

# NAPA EYE 2026

**NAPA VALLEY MARRIOTT HOTEL & SPA**  
**MAY 15-17, 2026**



## KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

**K. Thiran Jayasundera, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.S. &  
Vinit Mahajan, M.D., Ph.D.**

## GUEST SPEAKERS AND DISCUSSANTS:

**Lauren Blieden, M.D., Alana Grujewski, M.D., M. Tariq Bhatti, M.D., &  
Osama Raslan, M.D., M.Sc., M.B.B.Ch.**

## A CLINICALLY ORIENTED UPDATE FOR ALL OPHTHALMOLOGY SPECIALITIES

**RETINA:** Inherited retinal diseases; innovations in diagnostics; AI-driven tools; regenerative and neurotrophic therapies; stem cell approaches; and updates in uveitis.

**NEURO-OPTHALMOLOGY AND PATHOLOGY:** Key neuro-ophthalmic disorders, gene therapy for optic neuropathies, and multidisciplinary imaging-pathology insights.

**PEDIATRICS:** Updates on albinism, postoperative diplopia, and evolving concepts in optic disc drusen.

**CORNEA & EXTERNAL DISEASE:** Iris reconstruction, dry eye evaluation, and recognition of underappreciated anatomic contributors.

**ANTERIOR SEGMENT SURGERY:** Complex anterior segment challenges and advanced surgical decision-making.

**GLAUCOMA:** Workforce trends, diagnostic gray zones, and innovations in clinical decision support.

**OCULOPLASTICS:** Review of important orbital and periocular lesions.

**BREAKFAST ROUND TABLES:** Case-based discussions with experts across subspecialties.

**MEET THE FACULTY NETWORKING RECEPTION:** Informal networking on Friday evening.

**OPTIONAL SATURDAY ACTIVITIES:** Sip with us Napa wine tasting or Eye on the Right Brain painting workshop with Dr. Barbara Arnold.

**GUARANTEED 1:00 PM LATE CHECK OUT ON SUNDAY**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

**NAPA EYE 2026 ONLINE REGISTRATION**

<https://tinyurl.com/NapaEye2026Reg>

**NAPA MARRIOTT HOTEL AND SPA RESERVATION**

<https://tinyurl.com/NapaEye2026Hotel>

**FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2026**

12:00 p.m. Registration (lunch on your own), Visit Exhibits  
**Welcome and Activity Objectives**  
**K. Thiran Jayasundera, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.S.**

**Pediatric Session***Moderator: Nandini Gandhi, M.D.*

1:10 Albinism  
**Benjamin Jastrzembski, M.D.**

1:20 An unwelcome surprise: Diplopia after ocular surgery  
**Nandini Gandhi, M.D.**

1:30 Beyond Benign: Rethinking Optic Disc Drusen  
**Yin Allison Liu, M.D., Ph.D.**

1:40 **Q & A Panel**  
**Drs. Jastrzembski, Gandhi, and Liu**

2:00 **Refreshment Break, Visit Exhibits**

**Cornea & External Disease Session***Moderator: Mathew Margolis, M.D.*

2:30 The Irreparable Iris  
**Jeffrey Ma, M.D.**

2:40 Conquering Challenging Cataracts: Pearls to Save the Day (and Your Sanity)  
**Jeffrey Caspar, M.D.**

2:50 But is it Actually Dry?  
**Mathew Margolis, M.D.**

3:00 The Forgotten Fornix  
**Mark Mannis, M.D.**

3:10 **Q & A Panel**  
**Drs. Ma, Caspar, Margolis, and Mannis**

3:20 **Refreshment Break, Visit Exhibits**

**Keynote Lecture**

3:45 Introduction to Keynote Address  
**Mark Mannis, M.D.**

3:50 The Listening Revolution in Healthcare  
**K. Thiran Jayasundera, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.S.**

4:20 **Q & A Panel**  
**Dr. Jayasundera**

**Adjourn****Meet the Faculty Networking Reception****SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026**

6:45 a.m. **Continental Breakfast, Visit Exhibits and Meet the Faculty Roundtables**  
 Bring your challenging cases to discuss with the experts

1. Neuro-ophthalmology: **Dr. Liu**
2. Cornea and Comprehensive: **Drs. Margolis and Nelson**
3. Pediatrics: **Dr. Jastrzembski**

**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 (continued)**

7:00 **Interactive Poster Session (7:00 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.)**  
**Welcome and Activity Objectives**  
**Susanna Park, M.D., Ph.D.**

**Novel Therapies and Diagnostics for Retinal Disorders Session**  
*Moderator: Susanna Park M.D., Ph.D.*

8:40 Retinal Regeneration Induced By Growth Factors  
**Ala Moshiri, M.D., Ph.D.**

8:50 AI Applications in Ophthalmology  
**Glenn Yiu, M.D., Ph.D.**

9:00 AI in Uveitis  
**Parisa Emami, M.D., M.P.H.**

9:10 Therapy trials for ABCA4 Stargardt  
**Paul Sieving, M.D., Ph.D.**

9:20 Injections for Uveitis in 2026  
**Kareem Moussa, M.D.**

9:30 Update of Intravitreal CD34+ Stem Cell Therapy for Retinal Disorders  
**Susanna Park, M.D., Ph.D.**

9:40 **Q & A Panel**  
**Drs. Moshiri, Yiu, Park, Sieving, Moussa, and Emami**

9:50 **Refreshment Break, Visit Exhibits**

10:20 Introduction to Guest Speaker  
**Yin Allison Liu, M.D., Ph.D.**

10:25 The Mighty Mito: The Story of Gene Therapy for Leber Hereditary Optic Neuropathy  
**M. Tariq Bhatti, M.D.**

10:45 **Q & A Panel**  
**Dr. Bhatti**

10:55 **Refreshment Break, Visit Exhibits**

**Keynote Lecture**

11:10 Introduction to Keynote Address  
**K. Thiran Jayasundera, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.S.**

11:20 **TBD**  
**Vinit Mahajan, M.D., Ph.D.**

11:50 **Q & A Panel**  
**Dr. Mahajan**

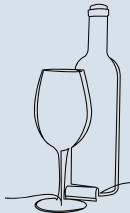
12:00 **Adjourn (Lunch on your own)**



## SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2026 (continued)

### Saturday, May 16 Optional Add-Ons:

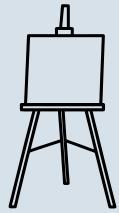
#### Wine Tasting: SIP Napa With Us



**Date & Time: 12:30 PM – 5:00 PM**  
**Cost: \$130 per person**  
**Capacity: Limited to 50 participants, pre-registration required.**

Join us for an unforgettable afternoon in the heart of California's wine country! Participants will enjoy guided tastings at two Napa wineries, Cakebread Cellars and Trefethen Family Vineyards, paired with heavy appetizers featuring local flavors. Shuttle bus transportation from the hotel to the wineries is included. Sit back, savor the scenery, and experience the best of Napa Valley's hospitality and award-winning wines.

#### Painting Class: Eye on the Right Brain



**Date & Time: 1:00 PM – 3:30 PM**  
**Cost: \$45 per person**  
**Class Size: Limited to 20 participants, pre-registration required.**

Unlock your creative potential in Eye on the Right Brain, a painting class led by Dr. Barbara Arnold, who will guide you in a hands-on painting exercise and insightful instruction, you'll learn to trust your intuition, enhance your visual awareness, and express yourself with color and form. All materials will be provided. No prior painting experience necessary — just bring your curiosity and imagination!

## SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026

6:45 a.m.	<b>Continental Breakfast, Visit Exhibits and Meet the Faculty Roundtables</b> Bring your challenging cases to discuss with the experts 1. Retina: <b>Drs. Emami and Park</b> 2. Glaucoma: <b>Dr. Ahmad</b>
7:00	<b>Interactive Poster Session (7:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.)</b>
8:00	<b>Welcome and Activity Objectives</b> <i>Moderator: Nandini Gandhi, M.D.</i>
8:05	<b>Ophthalmology–Radiology–Pathology Mini Symposium</b> <i>Discussants: Andrew Nelson, M.D., M. Tariq Bhatti, M.D., and Osama Raslan, M.D., M.Sc., M.B.B.Ch.</i> <b>Pelin Celiker, M.D.</b> <b>John Mark, M.D.</b> <b>Andy Shao, M.D.</b> <b>Christine Xu, M.D.</b>
8:10 8:30 8:50 9:10	

## SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026 (continued)

9:30	<b>Q &amp; A Panel</b> <b>Drs. Celiker, Mark, Shao, Xu, Nelson, Bhatti, and Raslan</b>
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#### Contemporary Evidence in Ophthalmology Session

*Moderator: Gary Novack, Ph.D.*

9:40	Evidence based medicine in ophthalmology: Drugs vs. Devices <b>Gary Novack, Ph.D.</b>
9:50	Update on Thyroid Eye Disease <b>Lily Lin, M.D., F.A.C.S.</b>
10:00	<b>Q &amp; A Panel</b> <b>Drs. Novack &amp; Lin</b>
10:10	<b>Cookies and Coffee Break, Visit Exhibits</b>

#### Glaucoma Session

*Moderator: James Brandt, M.D.*

10:40	<b>Raffle Prize Winners Announced</b>
10:50	The Perfect Storm: Forecasting Ophthalmology Workforce Shortages And Formulating A Response <b>Michele Lim, M.D.</b>
11:00	Ophthalmology's Last Mile Problem – Bringing Real-Time Decision Support to the Exam Lane <b>James Brandt, M.D.</b>
11:10	Is it Glaucoma? Navigating the Gray Zone <b>Tessnim Ahmad, M.D.</b>
11:20	TBD <b>Alana Grajewski, M.D.</b>
11:30	The Narrow Angle <b>Lauren Blieden, M.D.</b>
11:40	<b>Q &amp; A Panel</b> <b>Drs. Lin, Lim, Brandt, Ahmad, Grajewski, and Blieden</b>
11:50	<b>Closing Remarks</b> <b>Yin Allison Liu, M.D., Ph.D. and K. Thiran Jayasundera, M.D., Ph.D.</b>
12:00	<b>Adjourn</b>

Have a safe  
journey home!

**Checkout time is 1:00 PM**

# INTERACTIVE POSTER SESSION

## Interactive Poster Session Hours:

Saturday, May 16 - 7:00 am to 8:30 am

Sunday, May 17 - 7:00 am to 8:00 am

### 1. Contextual Factors That Affect Ophthalmic Follow-Up Care After Tele-Retinal Screening for Diabetic Retinopathy – A Qualitative Study

Authors: Michael Sigua, Glenn Yiu, M.D., Ph.D.

### 2. A Case of Refractory Myelin Oligodendrocyte Glycoprotein–Associated Disease–Related Optic Neuritis

Authors: Neda Dastgheyb

### 3. Unveiling The Shadows: When Vision Fades In Myasthenia Gravis

Authors: Fateme Montazeri, Christopher Philips M.D., Christine Xu M.D., Michelle Apperson M.D., Ph.D., Yin Allison Liu M.D.

### 4. Demographic and Ocular Factors Associated with Suprachoroidal Space Thickness in Healthy Eyes

Authors: Sean Chang, B.S.; Alexandra Hong, B.S.; Yevgeniy Sazhnyev, M.D.; Kevin Choy, B.S.; Blythe Durbin-Johnson, Ph.D.; Raymond Ko, B.S.; Neha Sarabu, B.S.; Sina Farsiu, Ph.D.; Parisa Emami-Naeini, M.D., M.P.H.; Ala Moshiri, M.D., Ph.D.; Kareem Moussa, M.D.; and Glenn Yiu, M.D., Ph.D.

### 5. H1337 Kinase Inhibitor as Topical Treatment For Glaucoma and Ocular Hypertension

Author: Shettle, L, Mulaney J, Williams RD, Beck J, Stewart JA, Novack GD.

### 6. VVN461, A JAK Inhibitor, For The Treatment of Post-Operative Inflammation

Author: Bacharach J, Peace JH, Jong KY, Li X-Y, Shen W, Lu C, Novack GD

### 7. Phase 2 Study of The Efficacy and Safety of VVN461 Solution in Patients with Noninfectious Anterior Uveitis

Author: Wang L, Li X-Y, Shen G, Lu C, Shen W, Novack GD

### 8. Impact of Air Pollution on Diabetic Retinopathy

Author: Rebekah C. Smith M.D., Tu Nguyen M.D., Helene G. Margolis M.A., Ph.D., Glenn C. Yiu M.D., Ph.D.

### 9. Contextual factors influencing ophthalmology follow-up after teleretinal screening for diabetic retinopathy

Author: Michael Sigua, BA; Stephanie Huang; Deon Vasquez, BS; Melissa Gosdin, PhD; Jennifer Rosenthal, MD, MAS; Sarah C. Haynes, PhD, MPH; Glenn Yiu, MD, PhD;



## CONFERENCE CHAIR



### **Yin Allison Liu, M.D., Ph.D.**

Associate Professor  
Neuro-Ophthalmology,  
UC Davis Eye Center  
Sacramento, California



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Natalie Fosse Endowed Chair in  
Vision Science Research  
Chairman, Department of  
Ophthalmology & Vision Science  
Professor, Retina  
UC Davis Eye Center  
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## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

### **Vinit Mahajan, M.D., Ph.D.**

Professor, Retina  
Byers Eye Institute  
Stanford University School of  
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Palo Alto, California

## GUEST SPEAKERS AND DISCUSSANTS



### **Lauren Blieden, M.D. Guest Speaker**

Vice Chair of Education  
Professor of Ophthalmology, Glaucoma  
Cullen Eye Institute  
Baylor College of Medicine & Texas Childrens Hospital  
Houston, Texas



### **Alana Grajewski, M.D. Guest Speaker**

Professor of Ophthalmology, Glaucoma  
Byers Eye Institute, Stanford University School of Medicine  
Palo Alto, California



### **M. Tariq Bhatti, M.D. Guest Speaker and Discussant**

Regional Neuro-Ophthalmologist  
The Permanente Medical Group  
Department of Ophthalmology, Kaiser Permanente-Northern California  
Roseville, California



### **Osama Raslan, M.D., M.Sc., M.B.B.Ch. Discussant**

Associate Clinical Professor, Neuroradiology  
UC Davis Health, University of California, Davis  
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Assistant Professor, Glaucoma

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Professor, Director of Cataract and Refractive Surgery

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Director, Medical Student Education  
Director, Optometric Services**Mark Mannis, M.D., F.A.C.S.**

Distinguished Professor Emeritus, Cornea

**Mathew Margolis, M.D.**

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Associate Professor, Retina and Uveitis

**Andrew Nelson, M.D.**

Assistant Professor, Comprehensive Ophthalmology and Ophthalmic Pathology

**Gary Novack, Ph.D.**

Vice Chair of Collaborative Research, Professor

**Susanna S. Park, M.D., Ph.D.**Professor and Director Retina Service  
Barbara A. & Alan M. Roth, MD Endowed Chair in Discovery, Education and Patient Care in Vision Science**Paul A. Sieving, M.D., Ph.D.**Distinguished Professor  
Neil and MJ Kelly Presidential Chair in Vitreoretinal Science, Director, Research  
Director, Center for Vision Science  
Hereditary Retinal and Macular Dystrophies**Glenn Yiu, M.D., Ph.D.**

Retina, Professor, Director, Tele-Ophthalmology

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Pelin Celiker, M.D.

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Christine Xu, M.D.





## NEEDS ASSESSMENT

This year's program brings together leading experts across ophthalmology subspecialties to present the latest advances in diagnostics, therapeutics, and surgical management. Sessions will highlight emerging innovations in retinal regeneration, artificial intelligence applications, neurotrophic and stem cell therapies, neuro-ophthalmic imaging, pediatric eye conditions, corneal and external disease management, and evolving strategies in glaucoma care. Additional multidisciplinary programming will integrate perspectives from radiology and pathology, while keynote lectures address transformational changes in patient communication and gene therapy for inherited optic neuropathies. Designed for comprehensive ophthalmologists and subspecialists, the program addresses current knowledge gaps and provides practical, evidence-based guidance to enhance clinical decision-making and improve patient outcomes.

## LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of the program, participants should be able to:

- Describe current advances in retinal diagnostics and therapeutics, including regenerative approaches, AI tools, neurotrophic factors, and novel stem cell strategies.
- Recognize key neuro-ophthalmic findings and understand the role of imaging and pathology in diagnosing complex conditions.
- Identify updates in pediatric ophthalmology, including albinism, postoperative diplopia, and evolving perspectives on optic disc drusen.
- Apply the latest evidence in cornea and external disease management, including evaluation of dry eye, iris reconstruction, and under-recognized anatomic contributors.
- Integrate innovations in glaucoma care, workforce considerations, diagnostic gray zones, and decision-support tools into clinical practice.
- Evaluate anterior segment and cataract-related challenges and incorporate advanced surgical reasoning where applicable.
- Engage in multidisciplinary problem-solving through case discussions, roundtables, and interactive poster sessions to enhance practical management skills.

**CME Credit:** 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 the American Academy of Ophthalmology and The UC Davis Eye Center. The American Academy of Ophthalmology is accredited by the ACCME to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Academy of Ophthalmology designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

**Target Audience:** This activity has been designed to meet the educational needs of ophthalmologists, nurses, ophthalmic technicians and other allied health personnel who are engaged in the diagnosis and treatment of eye diseases.

**JCAHPO Continuing Education Credit:** The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) reviews courses for continuing education credit toward certification or recertification in ophthalmic medical assisting for COA, COT and COMT levels. Approved courses are classified as either Group A or Group B. Though JCAHPO may award continuing education credit for specified courses, JCAHPO does not sponsor these or any other review course. Visit [www.jcahpo.org](http://www.jcahpo.org) for more information. NOTE: JCAHPO credits cannot be claimed on the Academy's online CME system. Credit must be claimed directly with JCAHPO when you are ready to recertify.

## ENROLLMENT

Please register early – space is limited.

Early Tuition is \$599 for physicians and \$399 for all others. The fees will increase after March 22 to \$699 and \$449.

UC Davis Eye Center Affiliate's fees are \$499 and increase on March 22 to \$549. Affiliates include UC Davis Eye Center Alumni, Alta Society Members and VCF.

Tuition includes breakfasts, refreshment breaks, Meet the Faculty Reception, electronic syllabus, and an online certificate of attendance via the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Tuition may be paid by check, American Express, Discover, MasterCard or VISA. Cash is not accepted. The UC Davis Eye Center reserves the right to cancel this program. In such a case, a full refund will be given.

Registration forms received without payment will not be processed until payment is received, and payment must follow within 10 days. Early discount rates are honored if payment is postmarked by the date noted on the enrollment form. After that date, the late fee is applied.

## CANCELLATION AND REFUND POLICY

A refund of tuition, less \$150 administrative fee, will be allowed if requested in writing by April 19. No refunds will be provided after this date.

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**Online Reservations:**

<http://tinyurl.com/NapaEye2026Hotel>

**HOTEL ROOMS****Guest Room Reservations**

The participants of the UC Davis Ophthalmology Conference may make their hotel reservations directly with the hotel. The group rates are single/double occupancy and do not include taxes.

There is a limited number of rooms in each category. Please call early to reserve your preferred room type.

**\$320 per night STANDARD ROOM**

**\$330 per night GARDEN ROOM**

Call **(800) 228-9290** as soon as possible and definitely prior to **April 5, 2026**, or [https://tinyurl.com/NapaEye2026Hotel](http://tinyurl.com/NapaEye2026Hotel) to make reservations.

Reservations are processed on a first-come-first served basis and **must be made April 5, 2026**, or before the block is sold out.

**AMENITIES**

- Included Daily Destination Amenity Fee, \$20 per day, per room, INCLUDED IN ROOM RATE
- Purified Water Stations throughout hotel
- Complimentary coffee/tea in Hotel Lobby
- Wireless high speed internet in guest rooms
- 1-Hour Complimentary Electric Bike Rental (per day, per guest)
- Daily Morning Yoga Class and Complimentary Fitness Center Access
- Nightly Local Vintner Pour
- Daily S'Mores Kits
- Destination Amenity Fee inclusions are subject to change

**FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

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If you have any special needs due to a disability as specified in the Americans with Disabilities Act, please call the Eye Center at 916-703-4662 so we may make the necessary accommodations for you.

Booking your guest room within the UC Davis conference block at the Marriott Napa Valley means you have a

**GUARANTEED 1:00 PM LATE CHECK OUT ON SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026**

**UC DAVIS EYE CENTER MISSION****Leading the way in vision care and research**

Our vision is to be the world's transformational leader in collaborative vision research and in the development of cures for blinding eye disease from cornea to cortex.

We will realize our vision through pioneering collaborative vision research, providing state-of-the-art, world-class eye care, and training superbly prepared ophthalmologists and vision scientists.

As a full-time academic department, the UC Davis Eye Center offers extensive educational opportunities for medical students, residents, postgraduate and community physicians.

The Eye Center Faculty are committed to resident, fellow and postgraduate education and training, enhancing and growing our facilities and providing opportunities for diverse patient care, research and academic pursuits.



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