25th Biennial Cornea Conference: Current Concepts in Corneal and Refractive Surgery and External Disease

Originally Presented: Friday, November 21, 2025 - Saturday, November 22, 2025

Wills Eye Auditorium

Conference Description:
This conference is designed to update comprehensive ophthalmologists and cornea specialists on current concepts and recent advances in a wide range of topics related to external disease, cornea transplantation, cataract surgery, anterior segment reconstruction, and refractive surgery. The conference will feature didactic lectures, point/counterpoint discussions and audience interaction designed to help participants integrate the tools and techniques discussed into practice.

Featuring the 18th Wilfred E. Fry, MD Memorial Lecture:

Catalyzing Innovation in Eye Care: The Ophthalmologist's Role through the Corneal Lens
Rajesh Rajpal, MD
Founder, See Clearly Vision Group
Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology, George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

Featuring Guest Faculty:

W. Barry Lee, MD
Cornea Fellowship Director, Eye Consultants of Atlanta
Co-Medical Director, Georgia Eye Bank, Atlanta, GA

Karolinne Maia Rocha, MD, PhD
Director Cornea and Refractive Surgery, Professor of Ophthalmology,
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Danielle Trief, MD
Assoc. Professor of Ophthalmology, Director of Cornea Fellowship,
Columbia University | Irving Medical College, New York, NY

At the conclusion of the course, participants should be able to:
1 Apply current concepts in the management of keratoconus.
2 Assess techniques used in the diagnosis and treatment of severe ocular surface disease.
3 Appreciate current status of new techniques for corneal surgery including endothelial keratoplasty, DALK, and keratoprosthesis.
4 Explain the thought process behind selecting various intraocular lenses at the time of cataract surgery.
5 Integrate into practice various surgical techniques for anterior segment reconstruction.

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