



GP Lens Institute

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# CONTACTS

## The GPLI and the Irregular Cornea

The GP Lens Institute is currently actively involved in the education of practitioners and students in the area of GP management of the irregular cornea patient. This important area is being emphasized in several recent programs and with resources currently under development. These include the following:



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- GP Management of the Irregular Cornea module:** Under the supervision of Dr. Christine Sindt, this will pertain to, at minimum, one narrated powerpoint presentation on GP management of the irregular cornea which with COPE-approval, will be launched on our website as well as available on CD-ROM later this year.
- Global Keratoconus Congress:** The CLMA was, once again, a sponsor of this important GP-dominated symposium, held in Las Vegas in January. In fact, a large percentage of the exhibitors were CLMA member laboratories and they deserve much credit for what was, once again, a successful meeting. The important results of this program will be featured in the May issue of *Contact Lens Spectrum*. A global educational meeting, which will include management of the irregular cornea, will be held January 16-18, 2009 in Las Vegas.....**Just confirmed!**
- Online Symposia:** The GPLI continues to present on line symposia which feature outstanding faculty with very interesting cases. The March 11th program on the topic of "GP Management of Keratoconus" with Dr. Bruce Anderson as the featured faculty member, was especially informative. Any practitioner/eyecare professional can log onto our website during the symposium and ask questions. We typically have a who's who in contact lenses—including many of our advisory members—who participate in these symposia. Any question pertaining to keratoconus and it's management is fair game. The online symposium schedule is listed on [www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info). Consistent with the irregular cornea theme, it's important to note that the November 18th symposium pertains to "Post-Surgical

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**Special points of interest:**

- Irregular Cornea module
- GKC2008
- On Line Symposium
- On Line cases
- Spectrum's October GP issue
- GP Lens Management Guide

THE IRREGULAR CORNEA

Management with GP Lenses” with Dr. Christine Sindt and Michael Ward.

- 4) **GP Lens Grand Rounds Troubleshooting Guide:** This 52 case online book includes 16 unique cases and their management pertaining exclusively to the irregular cornea. More cases will be forthcoming this year.
- 5) **Contact Lens Spectrum October Issue:** The editors of *Contact Lens Spectrum* (*i.e.* Joe Barr & Carla Mack) have always been kind in allowing the GPLI to have input on the annual GP issue. This year there will be multiple articles pertaining to management of the irregular cornea with an emphasis on large diameter lenses (*i.e.* *intra-limbal*, *mini-scleral* and *scleral*).
- 6) **GP Lens Management Guide:** The guide for GP management of spherical, high astigmatic, presbyopic, and keratoconic patients has been on the website for some time and represents a concise clinical guide for the management of these patients.



[www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info)

## What's New with the GPLI?

Check out the new “ fitter locator ” and “ career opportunity center ” on our website ..... **COMING SOON.**

With the assistance of Access-Media and Pam Witham of the CLMA, patients looking for a practitioner who fits GP lenses as well as practitioners desiring to help a GP wearing patient who is relocating can use this important fitter locator service.

Categories to select from will include:

- General GP Contact Lens Fitter
- Irregular Corneas ( including keratoconus, post-surgical and irregular astigmatism )
- Bifocal/Multifocal GP Contact Lenses
- Corneal Reshaping/Orthokeratology

Likewise, students and residents looking to be associated with a practice that emphasizes contact lenses—as well as practitioners looking for associates with interest in this specialty—can take advantage of our career opportunity center. Contact [rgpli@aol.com](mailto:rgpli@aol.com) if you wish to be listed.

**Under  
Construction!**

# ABO-NCLE National Education Conference



The inaugural ABO-NCLE National Education Conference will take place September 19-21, 2008 in Cincinnati, OH. The event will offer three days of training and education to improve an optician's technical, professional, managerial and personal performance.

Highlights: The *Hands-on Pavilion* offers over 40 hours of sessions with a small student/teacher ratio to provide a meaningful practical learning experience. Some of the hands-on training includes:

- ~ Slit Lamp
- ~ Corneal measurements
- ~ Teaching lens application and removal—GP and soft contact lenses
- ~ What are all these adjustment tools, and how do I use them?
- ~ Lensometer—basic, advanced, manual, automated
- ~ Lens edging

[www.abo-ncle-conference.com](http://www.abo-ncle-conference.com)

## Certification and Optical Showcase Included

Basic and Advanced ABO and NCLE review courses will be offered, plus these certification tests can be taken during the meeting. To help those interested in preparing for these tests *The Path to Certification Success* has been developed for those pre-registering at [www.abo-ncle-conference.com](http://www.abo-ncle-conference.com). A special one day management track—*Discovering the Secret of Supervisory Success, Becoming a Better Office Manager* - is being offered for current or future eye care office managers.

The Optical Showcase exhibit hall features state-of-the-art products from major optical and contact lens companies with free CE educational opportunities available in the Learning Center.

Need  
Certification?  
Need CE  
Credits?

Participate in  
meaningful  
practical  
learning  
experiences!

## Plan On Attending...

The conference will be held at the Duke Energy Center, a state-of-the-art convention facility. The Millenium is the host hotel conveniently attached to the convention center with very affordable room rates with early reservations.

2008 ABO-NCLE  
**NATIONAL EDUCATION**  
CONFERENCE

*Today's Optical Training for the Eyecare Office*  
September 19-21, 2008  
Cincinnati, OH  
[www.abo-ncle-conference.com](http://www.abo-ncle-conference.com)

This venue is also the location of the 2009 Opticians Association of American National Meeting. **Plan on attending the ABO-NCLE National Education Conference. Find out details & register at [www.abo-ncle-conference.com](http://www.abo-ncle-conference.com).**

## **Reaching New Heights at Optometry's Meeting AOA—Seattle, WA.**



The Contact Lens Manufacturers Association (CLMA) and the GP Lens Institute (GPLI) will be available in **booth #2308** at this year's AOA meeting in Seattle, WA June 25-29, 2008.

"Gas Permeable Lens Video Grand Rounds Part One: Spherical and Toric Lens Fitting and Problem-Solving with Drs. Ed Bennett, Louise Sclafani and Christine Sindt. (Thursday—Noon-1PM) (Students welcome)

Course #1213—Thursday, June 26, 2008 1pm—3 pm

"Gas Permeable Lens Video Grand Rounds Part Two: GP Presbyopic Fitting and Problem-Solving" with Dr. Ed Bennett, Mr. Pat Caroline, and Dr. Christine Sindt.

### **Meet CLMA Member Companies**

MANY MEMBER companies of the Contact Lens Manufacturers Association will be exhibiting during the AOA Annual Meeting June 25-29, 2008.

**CLMA member companies specialize in custom manufactured contact lenses.**

For a complete listing of CLMA manufacturing members and their searchable database of GP contact lens product lines by design category, please visit

[www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info)

Visit the  
CLMA/GPLI  
Exhibit booth  
at the AOA

**Booth #2308**

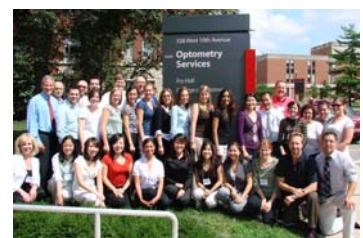
### **Cornea and Contact Lens Resident Weekend**

The dates and venue have been set for the 2008 GP Lens Institute's Cornea and Contact Lens Resident Weekend:

**August 22—24, 2008**

**St. Louis, MO.**

**All current year 2008-2009 CL & Cornea Residents will be invited. Watch your email for your invitation. Sponsored by the CLMA & GPLI.**



**2007 GPLI  
Cornea and Contact Lens  
Resident Weekend attendees**

## GPLI's OnLine Symposium Schedule

Log onto [www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info) and take the access link to *On Line Symposium*: Cases are provided to introduce the discussion. For 2008, these 1 1/2 hour discussion forums begin at 9 PM Eastern USA time.

May 13, 2008—"Orthokeratology and Kids"  
with Dr. Bruce Morgan and Dr. Michael Lipson



[www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info)

July 8, 2008—"GP Management of the High Astigmatic Patient"  
with Dr. Brad Giedd and Dr. Clarke Newman

September 9, 2008—"GP Multifocal and Bifocal Correction"  
with Dr. Steve Byrnes and Dr. Walter Choate

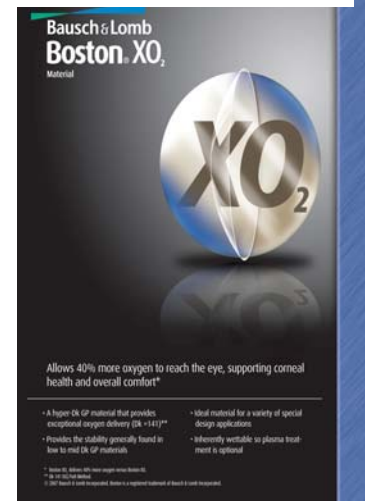
November 18, 2008—"Post-Surgical Management with GP Lenses"  
with Dr. Christine Sindt and Mr. Michael Ward

**Observation is  
a must;  
participation a  
plus!**

### Once Again — *Career Opportunity Center*

Provide your *career opportunity* to [rgpli@aol.com](mailto:rgpli@aol.com).

If you are wanting to expand your eyecare practice and have an opening for an expert custom manufactured contact lens fitter, let us know. We'll be glad to post your career opportunity in our new Career Opportunity Center located soon on [www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info).



### Grammie Pammie Speaks

"Therapy is expensive.  
Popping bubble wrap is  
cheap."

When ordering your customized GP contact lenses, support the material manufacturers that support the CLMA and the GPLI.

For a complete listing of their materials, listing of properties for each material and color choices, visit [www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info).

American Legion Magazine, Parting  
Shots/May 2007, pg. 76

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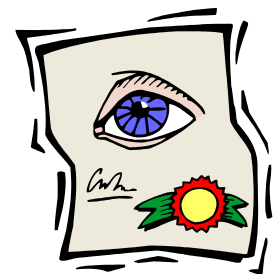
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Manufacturers Association

## GP Clinical Excellence Awards

One 4th year student at each of the North American colleges/universities of Optometry will be awarded the 2008 GP Clinical Excellence Award for their expertise and enthusiasm shown in the areas of encouraging and fitting GP contact lenses during their clinical rotations. These award winners will be selected by the faculties of the colleges and universities of optometry.



These awards are funded and supported by member companies of the Contact Lens Manufacturers Association. The award will consist of a permanent wooden plaque personalized for each award winner as well as a certificate entitling the winner to a complimentary GP diagnostic set provided by a CLMA member company.

Congratulations to each of these winners—they will be announced on our website [www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info) as well as future issues of *CONTACTS*.

Next issue of *CONTACTS*—May, 2008

The College of Optometry at the University of Missouri—St. Louis is hosting a day-long continuing education program, entitled **GP Specialty Lens Practice Today and Tomorrow**, on Sunday, May 4th in St. Louis. Morning presentations include Contemporary Management of Keratoconus, Fitting the Post-Surgical Patient and Fitting The Presbyope. A special afternoon session will include presentation and discussion of numerous GP specialty lens-wearing patient case studies via video projection biomicroscopy. Eight COPE/ CEE credit hours are available.

For online registration and further information visit

<http://optometry.umsl.edu/ce/GP08.html>.