauthored 12 textbooks, over 1400 articles in major journals, over 300 textbook chapters, given over 700 lectureships, and many awards. The 5 most prestigious honors include:

- The Donders Award (2003) given by the Netherlands Ophthalmological Society every 5 years to an ophthalmologist worldwide who has contributed to the field of ophthalmology. She was the first woman to receive this award.
- The American Academy of Ophthalmology Life Achievement Honor Award (2011) for contributions to the field of ophthalmology.

Thank you to Pamela Rath, MD for inviting Dr. Shields to speak in October.

November 2023 - No meeting

Please note there is no monthly meeting in November -
The AAO 2023 meeting is scheduled for November 3-6, 2023

December 14, 2023

Natasha Nayak Kolomeyer, MD



**Board-certified ophthalmologist and Fellowship-trained Glaucoma Specialist - Wills Eye Hospital
Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology
Sidney Kimmel Medical College at Thomas Jefferson University
Philadelphia, PA**

Dr. Kolomeyer has been the recipient of numerous awards and grants throughout her career. These include the Achievement Award from the American Academy of Ophthalmology; the Mentoring for the Advancement of Physician Scientists grant as well as the Healthcare Policy Leadership Development grant from the American Glaucoma Society; the Resident Excellence Award and Resident Research grant from the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery; and The Chairman's Award for Academic Honors and Distinction from the New York Eye and Ear Infirmary.

Dr. Kolomeyer is the author of numerous book chapters and 35+ peer-reviewed publications and serves on committees for the American Glaucoma Society, American Academy of Ophthalmology, Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology, and the Pennsylvania Academy of Ophthalmology.

Thank you to Sharon Taylor, MD, FACS for extending the invitation to Dr. Kolomeyer.

January 11, 2024

Tarek Hassan, MD



**Professor of Ophthalmology at Oakland University
William Beaumont School of Medicine
Senior Partner and previous Director, Vitreoretinal Fellows
Training Program at Associated Retinal Consultants
President, American Society of Retina Specialists (ASRS) | Royal Oak, MI**

Dr. Hassan has an active clinical and academic practice. He is involved in a wide array of both basic science and clinical vitreoretinal research studies and has served as principal investigator or co-investigator in more than 100 national trials, notably in the areas of macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal vein occlusion, and vitreoretinal surgery. He has authored and co-authored more than 160 papers in peer-reviewed journals and 8 books or book chapters for medical texts. He is a scientific reviewer for all of the leading journals within ophthalmology and retina, and on the editorial board of several.

He has been a leader in the areas of retinal detachment repair, diabetic retinopathy, and macular degeneration, and has lectured extensively nationally and internationally for many years, giving more than 450 presentations on these topics. He was awarded the AAO Achievement Award in 2003, the ASRS Senior Honor Award in 2004, and the AAO Senior Achievement Award in 2013. He has also been named to the “Best Doctors in America” listing every year since 2000. He has been very committed to retina fellow education, and in the past twenty years, he has had the distinct honor to train 34 clinical vitreoretinal fellows and over 20 international research fellows.

Thank you to Thierry Verstraeten, MD for inviting Dr. Hassan to present.

February 8, 2024

Alon Kahana, MD, PhD



**Kahana Oculoplastic & Orbital Surgery
Professor & Vice Chair of Ophthalmology
Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine
Rochester, MI**

An internationally renowned expert in orbital and ophthalmic plastic surgery, Dr. Kahana is a sought-after lecturer and a respected leader of our field. He is a Program Director for an ASOPRS-approved fellowship in oculofacial plastic surgery, and teaches ophthalmology residents from Beaumont, Ascension and Kresge/Wayne State University.

He has authored over 80 peer-reviewed publications, multiple book chapters and reviews, and has given >100 lectures throughout the United States and internationally, including several endowed lectures and visiting professorships. In 2020, Dr. Kahana was given the honor of delivering the annual Ralph E. Wesley ASOPRS Foundation Lecture. Dr. Kahana has served in numerous leadership positions, including as President of the North American Society of Academic Orbital Surgeons (NASAOS) and Chair of the Thesis Committee and the Scientific Advisory Committee for ASOPRS. He is also a Program Director for his own ASOPRS fellowship.

Dr. Kahana’s research has been awarded grants from the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health, as well as philanthropic organizations and industry. Dr. Kahana was awarded career development and physician awards from Research to Prevent Blindness, and has run a major prospective clinical trial on the treatment of advanced orbital and periocular basal cell carcinoma.

Thank you to David Buerger, MD, FACS and Cari Lyle, MD for inviting Dr. Kahana.