

Southern African Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery
21st Biennial International Congress & Exhibition



SASCRS 2026

Programme

12 - 15 February

Sandton Convention Centre



Wet Labs * Boardroom 6 - 7



TIME	TOPIC
Thursday 12 February	
16:00-17:30	TR DSAEK
16:00-17:30	Endo-In DMEK
Friday 13 February	
11:30-13:00	Standard DMEK (Endo-out scroll)
13:50-15:20	TransplantREADY DSAEK
16:00-17:30	CAIRS
Saturday 14 February	
10:30-12:00	Endo-In DMEK
13:20-14:50	CAIRS
15:00-16:30	CAIRS
Sunday 15 February	
10:00-11:30	TR DSAEK
10:00-11:30	Endo-In DMEK

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Seeing beyond

Main Ophthalmology Programme

Friday 13 February 2026 - Plenary Sessions - Ballroom 2

WELCOME ADDRESS

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

SESSION 1a: CORNEAL SURGERY SOLUTIONS - WHAT'S NEW?

Chair: Etienne van Aswegen, Leonard Heydenrych

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 Krüger
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 venue	

SESSION 2: PRESBYOPIA CORRECTING IOLs - OPTIONS & INSIGHTS

Chair: Ed Anderson, Dylan Joseph, Ben LaHood

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 Exhibition venue	

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SESSION 3a: REFRACTIVE SURGERY PERSPECTIVES

Chair: Jan Talma, Zoran Aleksić

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) Introduction by Ed Anderson 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 venue	

SESSION 4a: IOL INSIGHTS & SURGICAL CHALLENGES

Chair: Daniel Kritzinger, Ed Anderson

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	Refractive EDOF IOLs. Clinical performance and laboratory truth	Peter Hoffmann
16:10	Multifocal IOL survival guide - improving multifocal success rates	Ben LaHood
16:20	MindVision: A novel pre- & post-operative audio-guided neuroadaptation program to improve patient experience & outcomes following premium and blended -vision laser surgery	Dylan Joseph
16:30	Discussion	
16:40	Cataract Coach Video Session Panel: Daniel Kritzinger, Ed Anderson, Theunis Botha, Clayton Erasmus	Uday Devgan
17:10	EyePharma Symposium Finding Serenity in Vision: My Clinical Journey with Premium IOL Technology	Hussein Almuhtaseb

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17:45 Food and beverages will be served in the Exhibition venue

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Friday 13 February 2026 - Parallel Sessions - Ballroom 4

SESSION 1b: GLAUCOMA MASTERCLASS

Chair: Frik Potgieter

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	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

SESSION 3b: IOLs & SURGICAL STRATEGIES

Chair: Charl Weitz, Frikkie Hartog

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:50	Evaluation of the feasibility of a multifocal IOL in post-refractive patients	Frikkie Hartog
14:00	Risk factors in self-reported dissatisfied patients implanted with various presbyopia-correcting intraocular lenses after cataract surgery	Jan Venter
14:10	Refractive lens exchange : a novel approach	Reena Sethi
14:20	Refractive lens exchange/cataract surgery in adult eyes with short axial length	Jan Venter
14:30	Influence of cataract surgery on the vitreous	Susanne Binder
14:40	Discussion 5 mins	

SESSION 4b: CORNEAL IMAGING & KERATOCONUS

Chair: Etienne van Aswegen, Daemon McClunan

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	Modern day diagnostics and imaging: Epithelial mapping	Dan Reinstein
16:10	Keratoconus - the role of biomechanics for diagnosis/progression	Berthold Seitz
16:20	15 Year history of epi-on crosslinking treatments	Jonathan Woolfson
16:30	Discussion 5 mins	

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Saturday 14 February 2026 - Plenary Sessions - Ballroom 2

SESSION 5a: CATARACT SURGERY CHALLENGES & SOLUTIONS

Chair: Frik Potgieter, Jan Talma

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 Introduction by Jan Talma History of Phakic IOLs	Lucio Buratto
10:00	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	

SESSION 6: PRESBYOPIA SURGERY OPTIONS - WHAT WOULD YOU CHOOSE?

Chair: Ed Anderson, Daniel Kritzinger

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30	Corneal presbyopic excimer laser procedures: techniques, outcomes, and patient selection	Dan Reinstein
10:40	Allografts and Excimer: Cornea solutions for presbyopia	Lourens Coetzee & Dylan Joseph
11:00	"Rumble in the Jungle" Heavyweight Presbyopia Debate - Corneal Presbyopia Surgery vs Refractive Lens Exchange	Referee: Joaquín Fernández Uday Devgan & Dan Reinstein
11:30	Discussion 10 mins	
11:40	Medicontur Symposium by National Medical Supplies Exploring Medicontur Premium IOLs with Global Experts	Joaquín Fernández Brian Harrisberg Eric Falletisch Daemon McClunan
12:30	Lunch break: Lunch will be served in the Exhibition venue	

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SESSION 7: GETTING IT RIGHT: IOL CALCULATIONS & TORICS

Chair: Frik Potgieter, Pierre Wassermann, James Hays

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	Toric IOLs - Planning for success and dealing with failure	Ben LaHood
14:40	Does the use of the surgically induced astigmatism improve the results of toric calculators?	Frikkie Hartog
14:50	Discussion - 10 mins	
15:00	Cataract Coach Video Session	Uday Devgan
	Panel: Frik Potgieter, Pierre Wassermann, Francesca Indiveri, Craig Anderson	
15:30	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	

SESSION 8: ESCRS ACADEMY

Chair: Burkhard Dick, Joaquín Fernández

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

17:00 **SASCERS AGM**

SASCERS DINNER

18:45 **SASCERS AWARDS DINNER at The Venue Melrose Arch.** Buses depart from 18:20.

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Saturday 14 February 2026 - Meeting - Boardroom 5

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
07:00	I-CARE NETWORK briefing	Frik Potgieter

SESSION 5b: CORNEAL SNAPSHOTS Parallel Session - Ballroom 4

Chair: Etienne van Aswegen, Johann Krüger

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	

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Sunday 15 February 2026 - Plenary Sessions - Ballroom 2

PHAKIC IOLS: THE FUTURE

Chair: Ed Anderson, Michael Knorz, Zoran Aleksic, James Hays

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	Current standards and future developments on phakic IOLs: New sizing parameters and prediction models	Dan Reinstein
08:10	Discussion 5 mins	

TOP TIPS - INSIGHTS FROM EXPERIENCE

TIME	SPEAKER
08:15	Introduction
08:20	Michael Knorz
08:26	David Gunn
08:32	Vladimir Pfeifer
08:38	Lucio Buratto
08:44	Roberto Pineda
08:50	Ben LaHood
08:56	Arun Sethi
09:02	Brian Harrisberg
09:08	Joaquín Fernández
09:14	Peter Hoffmann
09:20	Dan Reinstein
09:26	Uday Devgan
09:32	Reena Sethi
09:38	Berthold Seitz
09:44	Jonathan Woolfson
09:50	Marie-José Tassignon
09:56	Sean Edelstein
10:02	Voting
10:10	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition area

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Sunday 15 February 2026 * Plenary * SCC Ballroom 2

ETHICS FOR EVERYONE

Chair: Daniel Kritzinger

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:35	Outreach Cataract surgery Experience	Arun Sethi
10:45	Alcon Sustainability Presentation (ethics point)	Dr Irene Freed
11:25	Ethics Speaker (ethics point) Leading a Thriving Practice: Applying Performance Sport principles Drawing on first-hand experience with the Springboks, this session explores how leadership, team alignment and healthy competition can sustain an ethical, high-performance practice. Joey is a former Bulls and Junior Springbok rugby player turned professional rugby coach with a Masters degree in industrial and organisational psychology. He works with organisations to create & sustain alignment from strategy to execution.	Joey Mongalo Director of TEAMIP3
12:25	Congress Closure	

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WELCOME ADDRESS

08:00 Congress Opening: Welcome address

SESSION 1

Chair: Craig Anderson

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:30	The modern eye exam: What every assistant, nurse, and optometrist should master	Johann Lamprecht
08:45	Biometry and refractive accuracy: Avoiding hidden errors	Anesu Madikane
09:00	Understanding IOL calculations: Explaining choices to patients	Clayton Erasmus
09:15	Cataract surgery updates 2026: What's new for the support team	Francesca Indiveri
09:30	Patient conversations that matter: Delivering empathy with expertise	Craig Anderson
09:45	Questions and discussion	
10:00	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	

SESSION 2

Chair: Melody Sun

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30	Retinal imaging and OCT: Making sense of what you see	Mzwandile Mjwara
10:50	Corneal topography and keratoconus recognition	Melody Sun
11:10	Measuring intraocular pressure: Tools, technique, and troubleshooting	Fathima Mitha
11:30	Fluorescein angiography and fundus photography explained	Ingrid Walters
11:50	"Every Second Counts": Time, awareness and intention in healthcare	Louis van der Hoven
12:20	Lunch break: Lunch will be served in the in the Exhibition venue	

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SESSION 3

Chair: Annalien Steyn

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30	Building patient trust in busy practices	Annalien Steyn
13:45	Managing expectations: Talking about outcomes and limits in cataract surgery	Theunis Botha
14:00	Difficult conversations: Handling complaints and emotional patients	Danielle Gouws
14:15	Record keeping and consent forms: Legal must-knows	Tanya Muller
14:30	Questions and discussion	
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SESSION 4

Chair: Jan Talma

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
16:00	Reaching the unreached	Arun Sethi
16:15	The thrifty eye operation	Reena Sethi
16:30	Coding and Ethics	Jan Talma
16:45	Questions and discussion	
17:10	EyePharma Symposium * SCC Ballroom 2 Finding Serenity in Vision: My Clinical Journey with Premium IOL Technology	Hussein Almuhtaseb

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SESSION 5

Chair: Bongi Sithole

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
08:00	The corneal alphabet: DMEK, DALK, PK and beyond	Roland Hollhümer
08:20	Contact lenses for irregular corneas: The assistant's guide	Elizabeth Chetty
08:35	Crosslinking and new frontiers in corneal strengthening	Bongi Sithole
08:50	Post-op care and red-flag symptoms in intra ocular surgery	Srihari Swaminathan
09:05	Questions and discussion	
09:20	Epstein Memorial Award Lecture * SCC Ballroom 2 History of Phakic IOLs	Lucio Buratto
10:00	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	

SESSION 6

Chair: Ismail Makda

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
10:30	Glaucoma basics: Spotting subtle signs	Thabiso Mofokeng
10:45	Visual field interpretation made simple	Sean Anderson
11:00	Medications and lasers: How to assist effectively	Ismail Makda
11:15	Systemic disease and the eye: Diabetes, hypertension, and beyond	Pfunzo Nethengwe
11:30	Questions and discussion	
12:15	Lunch break: Lunch will be served in the Exhibition venue	

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SESSION 7

Chair: Saajidah Gaibie

TIME	PRESENTATION TOPIC	SPEAKER
13:30	Ocular emergencies: What to do first	Daniel Erasmus
13:45	Right to Sight	Jan Talma
14:00	Paediatric ophthalmology: Spotting and supporting early issues	Amanda Kaboyo-Kisoro
14:15	Ophthalmic triage: Prioritising patients safely and effectively	Saajidah Gaibie
14:30	The POPIA and patient data protection refresher	Tanya Muller
14:45	I-Care Network Briefing	Edo Collyer & Johan Engelbrecht
15:30	Refreshment break: Tea and coffee will be served in the Exhibition venue	
16:00	ESCRS ACADEMY * SCC Ballroom 2 European Excellence in Ophthalmology: The ESCRS Update	

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