GP Lens Practice... Today and Tomorrow – Speaker Biographies

Edward S. Bennett, OD, MSEd (Co-Chair)
- General Session: Advancements in GP Lens Applications and Materials
- Spherical GP Lens Fitting and Evaluation
- Toric GP Design and Fitting
- GP Multifocal Fitting and Problem Solving
- General Session: GP Case Grand Rounds

Dr. Bennett is currently Assistant Dean for Student Services and Alumni Relations at the University of Missouri-St. Louis College of Optometry. He is also currently Executive Director of the Gas Permeable (GP) Lens Institute, the educational division of the Contact Lens Manufacturers Association (CLMA) and is past Chair of the Association of Optometric Contact Lens Educators (AOCLE). He is also the past President of the MD-OD Contact Lens Foundation of St. Louis. He is a Diplomate and currently serves as Immediate Past Chair for the Cornea, Contact Lens and Refractive Technologies Section of the American Academy of Optometry. He has authored over 200 publications including twelve texts and lectured at over 250 scientific and continuing education symposia. He is a recipient of the Dr. Josef Dallos Award (CLMA), the Achievement Award (AOA Contact Lens and Cornea Section), the Dr. Leonard Bronstein Memorial Award, the Annual Kevin Tuohy Memorial Award (CLSA), and the University of Houston College of Optometry Award for Distinguished Research on the Cornea and Contact Lenses. He is on the Education Committee of the Global Specialty Lens Symposium. He is the Clinical Features Editor for Contact Lens Spectrum, an Editorial Review Board member for Review of Optometry, an Editorial Board member of Optometric Management, a Contributing Editor for Ophthalmic Drug Facts and Comparisons, an Editorial Board Member for Review of Cornea and Contact Lenses, an Editorial Board member for 20/20 International, an Editorial Review Board member for New O.D., and an Editorial Review Board member for Vision Care Product News.

Robert L. Davis OD, FAAO (Co-Chair)
- GP Multi-focal Fitting and Problem Solving
- GP Management of the Irregular Cornea - Part One: Corneal, Hybrid and Piggyback Designs
- General Session: GP Case Grand Rounds

Dr. Davis is co-founder of EyeVis Eye and Vision Research Institute. Dr. Davis is Diplomate of the American Academy of Optometry and an inductee in National Academy Practice in Optometry. Dr. Davis has published and lectured extensively on topics related to Contact Lenses, Eye Care and the management of eye disorders. He is an adjunct faculty member of Illinois college of Optometry, University of Alabama and Salus University College of Optometry. He has developed many contact lens designs as well as holds various contact lens patents. Dr. Davis has extended his experiences as a consultant to a variety of eye care companies as well as investment firms.

S. Barry Eiden, OD, FAAO
- GP Multi-focal Fitting and Problem Solving
- GP Management of the Irregular Cornea - Part One: Corneal, Hybrid and Piggyback Designs
- General Session: GP Case Grand Rounds

Dr. Eiden is president and medical director of North Suburban Vision Consultants, Ltd., a private group practice specializing in primary eye care, complex contact lens management, treatment of eye diseases, and refractive surgery. He is also co-founder and president of EyeVis Eye and Vision Research Institute. Dr. Eiden is an assistant clinical professor at the University of Illinois at Chicago Medical Center in the Department of Ophthalmology, Cornea and Contact Lens Service and an adjunct faculty member of the Indiana, Illinois, Salus, and UMSL Colleges of Optometry. Dr.Eiden is Past Chair (2009-10) of the American Optometric Association’s Contact Lens and Cornea Section. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Optometry. Dr. Eiden is a research consultant for numerous contact lens and pharmaceutical companies. He is a respected lecturer nationally and internationally and frequently publishes in the professional literature.
Rob Gerowitzz, OD
- Orthokeratology
Dr. Gerowitz celebrated 30 years in the profession this year. A long-time practitioner in the specialty contact lens field, he is an Orthokeratology Fellow and serves on the board of the Orthokeratology Academy of America.

Robert M. Grohe, OD
- General Session: Advancements in GP Lens Applications and Materials
- Toric GP Design and Fitting
- General Session: GP Case Grand Rounds
An Illinois College of Optometry graduate, Dr. Grohe divides his professional time between private practices in Homewood and the Wheaton Eye Clinic in Hinsdale, Illinois. He is a faculty member of the Department of Ophthalmology for Northwestern University Medical School. He is a member of the AOA, IOA and a fellow in the American Academy of Optometry.

Cary M. Herzberg, OD
- Orthokeratology
Dr. Herzberg is a 35 year veteran of the optometry field. He is the founder, president, a board member, and a fellow of the Orthokeratology Academy of America.

Ann Laurenzi-Jones, OD
- GP Management of the Irregular Cornea - Part Two: Scleral Lens Fitting, Problem Solving and Patient Education
- General Session: GP Case Grand Rounds
Dr. Jones is an alumnus of The University of Missouri St. Louis Optometry College. After graduation she spent 10 years at the Cole Eye Institute of the Cleveland Clinic where she focused on specialty contact lens fitting and co-management of refractive surgery. She was also involved in clinical research and was co-investigator in several studies involving wavefront technology. Dr. Jones currently is head of the Contact Lens Department of NorthShore University Health Systems Eye and Vision.

Renée Reeder, OD
- GP Management of the Irregular Cornea- Part Two: Scleral Lens Fitting, Problem Solving and Patient Education
- General Session: GP Case Grand Rounds
Dr. Renée Reeder is an Associate Professor and the Chief, Cornea Center for Clinical Excellence at the Illinois College of Optometry/Illinois Eye Institute. She has been recognized with Dean’s awards for cutting edge teaching and for excellence in leadership. Dr. Reeder is active in research and continuing education in the areas of dry eye, keratoconus, and other cornea and contact lens related issues. She is a Diplomate in the Cornea and Contact Lens Section of the American Academy of Optometry and the Immediate Past President of the Westmont Lions Club.

Peter Russo, OD
- Spherical GP Lens Fitting and Evaluation
Dr. Russo is an Associate Professor in the Department of Ophthalmology at Loyola University Medical Center in Maywood, IL where he is the Director of Contact Lens Services. He is also on staff at the Edward Hines Jr. VA Medical Center in Hines, IL. Dr. Russo is a Diplomate in the Section on Cornea, Contact Lenses and Refractive Technologies of the American Academy of Optometry.

Louise A. Sclafani, OD, FAAO
- Spherical GP Lens Troubleshooting
Dr. Sclafani is a 1989 alumnus of ICO, began her career at the University of Chicago in 1993 where she is an Associate Professor of Surgery and Director of Optometric Services. She was awarded the status of Diplomate by the American Academy of Optometry in the cornea and contact lens section and is a frequent contributing author for Review of Contact Lenses, Contact Lens Spectrum, and Primary Care Optometry News. In 2008 she received the Illinois Optometrist of the Year and was selected by Review of Optometry as one of the Top 10 Females at the Forefront of Optometry. She has served on the Illinois State Board, is a Past-President of the Illinois Optometric Association, and Past Chair of the Cornea and Contact Lens Section for the AOA.