



19th UIC Annual Retina Symposium

Medical and Surgical Retina: The Cutting Edge

March 6, 2026

8:00–8:05 am Registration & Welcome

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Program Director

Retinal Imaging and Macular Disorders

8:05–8:20 am	Retinal Imaging Breakthroughs	Richard Rosen, MD
8:20–8:35 am	Photobiomodulation for Dry AMD	Justine Cheng, MD
8:35–8:50 am	Emerging Therapies for Dry AMD	Jennifer I. Lim, MD
8:50–9:05 am	Emerging Therapies for Wet AMD	Jennifer I. Lim, MD
9:05–9:20 am	Acute Management of CRAO to Restore Sight	Richard Rosen, MD
9:20–9:45 am	Discussion (5 minutes after each talk)	
9:45–10:00 am	Break with Industry Input	

Hereditary and Acquired Retinal Conditions

10:00–10:15 am	Retinal Side Effects and Toxicity from Systemic Medications	William F. Mieler MD
10:15–10:30 am	Stickler Syndrome - Work-up and Management	Nita Valikodath, MD, MS
10:30–10:45 am	Novel Treatments for Retinal Degeneration	Robert Hyde, MD, PhD
10:45–11:00 am	Discussion (5 minutes after each talk)	

Diagnosing Retinal Conditions

11:00–11:15 am	Infectious Uveitis Work-up and Management	Justine Cheng, MD
11:15–11:30 am	Tips for Diagnosis and Management of Less Common Macular Lesions	Lee Jampol, MD
11:30–11:45 am	Differential Diagnosis of Posterior Segment Tumors	Zelia Correa, MD, PhD
11:45 am–12:00 pm	Retinal Vascular Abnormalities and Systemic Disease	William F. Mieler MD
12:00–12:15 pm	Pediatric Retina Conditions Not to Miss	Felix Chau, MD
12:15–12:40 pm	Discussion (5 minutes after each talk)	
12:40–1:30 pm	Lunch and Group Photo (50 minutes)	

Gerhard Cless Endowed Lecture

1:30–1:35 pm	Introduction of Cless Lecturer	Jennifer I. Lim, MD
1:35–2:20 pm	Gerhard Cless Endowed Lecture Diabetic Retinopathy: New Initiatives	Lloyd Paul Aiello, MD, PhD Harvard Medical School and Beetham Eye Institute
2:20–2:35 pm	Discussion	

Using Technology for Predicting Disease Progression & Outcomes

2:35–2:50 pm	The Value of Prognostic Testing in the Management of Uveal Melanoma	Zelia Correa, MD, PhD
2:50–3:05 pm	The Ocular Trauma Score in Practice	Felix Chau, MD
3:05–3:20 pm	AI for Ocular Lesions	Michael Heiferman, MD, MBA
3:20–3:35 pm	Interpreting Big Data Studies: The Promise and The Pitfalls	Merina Thomas, MD
3:35–3:55 pm	Discussion (5 minutes after each talk)	

Surgical Retina

3:55–4:10 pm	Surgical Pearls for Complex Scleral-Fixated Intraocular Lenses from a Retina Surgeon	Merina Thomas, MD
4:10–4:25 pm	International Collaborative Studies of Retinal Detachments and Macular Holes	Ron Adelman, MD, MPH, MBA
4:25–4:40 pm	Robotic Surgery and Robotic OCT	Nita Valikodath, MD, MS
4:40–4:55 pm	Advances in Retinal Detachment Repair	Lawrence Ulanski, II, MD
4:55–5:10 pm	Management of Retinal Arterial Embolism	Ron Adelman, MD, MPH, MBA
5:10–5:35 pm	Discussion (5 minutes after each talk)	
5:35–5:40 pm	Closing Remarks	Jennifer I. Lim, MD