

Glaucoma in 2026 – What’s to Come: A Glaucoma Symposium  
January 17, 2026

**PROGRAM**

Subject to Change

**Course Co-Directors:**

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**Saturday, January 17, 2026**

- 750 EST      **Welcome Remarks**  
Elena Bitrian, MD and Richard K. Parrish, MD
- SESSION I: Glaucoma Diagnostics**  
**Moderator:** Richard K. Parrish, MD
- 800      **Advances in Anterior Segment Imaging for Angle Closure**  
Anh H. Pham, MD, PhD
- 810      **Glaucoma OCT in 2026**  
Donald L. Budenz, MD, MPH
- 820      **Childhood Glaucoma: The Zebras and the Unicorns**  
Ta Cheng Peter Chang, MD
- 830      **Impact of Systemic Blood Pressure on Glaucoma Progression**  
Felipe A. Medeiros, MD, PhD
- 840      **Advances in Visual Field Tests**  
Sylvia L. Groth, MD
- 850      **Predicting Where Vision Fails: Artificial Intelligence for Smarter Glaucoma Care**  
Felipe A. Medeiros, MD, PhD
- 900      **Panel Discussion**  
Donald L. Budenz, MD, MPH; Ta Cheng Peter Chang, MD; Sylvia L. Groth, MD; Felipe A. Medeiros, MD, PhD; Richard K. Parrish, MD; and Anh H. Pham, MD, PhD

**SESSION II: Managing a Glaucoma Practice in 2026**

**Moderator:** Elizabeth A. Hodapp, MD

- 920 **EMR Charting and Billing Tips**  
Adam L. Rothman, MD
- 930 **In a Nutshell: Patient Safety and Quality Improvement for Glaucoma Specialists**  
Jennifer S. Weizer, MD
- 940 **Competency in Geriatric Ophthalmology**  
Elena Bitrian, MD
- 950 **Advances in Trabeculoplasty**  
Sylvia L. Groth, MD
- 1000 **Building a Premium Lens Surgical Practice**  
Arindel S. Maharaj, MD, PhD
- 1010 **Avoiding Physician Burnout and Planning for Retirement**  
Richard K. Parrish, MD
- 1020 **Panel Discussion**  
Elena Bitrian, MD; Sylvia L. Groth, MD; Elizabeth A. Hodapp, MD; Arindel S. Maharaj, MD, PhD; Richard K. Parrish, MD; Adam L. Rothman, MD; and Jennifer S. Weizer, MD
- 1030 **Refreshment Break**
- SESSION III: Laser and Surgical Treatment of Mild-Moderate Glaucoma**  
**Moderator:** Joseph F. Panarelli, MD
- 1050 **Cataract Surgery Alone: When Not to Do MIGS**  
Adam L. Rothman, MD
- 1100 **Results from Phaco-Alone vs. Phaco-Stent from a Patient Perspective**  
Paul F. Palmberg, MD, PhD
- 1110 **MIGS Patient Selection**  
Sarah R. Wellik, MD
- 1120 **Phaco-Hydrus vs. Phaco-Small Blade Goniotomy: The Decision a Toss-Up?**  
Tyler M. Kaplan, MD
- 1130 **More Devices Are on Their Way!**  
Joseph F. Panarelli, MD
- 1140 **Panel Discussion**  
Tyler M. Kaplan, MD; Paul F. Palmberg, MD, PhD; Joseph F. Panarelli, MD; Adam L. Rothman, MD; and Sarah R. Wellik, MD

**SESSION IV: Laser and Surgical Treatment of Moderate-Advanced Glaucoma**

Moderator: Sylvia L. Groth, MD

- 1150      **180 vs. 360 Goniotomies**  
Elena Bitrian, MD
- 1200      **Trabeculectomy Technique: Achieving Long-Term Low IOP While Avoiding Bleeding, Leaks and Hypotony by Design**  
Paul F. Palmberg, MD, PhD
- 1210      **Conjunctival Transcriptome: Molecular Pathways Associated with Bleb Failure**  
Ta Cheng Peter Chang, MD
- 1220      **Hypotony: How Low Is Too Low**  
Joseph F. Panarelli, MD
- 1230      **Highlights from Recent Tube Trials**  
Steven J. Gedde, MD
- 1240      **New Indications for Slow Burn Cyclophotocoagulation for the Treatment of Glaucoma**  
Richard K. Lee, MD, PhD
- 1250      **A Novel Mouse Model of Neurotrophic Keratopathy: Effects of Cyclophotocoagulation on Corneal Nerves**  
Anh H. Pham, MD, PhD
- 1300      **Panel Discussion**  
Elena Bitrian, MD; Ta Cheng Peter Chang, MD; Steven J. Gedde, MD; Sylvia L. Groth, MD; Richard K. Lee, MD, PhD; Paul F. Palmberg, MD, PhD; Joseph F. Panarelli, MD; and Anh H. Pham, MD, PhD
- 1310      **Group Photo**
- 1315      **Lunch**
- 1400      **Glaucoma Wet Labs**  
*\*This session is not accredited for CME.*

**SESSION V: Glaucoma Grand Rounds – Clinical Cases and Surgical Videos**

Moderators: Elena Bitrian, MD; Sylvia L. Groth, MD; and Joseph F. Panarelli, MD

- 1530      **Glaucoma Case 1**  
Alma Mas-Ramirez, MD
- 1540      **Glaucoma Case 2**  
Karam Alawa, MD

- 1550      **Glaucoma Case 3**  
Alcina K. Lidder, MD
- 1600      **Glaucoma Case 4**  
Tyler M. Kaplan, MD
- 1610      **Glaucoma Case 5**  
Jonathan D. Tijerina, MD, MA
- 1620      **Glaucoma Case 6**  
Abdelrahman Elhusseiny, MD
- 1630      **Panel Discussion**  
Karam Alawa, MD; Elena Bitrian, MD; Abdelrahman Elhusseiny, MD; Tyler M. Kaplan, MD; Alcina K. Lidder, MD; Alma Mas-Ramirez, MD; Jonathan D. Tijerina, MD; and Luis E. Vazquez, MD, PhD
- 1645      **Cocktail Reception**
- 1730      **Adjourn**