



2025 CAO ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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**Saturday-Sunday
September 27-28, 2025**

(Opening Night Reception - Sept. 26th)



**Mohegan Sun Resort Casino
1 Mohegan Sun Blvd.
Uncasville, CT 06382**

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SPEAKER

Sweta Das, OD

New York, NY



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Julie Rodman, OD

Fort Lauderdale, FL



SPEAKER

Carl Spear, OD

Pensacola, FL



SPEAKER

Christopher Wolfe, OD

Omaha, NE

PROGRAM SCHEDULE | CAO 2025

Friday, September 26, 2025

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Opening Night Reception - Join us for cocktails, delicious food stations, and Gift Card Raffle **FREE with Registration!**

Saturday, September 27, 2025 – 8 Hours CE

7:15 am – 8:00 am – Registration & Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:40 am

4 Billing and Coding Changes You Can Make Tomorrow To Improve Your KPIs (COPE: Pending – 1 Hour)

Speaker: Christopher Wolfe, O.D.

This course will focus on four actionable billing and coding changes that optometrists can implement immediately to improve key performance indicators (KPIs) such as revenue per OD hour and coding accuracy. Participants will learn best practices and strategies for efficient billing and coding, which can lead to significant improvements in practice profitability and patient care.

9 KPIs for a Comprehensive Practice (COPE: 98184-PM – 1 Hour)

Speaker: Christopher Wolfe, O.D.

This course will provide an in-depth look at the nine key metrics that can help optometry practices grow, especially in the area of medical management. Participants will learn to use these metrics to improve practice efficiency, enhance patient care, and increase profitability. The course will cover practical steps to implement these metrics and integrate them into daily practice operations.

9:40 am – 10:10 am – Break & Exhibits

10:10 am – 11:50 am

Worried About Audits? You Should Be But Not For the reasons you are (COPE: Pending – 1 Hour)

Speaker: Christopher Wolfe, O.D.

A systematic approach for CMS Comprehensive Error Rate Testing (CERT) allows for practical understanding of how to improve documentation and defend against audits. Information provided in this course will be a practical guide that focuses on content of Current Procedure Terminology and CERT.

Inflationary Tactics How Your Practice Can Thrive Even When Under Stagnant Reimbursements (COPE: 98186-PM – 1 Hour)

Speaker: Christopher Wolfe, O.D.

A systematic approach to evaluating the factors that lead to stagnant income allows for practical understanding of how to improve revenue and defend against inflation. Information provided in this course will be a practical guide that focuses on content related to disease prevalence and workforce demand.

11:50 am - 12:10 pm - CAO Election of Officers

12:10 pm - 1:40 pm - Lunch & Exhibits

1:40 pm – 3:20 pm

Glaucoma Mimickers for Primary Eye Care Providers

(COPE:94495-GL - 1 Hour)

Speaker: Sweta Das, O.D.

To describe clinical cases of non-glaucomatous optic neuropathy with emphasis on key elements that can help distinguish non-glaucomatous optic neuropathy from glaucomatous optic neuropathy.

Distinctive Optic Nerve and Retinal Imaging Features in Neuro-eye Disease (COPE: 94528-NO - 1 Hour)

Speaker: Sweta Das, O.D.

This course will concentrate on assessing the budding science associated with employing retinal and optic nerve biomarkers to aid diagnosis, staging, treatment monitoring, and prognostication of a variety of optic neuropathy and CNS conditions.

3:20 pm – 3:50 pm – Break & Exhibits

3:50 pm – 5:30 pm

Clinical Manifestation of Orbital Disease - Subtle signs that should not be missed (COPE: 94493-SD - 1 Hour)

Speaker: Sweta Das, O.D.

The goal of this course is to provide a framework on crucial clinical characteristics to distinguish orbital disorder from periorbital and intraocular lesions with special emphasis on key historical information and clinical manifestation.

Update on Thyroid Eye Disease (COPE: 98262-SD - 1 Hour)

Speaker: Sweta Das, O.D.

This course reviews current pathophysiology of TED with the help of animations, clinical features of thyroid eye disease (TED) using videos and its recent association with ocular hypertension, ocular neuromyotonia and aging.

5:30 pm – 6:30 pm

Saturday Night Exhibit Hall Cocktail Reception

Cocktails & light Hors D'oeuvres **FREE** with Registration!

Dinner on your own

Sunday, September 28, 2025 – 8 Hours CE

7:15 am – 8:00 am – Registration & Breakfast

8:00 am – 9:40 am

Shedding Light on Sight: Demystifying GA and AMD for Early Detection and Intervention (COPE: Pending – 2 Hours)

Speaker: Julie Rodman, O.D.

AMD remains one of the most common causes of vision loss in the elderly. This course will present clinical cases of AMD with an emphasis on GA. Further, diagnostic modalities & today's management of AMD will be covered through case studies.

9:40 am – 10:10 am – Break & Exhibits

10:10 am – 11:50 am

Top 5: What you will encounter in your retina practice

(COPE: 96045-TD - 1 Hour)

Speaker: Julie Rodman, O.D.

This course covers common retinal conditions in optometry, including AMD, diabetic retinopathy, vein occlusion, detachment, and vitreomacular interface disease. It addresses classification, epidemiology, treatment, management, and multimodal imaging for diagnosis.

OCT Angiography in Clinical Practice (COPE: Pending - 1 Hour)

Speaker: Julie Rodman, O.D.

Optical Coherence Tomography Angiography is a new method of analysis based on high-resolution imaging techniques whereby the retinal and choroidal circulation can be visualized simultaneously without injection. This course will review this technology as well as provide pertinent clinical examples. The participant will become familiar with standard OCTA terminology in order to accurately assess OCTA features.

11:50 am - 12:00 pm - CAO Announcements

12:00 pm - 1:30 pm – Lunch & Exhibits

1:30 pm – 3:10 pm

AP Artificial Intelligence in Real World Optometric Practice

(COPE: 94644-GO - 1 Hour)

Speaker: Carl Spear, O.D.

Artificial intelligence (AI) has been making significant strides in the field of healthcare and specifically in eye care. This discussion will explore the use of AI in eye care and impact our practice, our patients, and our industry. The latest advancements in AI technology will be discussed and how it is being used to diagnose, treat and manage ocular diseases. They will also examine the ethical implications of using AI in eye care and how it can be integrated into clinical practice.

Telemedicine, Telehealth and Teleoptometry

(COPE: 94115-GO – 1 Hour)

Speaker: Carl Spear, O.D.

Telemedicine has become an integral part of the day-to-day global patient healthcare system. Is Teleoptometry next? Can quality eye care really be delivered remotely? This interactive presentation and discussion will highlight overall trends in eye care that are driving a rapidly evolving adoption of remote access exams. Discussion on the technology and instrumentation required for real world implementation will be highlighted.

3:10 pm – 3:20 pm – Break

3:20 pm – 5:00 pm

Cases from the ER (COPE: Pending – 2 Hours)

Speaker: Carl Spear, O.D.

This course will use cases seen in an emergency room outpatient setting to review treatment and management options for conditions commonly seen as acute or emergency cases in an optometric practice. Interactive polling will be used to engage the audience and to highlight treatment options.

Please Note: Schedule is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances. We will do our best to keep everyone updated. Please check for updates regularly.



REGISTRATION

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Two Days – Saturday & Sunday, September 27-28, 2025	Early Bird	After 8/22/25
CAO Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475	<input type="checkbox"/> \$550
AOA Affiliate Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$475	<input type="checkbox"/> \$550
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$575	<input type="checkbox"/> \$675
One Day – Saturday, September 27, 2025	Early Bird	After 8/22/25
CAO Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
AOA Affiliate Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450
One Day – Sunday, September 28, 2025	Early Bird	After 8/22/25
CAO Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
AOA Affiliate Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$325	<input type="checkbox"/> \$400
Non-Member	<input type="checkbox"/> \$375	<input type="checkbox"/> \$450
Social Events	Please RSVP	
Friday Opening Night Reception (September 26, 2025)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> No, thank you
Saturday Night Exhibit Hall Cocktail Reception (September 27, 2025)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes, I will attend	<input type="checkbox"/> No, thank you

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Please note:

The CAO will adhere to all applicable state public health guidelines in effect at the time of the conference to ensure a safe and responsible gathering. Please note that course content and instructors are subject to change without prior notice. Every effort will be made to inform attendees of any updates as they arise. If you require any special accommodations to participate fully in this conference, please contact us at 860-529-1900. The CAO is committed to full compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and all related regulations.

Registration Cancellation Policy:

Requests for cancellation must be submitted in writing and received by September 22, 2025, to be eligible for a refund, less a \$50 administrative processing fee. After this date, no refunds will be issued for cancellations. Participant substitutions are permitted. Please note that no refunds will be granted for no-shows.