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Registration Now Open for American Academy of Optometry's 2026 Myopia Summit in St. Louis

Winter Park, FL (April 22, 2026) – The American Academy of Optometry is pleased to announce the 2026 Myopia Summit, a focused, one-day program designed to deliver practical, evidence-based strategies for modern myopia management. The summit will take place on Saturday, June 27, 2026, at the Marriott St. Louis Grand in St. Louis, Missouri.

Powered by the American Academy of Optometry, the Myopia Management Special Interest Group will provide 6.5 hours of COPE-accredited CE centered on the rapidly evolving science and clinical practice of myopia control. Academy Fellows, Erin Tomiyama, OD, PhD, FAAO, and Ashley Wallace-Tucker, OD, FAAO, will present four in-depth sessions that guide attendees from foundational understanding to clinical implementation.

Throughout the day, attendees will:

- Build a deeper understanding of the global myopia epidemic and why early intervention is critical.
- Evaluate evidence-based myopia control interventions, including emerging research and treatment approaches.
- Translate theory into action with practical clinical strategies for patient management and communication.
- Identify key considerations to successfully build and implement a myopia management program in clinical practice.

“Myopia management is advancing at a breathtaking pace, and this summit is your chance to stay at the forefront,” said Academy President, Jeffrey Walline, OD, PhD,

FAAO. “Join us to deepen your expertise, sharpen your clinical impact, and leave with evidence-driven strategies you can put into practice the very next day. Our presenters are exceptional clinician-scientists who translate the latest research into clear, actionable guidance, empowering you to deliver the highest level of care to your young, myopic patients.”

In addition to expert-led education, the meeting will provide opportunities for networking and engagement with industry partners, along with included meals and a closing reception. A list of participating companies will be available online in the coming weeks.

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/myopia.

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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