



# Department of Ophthalmology & Visual Neurosciences

## Spring Renaissance Meeting: Clinical Updates

**April 17 - 18, 2026**

Radisson Blu at the Mall of America  
2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN

**Join us for the biggest CME event of the season!** Our program will highlight the latest updates in ophthalmology research and clinical outcomes with guest visiting professors, networking and exhibits.



### Featured Guest Speakers

**Kate C. Baker, JD**, University of Minnesota Physicians Assistant Counsel, Risk Management  
**Wipperman Visiting Professor, Ethics**

**Elena Bitrian, MD**, Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine  
**Markoff Visiting Professor, Glaucoma**

**Michael Chiang, MD**, Director of the National Eye Institute, National Institute of Health  
**Letson Visiting Professor, Pediatric Ophthalmology**

**Edward Holland, MD**, Director of Cornea Services/Professor of Ophthalmology, Cincinnati Eye Institute/University of Cincinnati  
**Lindstrom Visiting Professor, Cornea and Anterior Segment**

**Randy Kardon, MD, PhD**, Tenured Professor of Ophthalmology (Neuro-ophthalmology), Professor of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Iowa, Carver College of Medicine  
**Wirtschafter Visiting Professor, Neuro Ophthalmology**

**Gaurav K. Shah, MD**, West Coast Retina Medical Group  
**Knobloch Visiting Professor, Retina**



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**Register by Feb. 28, 2026** to receive the early bird 25% discount!

## Agenda - Friday, April 17

### Registration, Check In & Exhibits

1:00PM - 2:00PM

### Welcome - Silvia Orengo-Nania, MD

2:00PM - 2:15PM

### Neuro Ophthalmology Session

2:15 - 3:55PM

### Oculoplastics Session

4:10 - 5:15PM

### Social Cocktail Reception with Hors D'oeuvres

5:15 - 6:15PM

## Agenda - Saturday, April 18

### Breakfast & Exhibits

7:30AM - 8:00AM

### Glaucoma Session

8:00 AM - 9:46AM

### Break & Exhibits

9:46AM - 10:16AM

### Pediatric Ophthalmology Session

10:16AM - 12:00PM

### Lunch & Exhibits

12:00PM - 1:00PM

### Ethics Session

1:00PM - 1:55PM

### Cornea, Anterior Segment Session

1:55PM - 3:35PM

### Break & Exhibits

3:35PM - 3:55PM

### Retina Session

3:55PM - 5:35PM

### Closing Remarks - Silvia Orengo-Nania, MD

5:35PM - 5:45PM

## Registration Information

### Registration by February 28, 2026\*

Physician/Optometrist - \$525

Other Health Care Personnel - \$225

Retired - \$375

Resident/Fellow\*\* - \$75

\*25% off

### Registration on or after March 1, 2026

Physician/Optometrist - \$695

Other Health Care Personnel - \$295

Retired - \$495

Resident/Fellow\*\* - \$100

\*\*University of Minnesota Residents and Fellows can use promo code 752WAIVED to receive fee waived registration. Individuals who use the code are expected to attend the entire meeting.

## Venue

### Radisson Blu, Mall of America

2100 Killebrew Drive, Bloomington, MN 55425

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Book your hotel room reservations directly with the Radisson Blu. If you book by phone, state that you are attending the University of Minnesota Spring Renaissance Meeting to benefit from the special group rate of \$189 per room. The hotel will take our block reservations until Wednesday, March 18, 2026, or until the block is sold out, whichever comes first. See our meeting website for the online group rate booking link.

## Attire

The dress code for this event is business casual. Since meeting room temperatures and personal comfort levels vary, we recommend dressing in layers and bringing a sweater or jacket.

## Parking and Transportation

Paid parking is available onsite at the hotel. The hotel also offers free airport transportation to guests with room reservations.

## Exhibiting

We are pleased to offer several levels of support to enhance your visibility and engagement with participants. View our Exhibitor Prospectus online.



**Department Head**  
**Silvia Orengo-Nania, MD**  
Professor & Department Chair  
*Course Director*



**Associate Professor**  
**Raymond Areaux, MD**  
Associate Professor & Lions Chair  
*Course Director*

## Course Faculty

**Jill Anderson, MD**, Associate Professor, Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus Surgery  
**Karen Armbrust, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor, Residency Program Director University of Minnesota; Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Uveitis Service  
**Katie C. Baker, JD**, University of Minnesota Physicians, Assistant Counsel, Risk Management  
**Elena Bitrian, MD**, Associate Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology, University of Miami, Miller School of Medicine  
**Wassef Chanbour, MD, FICO**, Assistant Professor, Cornea, External Disease & Refractive Surgery  
**Michael F. Chiang, MD**, Director of the National Eye Institute, National Institute of Health  
**Susan Culican, MD, PhD**, Senior Associate Dean of Graduate Medical Education, Co-Leader Office of Medical Education, Professor of Ophthalmology, Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus Surgery  
**Lulwa El Zein, MD**, Assistant Professor, Vitreoretinal Service  
**Ethan Greenberg, MD**, Assistant Professor, Comprehensive Service  
**Andrew Harrison, MD**, Professor of Ophthalmology, Ophthalmic Plastics & Reconstructive Surgery  
**Edward Holland, MD**, Director of Cornea Services/Professor of Ophthalmology, Cincinnati Eye Institute/University of Cincinnati  
**Joshua Hou, MD**, Associate Professor and Lions Gift of Sight Medical Director. Cornea, External Disease & Refractive Surgery  
**Michael Jordan, MD**, Assistant Professor, Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Neuro Ophthalmology  
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**Dara D. Koozekanani, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor, Vitreoretinal Service  
**Natalia Kramarevsky, MD**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, Cornea, External Disease & Refractive Surgery  
**Michael Lee, MD**, Professor, Vice-Chair of Academic Affairs, Mackall-Scheie Research Chair, Neuro Ophthalmology  
**Amanda Amy Maltry, MD**, Associate Professor, Ophthalmic Pathology  
**Ali Mokhtarzadeh, MD**, Associate Professor, Ophthalmic Plastics & Reconstructive Surgery  
**Sandra Montezuma, MD**, Professor, Vitreoretinal Service  
**Hosseini Nazari, MD, PhD**, Associate Professor, Vitreoretinal Service  
**Joshua Olson, MD**, Medical Director; Assistant Professor, Comprehensive Service  
**Andrew Ritter, OD, FFAO**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Physicians  
**Gaurav Shah, MD**, West Coast Retina Medical Group  
**Huda Sheheitli, MD**, Assistant Professor, Glaucoma Service  
**Meredith Stallone, OD**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Physicians  
**David Vollman, MD, MBA**, Professor and Vice Chair of Quality, Patient Safety and Patient Experience; Director of Medical Student Education, Comprehensive Service  
**Cheryl Zabrowski, OD, FFAO, FSLs**, Adjunct Assistant Professor, University of Minnesota Physicians

## Learning Outcomes

At the conclusion of this session, participants will be able to:

- 1 Perform comprehensive pediatric eye examinations using appropriate techniques and tools.
- 2 Identify when imaging is indicated in cases of acute acquired comitant esotropia.
- 3 Compare outcomes of aphakia versus intraocular lens implantation in infants with dense cataract.
- 4 Evaluate indications and outcomes for stent versus balloon procedures in nasolacrimal duct obstruction.
- 5 Integrate evidence-based modern amblyopia therapies into treatment plans.
- 6 Correlate systemic diseases with pediatric ocular findings to guide holistic patient management.

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