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American Academy of Optometry Announces 2026 Retina Summit in Indianapolis, Indiana

Winter Park, FL (March 10, 2026) — The American Academy of Optometry is pleased to announce the 2026 Retina Summit, a focused continuing education program dedicated to advancing clinical knowledge and care in retinal disease. This one-day event will take place on Saturday, April 18, 2026, in Indianapolis, IN, at the Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, and is open to both Academy members and nonmembers.

Powered by the American Academy of Optometry, the Retina Special Interest Group will provide 6.5 hours of continuing education featuring expert-led presentations on the latest developments in retinal diagnosis and management. Academy Fellows, Mohammad Rafieetary, OD, FAAO, and Roya Attar, OD, MBA, FAAO, will present on topics including diabetic retinopathy, advanced multimodal retinal imaging, advanced AMD diagnosis, and inherited retinal disease.

Attendees will benefit from an intimate and engaging educational environment, opportunities to learn from leaders in the field, and valuable discussions on emerging technologies and treatment strategies impacting retinal health. In addition to the educational sessions, participants will have dedicated time to connect with exhibiting companies, explore the latest technologies, and discover practical tools to enhance their practice.

“We want to provide the profession with top-level education outside of the annual meeting, and this is the first of two synchronous in-person opportunities in 2026,” said Academy President, Jeffrey Walline, OD, PhD, FAAO. “The education will maintain the high standard of all education presented at the Academy and include opportunities to interact with

educators and industry in a personal setting. We know from experience that Indianapolis is a great place to hold a meeting, both from a travel and entertainment standpoint, so we hope to welcome you to the first of our new in-person regional meetings.”

Registration is open to Academy members for \$299 and nonmembers for \$399. Additional information about the program, speakers, and registration can be found at aaopt.org/retina.

About the American Academy of Optometry

The American Academy of Optometry inspires excellence in eye care by fostering research and disseminating knowledge in vision science through its journals, *Optometry and Vision Science* and *Clinical Insights in Eyecare*, and the continuing education presented at its annual meeting. Fellows of the Academy are committed to the premise that learning is a lifelong obligation of a professional, as is the commitment to expand the profession’s knowledge base through ongoing fellowship and exchange. The next annual meeting of the American Academy of Optometry will be Academy 2026 Anaheim, September 30 – October 3, 2026, in Anaheim, CA. For more information, visit www.aaopt.org.

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