

EyeLights eNews



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President's Message



During this holiday season, we are grateful to our certificants who, globally deliver the highest quality patient eye care available. It is in this spirit that we'd like to send our best wishes for a Healthy and Happy Holiday Season and New Year!

You are part of a professional community that crosses distances, borders, and governments. We now have more than 30,000 certificants worldwide who are part of this important profession. As 2021 comes to a close, I reflect on your personal dedication to your continued education and certification which sends a significant message regarding your care and commitment of your patients, ensuring all patients have access to quality eye care.

Our Annual Continuing Education (ACE) Program in New Orleans was one of IJCAHPO's first steps back to providing live, on-site CE programs. We appreciate that all attendees who participated, did so in a positive way to safeguard the health and well-being of their colleagues who attended. I want to extend our appreciation to those of you who attended and apologize for the faculty who missed giving their scheduled course on-site. We understand the inconvenience and disappointment this may have caused you. During this same week, we celebrated 12th Annual International Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) Week in November that featured clinics and technicians in their celebrations – thank you for joining in the fun!

In 2022, we will offer live, on-site Regional CE programs again! For those of you who may not be traveling yet, I encourage you and your clinic to subscribe to [EyeCareCE.org](https://www.eyecarece.org) that provides your entire clinical staff access to over 170 courses online, as well as other educational offerings. Watch for our new year Educational Symposiums and January educational specials that promise CE savings. Exciting new educational resources will also be highlighted!

IJCAHPO is deeply committed to delivering the highest-quality resources and continuing education for AOP so that our certificants worldwide reach their full potential. This is an exciting time for eye care innovations and technologies. Thank you for your care giving.

Best regards,

James C. Tsai, MD, MBA, FACS
IJCAHPO President

IJCAHPO Updates



- **Looking for Qualified Staff to Join Your Eye Care Team? Post Your Job Openings on IJCAHPO's Career Center With These Great Discounts!**

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Reach qualified Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) with the skills and certifications you are looking for on IJCAHPO's Career Center!

Take advantage of our New Year's specials:

- **Happy New Year**
Save **20% off one 30-day job posting** with promo code **"HappyNewYear"**—post your job on the Career Center and attract the right candidates!
- **Ring in the New Year**
Save **25% off one Job Flash Package** with promo code **"RingItIn"**—your job will be emailed to qualified AOP, increasing your posting's visibility.
- **New Year's Resolution**
Save **25% off one Premium Job Flash Package** with promo code **"NewResolution"**—your job will be emailed to qualified AOP, remains high in search results, highlighted to stand out, and posted on 1000+ national, niche and local job boards, maximizing your recruitment strategies.

Hurry! These offers expire January 18, 2022. [Post your job on the Career Center here!](#)

Certification



- **Do You Need Last-Minute Gifts for Your Staff? Give Them the Gift of Certification!**
- **Online Proctored Examinations Available**
- **Promote Yourself By Renewing Your Certification**

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**With 3 Great
Certification
Bundles**



Give the gift of certification this holiday season! IJCAHPO's certification bundles can help your staff prepare for their initial or next level of certification, for a great price! [View and purchase our specials.](#)

Online Proctored Examinations Available

IJCAHPO offers the COT Skill Evaluation and the COMT Performance Test in an online proctored environment. Online proctoring allows candidates to take examinations at their convenience while ensuring the integrity of examination results.

IJCAHPO COT and COMT examination candidates who have paid the appropriate fees and have successfully completed the multiple-choice examination may be authorized to sit for their practical certification examination in an online proctored environment.

Once a candidate is authorized by IJCAHPO to sit for an online examination, they are notified via email to schedule a proctoring appointment within their 90-day eligibility period. Candidates can select a date and time that accommodates their schedule. Once the examination is scheduled, a confirmation is sent by email that confirms the appointment and includes further instructions.

Promote Yourself by Renewing Your Certification

Please remember these helpful reminders as you renew your certification:

Recertification Fee Increase

Effective August 1, 2021, the IJCAHPO recertification fee was increased to \$125.

Non-Certified Status Update

Effective August 1, 2021, IJCAHPO certificants who have not applied for or have missed their recertification timeline will have 6 months to apply for recertification before their credential becomes revoked. Within that 6-month period, the number of continuing education credits required to recertify does not increase but the \$85.00 late fee will apply in addition to the recertification fee of \$125.00.

Education



Start off 2022 by learning something new! IJCAHPO has education for every type of learner including online courses, webinars, and virtual or in-person programs.

- **Save Money with IJCAHPO's Clinic CE Subscription!**
- **The Winter AOP Symposium Offers 7 CE Credits to Earn From Home**
- **View and Register for Upcoming Webinars and Events**

[Pertinent Pupillary Problems](#) – January 4, 2022

[The Great Nutrition Debate: Now You Can See with It, Now You Can't](#) – January 11, 2022

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The Winter AOP Symposium Offers 7 CE Credits to Earn From Home

Winter AOP Symposium

February 4-14, 2022






Earn Up to 7 IJCAHPO Group A Credits!

Complete courses at your own pace over this 11-day program, quiz free, and earn up to 7 IJCAHPO Group A credits. This program features popular topics and speakers including:

- **Ocular Surface Disease: Benefits of New Diagnostic Imaging Techniques** - Charles Bouchard, MD
- **Idiopathic Intracranial Hypertension and the Ophthalmic Specialist** - Aljoeson Walker, MD
- **Improving the Patient Experience** - Jack Sardo, MBA, COA

[Register today!](#)

View and Register for Upcoming Webinars and Events

Learn from leaders shaping the future of ophthalmology! IJCAHPO's webinars and events highlight new and in-demand course topics, presented by key ophthalmic leaders.

Webinars

January 4, 2022: [Pertinent Pupillary Problems](#) – Karl Golnik, MD, MEd

January 11, 2022: [The Great Nutrition Debate: Now You Can See with It, Now You Can't](#) – Jeffrey Anshel, OD, FAAO

January 18, 2022: [Seeing the Future](#) – Michael Stewart, MD

January 25, 2022: [Management of IOL Complications](#) – Sabin Dang, MD

Events

February 4-14, 2022: [Winter AOP Symposium](#) (Virtual)

February 4, 2022: [EYEXchange Kansas City](#) (In-Person)

March 11, 2022: [Utah Ophthalmic Technician Program](#) (In-Person)



- **ACE Scholarship Campaign Success**
- **Apply for Upcoming Education and Certification Scholarships**

ACE Scholarship Campaign Success

For the second year in a row, the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation launched a campaign to provide continuing education scholarship to ophthalmic technicians who were adversely affected by COVID-19 and other hardships. The Foundation successfully awarded full registration scholarships to all eligible applicants to IJCAHPO's 49th Annual Continuing Education (ACE) Program.

"I was excited to learn that I received the ACE Continuing Education Scholarship toward further professional development courses. The courses I took were outstanding! It is with grateful appreciation that I was selected to receive the Education and Research Foundation Scholarship." -Gary

Thank you to our donors for your support of this important initiative. Donate to the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation today to support other important initiatives! [Donate here.](#)

Apply for Upcoming Education and Certification Scholarships

Are you seeking financial assistance with certification, recertification, or continuing education? Scholarships are available beginning January 1, 2022. [View available scholarships and submit your application.](#)

We want to make EyeLights a valuable resource to you. We appreciate your feedback on what you want to know more about and how to make the next one more valuable to you and the profession. Please email us: jcahpo@jcahpo.org.

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