

South African Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
21st Congress & Exhibition

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Preliminary Programme



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Sandton, Johannesburg

Sandton Convention Centre



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Friday 13 February 2026 * Plenary Sessions * SCC Ballroom 2

WELCOME ADDRESS

08:00 Congress Opening: Welcome address by Ed Anderson, President SASCERS

SESSION 1 CORNEA

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:05	When to choose PK vs EK - a skills based approach	Sean Edelstein
08:15	DMEK vs DSAEK: A case-based approach for success	Roberto Pineda
08:25	Comparative case series between Endo-In & standard DMEK	Leonard Heydenrych
08:35	DWEK/DSO: why and when	Roberto Pineda
08:45	Endo-In DMEK in complex anterior chambers	Leonard Heydenrych
08:55	OptiGraft CAIRS vs CTAK vs Keranatural	Jeremy Shuman
09:05	Customized CAIRS	Johann Kruger
09:15	Discussion 10 mins	
09:25	CORNEA SA LECTURE	
	CAIRS – A paradigm shift in the management of keratoconus	David Gunn
10:05	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition area	

SESSION 2: MULTIFOCAL & EDOFs

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:35	Myths and evidence in the selection criteria for IOL implantation	Joaquín Fernández
10:45	EDOF vs Trifocals : how to choose the right presbyopia correcting IOL , for your patient ?	Reena Sethi
10:55	Getting started with multifocal IOLs	Ben LaHood
11:05	Will EDOF IOLs replace diffractive IOLs	Michael Knorz
11:15	Discussion 5 mins	
11:20	Pupil size and centration affect trifocal EDOF	Uday Devgan
11:30	Reversible options for multifocality in pseudophakic patients.	Brian Harrisberg
11:40	Latest innovations in cataract surgery	Burkhard Dick
11:50	Discussion - 10 mins	
12:00	SOS and Rayner Symposium	
12:50	Lunch break: Lunch will be served in the in the Exhibition area	

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SESSION 3: REFRACTIVE

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:50	Raytracing LASIK on EX500. The Wavelight Plus treatment.	David Gunn
14:00	Back to the cornea for hyperopia! Lenticule extraction for hyperopic patients	Dan Reinstein
14:10	LASIK complications : Highlights	Arun Sethi
14:20	Surface ablation in refractive surgery: why is it still popular?	Mike Holzer
14:30	PRK revisited	Arun Sethi
14:40	Discussion 10 mins	
14:50	KRITZINGER SAFARI AWARD LECTURE (ISRS) Honouring the past, engaging the present, and shaping the future: Three decades of curiosity, collaboration, and education in refractive surgery	Dan Reinstein
15:30	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venues	

SESSION 4: CORNEA, CATARACT & IOLs

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	Keratoconus - the role of biomechanics for diagnosis / progression	Berthold Seitz
16:10	15 Year history of epi-on crosslinking treatments	Jonathan Woolfson
16:20	Modern day diagnostics and imaging: Epithelial mapping	Dan Reinstein
16:30	Discussion	
16:40	Cataract Coach Video Session	Uday Devgan
17:10	EyePharma Symposium Finding Serenity in Vision: My Clinical Journey with Premium IOL Technology	Hussein Almuhtaseb

Welcoming Function and Exhibition Opening

17:40 Food and beverages will be served in the Exhibition area

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SESSION 1b: GLAUCOMA MASTERCLASS

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:05	VISCOCANALOSTOMY - AN OPTION FOR ANTERIOR SEGMENT SURGEONS	
	Viscocanalostomy - a roadmap	Jeshal Patel
	Personal experience with glaucoma and viscocanalostomy	Frik Potgieter
	Viscocanalostomy for dummies	Jeshal Patel
	Learning viscocanalostomies: A surgeon's perspective	Frik Potgieter & Madri Potgieter
	Why dilate canal of Schlemm	Jan Olivier
	Visual Odyssey: Guiding young eyes through rehabilitation after glaucoma surgery	Claire Cullen

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SESSION 5: COMPLICATED CATARACT

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	The Carlevalle lens: A sutureless approach for managing aphakia and lens dislocation	Hussein Almuhtaseb
08:10	Intra-scleral Gore-Tex for scleral fixation of an IOL	Uday Devgan
08:20	Vitrectomy for the anterior segment surgeon: tips and tricks	Reena Sethi
08:30	The anterior interface cataract in pediatric cataract	Marie-José Tassignon
08:40	Paediatric cataract surgery	Vladimir Pfeifer
08:50	Intraocular lenses in patients with comorbidities: What you should know?	Joaquín Fernández
09:00	Robotic cataract surgery - the future is closer than you think	Uday Devgan
09:10	Discussion 10 mins	
09:20	EPSTEIN MEMORIAL AWARD LECTURE The history of phakic IOLs	Lucio Buratto
10:00	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition area	

SESSION 6: REFRACTIVE & PRESBYOPIA

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30	Current standards and future developments on phakic IOLs: New sizing parameters and prediction models	Dan Reinstein
10:40	Allografts and Excimer: Cornea solutions for presbyopia	Lourens Coetzee & Dylan Joseph
11:00	Corneal presbyopic excimer laser procedures: techniques, outcomes, and patient selection	Dan Reinstein
11:10	The Big Debate: Presbyopia correction: In the Eye vs On the Eye Refractive lens exchange Cornea presbyopic surgery Discussion	Uday Devgan Dan Reinstein
11:30	MindVision: A novel pre- & post-operative audio-guided neuroadaptation program to improve patient experience & outcomes following premium and blended-vision laser surgery	Dylan Joseph
11:40	Discussion 5 mins	
11:45	Medicontur Symposium by National Medical Supplies Exploring Medicontur Premium IOLs with Global Experts	Joaquín Fernández Brian Harrisberg Eric Falletisch Daemon McClunan
12:35	Lunch break: Lunch will be served in the Exhibition area	

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SESSION 7: IOL CALCULATION & TORICS

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30	Determining the axial IOL position and it's refractive impact	Peter Hoffmann
13:40	Optimizing outcomes in IOL power calculation	Joaquín Fernández
13:50	Future of IOLs using AI and machine learning	Uday Devgan
14:00	Discussion - 10 mins	
14:10	Toric axis alignment - choosing the correct axis	Ben LaHood
14:20	Clinical evaluation of a novel intraoperative guidance system for accurate toric IOL positioning in cataract surgery	Clayton Blehm
14:30	Does the use of the surgically induced astigmatism improve the results of toric calculators?	Frikkie Hartog
14:40	Toric IOLs - Planning for success and dealing with failure	Ben LaHood
14:50	Discussion -10 mins	
15:00	Cataract Coach Video Session	Uday Devgan
15:30	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition area	

SESSION 8: ESCRS ACADEMY

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	European Excellence in Ophthalmology: The ESCRS Update	
16:10	Global Consensus on the Classification of Simultaneous-Vision IOLs	Joaquín Fernández
16:20	Setting the Standard: ESCRS Cataract Surgery Guidelines	Burkhard Dick
16:30	The latest technologies for intraoperative PCO Prevention	Marie-José Tassignon
16:40	Secondary IOLs: Scleral Fixation Made Smarter	Vladimir Pfeifer

BUSINESS

16:50	I-CARE NETWORK briefing	Frik Potgieter
17:00	SASCRS AGM	

SASCRS DINNER

19:15	SASCRS AWARDS DINNER at The Venue Melrose Arch	
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SESSION 5b: CORNEA

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	CAIRS – Planning your first case step by step (practical application)	David Gunn
08:10	Types and uses of sterile ophthalmic allografts (with a highlight of CAIRS)	Jeremy Shuman
08:20	Science and characteristics of E-beam irradiated, femtosecond shaped OptiGraft CAIRS sterile allografts	Eric Abdullayev
08:30	Novel method for directly assessing donor graft endothelial cell loss immediately after transplantation – Comparison of 6 DSAEK methods	Eric Abdullayev
08:40	Corneal neurotization for neurotrophic keratopathy	Roberto Pineda
08:50	Fungal keratitis – Impact of confocal microscopy & early large keratoplasty on outcome	Berthold Seitz
09:00	PTK: Clinical considerations	Roberto Pineda
09:10	Discussion 10 mins	

SESSION 6b: CATARACT SURGERY & IOLs * Parallel Session * SCC Ballroom 4

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30	Multifocal IOL survival guide - improving multifocal success rates	Ben LaHood
10:40	Evaluation of the feasibility of a multifocal IOL in post-refractive patients	Frikkie Hartog
10:50	Risk factors in self-reported dissatisfied patients implanted with various presbyopia-correcting intraocular lenses after cataract surgery	Jan Venter
11:00	Refractive lens exchange : a novel approach	Reena Sethi
11:10	Refractive lens exchange/cataract surgery in adult eyes with short axial length	Jan Venter
11:20	Influence of cataract surgery on the vitreous	Susanne Binder
11:30	Discussion 10 mins	

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TOP TIPS TOP SURGEONS!

TIME	SPEAKER
08:00	Introduction
	Michael Knorz
	David Gunn
	Dan Reinstein
	Uday Devgan
	Ben LaHood
	Arun Sethi
	Brian Harrisberg
	Joaquín Fernández
	Peter Hoffmann
	Vladimir Pfeifer
	Roberto Pineda
	Reena Sethi
	Berthold Seitz
	Jonathan Woolfson
	Marie-José Tassignon
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	Voting
09:40	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition area

ETHICS PRESENTATIONS

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:00	Alcon Sustainability Presentation (ethics point)	Dr Irene Freed
10:40	Ethics Speaker (ethics point)	Joey Mongalo
11:45	Congress Closure	