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President's Message

Dear Certificants,

2019-2020 has been a Landmark year in IJCAHPO's history. We started the year by commemorating our 50th Anniversary and we are now pleased to announce the launch of our Annual Continuing Education (ACE) Program in our inaugural format: Virtual Broadcast and Virtual On-Demand. This format is an opportunity for allied ophthalmic personnel to attend the most important, innovative, and quality CE program of the year from the safety of your own home or office.

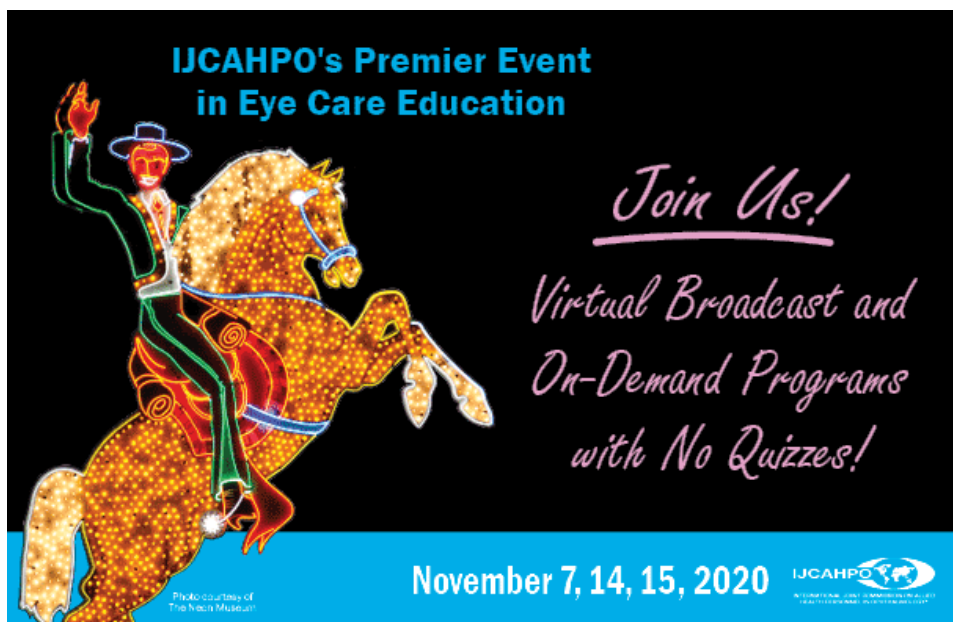


We will miss seeing you in-person but we hope you will take part in our interactive sessions, such as the **Roundtables and EYEXchange**. Whether you are just beginning your ophthalmic career or are an experienced professional seeking to enhance your competencies, this new format will continue IJCAHPO's tradition of offering high quality, practical, and technical information for providing optimal patient care.

Dedicated volunteers of ophthalmologists and technicians are bringing you a unique virtual ACE program November 7, 14, and 15. ACE 2020 will showcase lectures by exceptional and experienced faculty with engaging sessions to upgrade your skills and techniques. Please join me on Saturday, November 14, for the keynote *Harold A. Stein, MD Lecture* and the *Capstone Lectures: Innovations in Ophthalmology*.

Don't miss the event of the year!

Neil Choplin, MD, President



Registration Opens Next Week for the 48th Annual Continuing Education (ACE) Program!

ACE 2020 has a new look! Choose from Virtual Broadcast or Virtual On-Demand!

Experience a variety of professional development opportunities. No matter where you are in your career, you will learn something new, relevant, and practical!

Virtual Broadcast 3-Day Program (Nov. 7, 14, 15) – No Quizzes!

- **Over 20 online courses** with CE credits for the experienced professional seeking advanced, leading-edge ophthalmic topics
- Courses are bundled into **online broadcast** tracks over 3 days
- **Harold A. Stein, MD Lecture** presented via virtual broadcast on **COVID-19 and Other Emerging Infectious Diseases** by Gary Holland, MD, UCLA Stein Eye Institute
- **Capstone Lectures Live! Innovations in Ophthalmology** – Six world-renowned faculty speaking on cutting-edge topics in ophthalmology

Virtual On-Demand Program (Nov. 7-Dec. 30) – No Quizzes!

- **Over 85 online courses** with CE credits for those technicians starting to explore their career and training for the seasoned ophthalmic professional seeking advanced, leading-edge ophthalmic topics
- Select as many ACE courses and CE credits as you like and watch them at your convenience

Additional ACE Offerings (Additional registration and fees may apply.)

- **Sub-Specialty Sessions** on front-line topics in 5 sessions with star speakers
- **Learning Labs** on premier ophthalmic equipment
- **New! Roundtable Sessions** on key topics important to today's practices
- **New! EYEXchange FREE** forum to connect with your peers on topics selected by attendees
- **Certification Exam Prep Courses*** to validate your examination content area knowledge

**IJCAHPO does not require nor guarantee a passing score on the COA, COT, or COMT examinations with the purchase of and the participation in the IJCAHPO COA, COT, or COMT certification examination preparation courses.*

- Allergan **TechAlliance Event**
- **Virtual Exhibit Hall**

IJCAHPO Updates

IJCAHPO is Streamlining CE Credit Requirements

IJCAHPO is making the recertification process easier for you. Instead of needing to keep track of two types of credits, Group A and Group B, IJCAHPO will only require Group A credits starting August 1, 2020. Group B credits earned on or before July 31, 2020 will still be accepted with your next certification/recertification application.

CPR certification and authorship of papers and posters will be accepted on topics as approved Group A credit. AMA and CMA Category 1 courses for CME will no longer be accepted.

IJCAHPO Council organizations that provide Certification, Recertification, and CE Credits for its independent certifications shall be recognized for CE credit equivalency for IJCAHPO's recertification requirements. Currently, these organizations include the Ophthalmic Photographers' Society (OPS) and the American Orthoptic Council (AOC).

IJCAHPO certificants who are dual certified with IJCAHPO certification and one or more of IJCAHPO's Council organizations will be eligible to submit 1/3 of their recertification credits that come from these Council organizations. The CE course content must meet IJCAHPO's examination content areas or CE Credit content categories.

IJCAHPO certificants may not submit credits from these organizations if they do not hold their certification. Verification of OPS or AOC certification will be required.

For example:

| Credential | Total Number of Credits Required | Minimum Number of Group A Credits Required | Maximum Number of approved OPS and AOC Credits Permitted with Dual Certification |
|------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| COA | 18 | 12 | 6 |
| COT | 27 | 18 | 9 |
| COMT | 36 | 24 | 12 |

Group B credit will no longer be accepted for applications for CEC programs that are taking place on or after August 1, 2020.

Please contact jcahpo@jcahpo.org for any questions.

Annual International Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) Salary and Benefits Study

We invite you to participate in IJCAHPO's Annual International Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) Salary and Benefits Study. The study will provide important career and compensation data for the profession on current AOP compensation trends, salaries, benefits, and other relevant information.

If you are willing to participate (it takes 5-10 minutes to complete), send an email to eyecareers@jcahpo.org and we will send you a link to the survey. By completing the full survey and including your email address, you will receive the complete report, FREE of charge.

IJCAHPO Career Center

Don't miss the perfect job opportunity!

Employers have posted new job opportunities on IJCAHPO's Career Center.

Remember to regularly log in to your account to:

1. View available job opportunities in your area
2. Upload your resume for potential employers
3. Customize your Job Alerts to be notified of new opportunities

This way, you will never miss the perfect opportunity! View the [JCAHPO Career Center](#) to find your dream job now.



JCAHPO Foundation

Donor Spotlight

The JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation extends its deepest appreciation and would like to recognize Terry Takara, COMT, for her continuous support. When asked why Terry feels it is important to donate to the Foundation, Terry stated:

"When contemplating a career choice after college, a scholarship award from JCAHPO had afforded me a chance to explore the field of allied health in ophthalmology. I was then very fortunate to have found my niche in the ophthalmology workplace upon graduation from an accredited ophthalmic medical technology program. To this day, it is most gratifying to be in an essential position of assisting multiple doctors and their patients by providing specialized testing procedures in the outpatient clinic setting. Supporting the JCAHPO Foundation ensures continued opportunities for education for all levels of allied health personnel in ophthalmology whether as a novice or an experienced professional in the field."

Thank you, Terry, for helping to provide certification and education assistance to Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) in need!

Jennie B. Busch Education and Certification Scholarships

Susan Busch, BA, COMT, has worked hard to support eye care technicians. Susan's mother, Jennie B. Busch, was always supportive and dedicated to Susan's career. In honor of Susan's mother, she has established a scholarship fund for Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP).

Eligibility Requirements

Education Scholarship

- All applicants must be either attending an accredited training program or pursuing continuing education credits
- Submit a one-page essay on "Why are well-trained AOPs a benefit to the patient?"
- See the application for complete details

Certification Scholarship

- Applicants must intend to advance their certification level
- Submit a one-page essay on "Why are well-trained AOPs a benefit to the patient?"
- See the application for complete details

Deadline to apply: November 30

[To apply for the scholarship, complete and submit the application form on the Foundation's website.](#)

Certification

Did You Know?

- You can now save time and money by recertifying online! [Start your online recertification application.](#)
- You can recertify by completing the multiple-choice examination at your certification level instead of completing continuing education credits. Your certification must be not be in a revoked status. The examination application with the examination fee needs to be submitted and after you pass the examination, you will receive a new 36-month certification cycle.
- If you complete courses at www.EyeCareCE.org, the CE credits will automatically go on your IJCAHPO transcript. Then when you recertify, just print a copy of your transcript and attach it to your recertification application.
- You may print a verification of your certification at any time at www.jcahpo.org. Just click on Certification Verification under Certification and enter your IJCAHPO ID number.



[Purchase IJCAHPO's Study Guides and Quick Study Cards.](#)

Education Updates and Offerings

Accredited Training Program Update

The International Council of Accreditation (ICA) accredits formal ophthalmic technician training programs throughout the United States, Canada, and internationally. Congratulations to the College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, IL, and Housatonic Community College in Bridgeport, CT, for their recent award of Initial Accreditation from ICA!

After 52 years, the Regions Hospital School of Ophthalmic Medical Technology officially closed its doors in May 2020. We wish the Program Director, Medical Director, Faculty, and Student Graduates all the best in their future endeavors.

For a complete listing of accredited training programs, please visit the [ICA website](#).

New CE Opportunities for 2020 – New Virtual Broadcast Events (VB) or Virtual On Demand Events (VOD) in Fall 2020

The world of education has changed quickly and significantly due to COVID-19. Virtual and distance education are the new educational modalities and we are excited to expand the ways we deliver quality programs to you – in the safety of your home or clinic! IJCAHPO is offering Virtual on Demand (VOD) CE Programs that attendees can complete at their own pace and earn CE credits by completing a quiz and evaluation. Also offered are Virtual Broadcast (VB) CE Programs where attendees do not need to take quizzes to demonstrate compliance.

Virtual and E-Learning Programs

September 12 (VB): Fall Program, Kiawah Island, SC; Cleveland, OH; Greensboro, NC; New York NY

October 10 and 17 (VB): Orlando, FL – In cooperation with FSO

November 7-December 30 (VB and VOD): [48th ACE Virtual Broadcast and On-Demand Program](#)

NEW! Virtual Course Series

- Capstone Virtual On-Demand CE Program available online. A collection of 13 short courses on leading-edge topics presented by experts in the field worth 6.25

IJCAHPO Group A credits at low price of \$87.50 and is available until August 15, 2020. This course series is made possible with support by Allergan. [Register Here](#)

- **COMING SOON!** in August, Las Vegas Virtual On-Demand CE Program. Six hot topics presented by world-renowned faculty worth 6 IJCAHPO Group A credits at low price of \$84 and is available until August 31, 2020. This course series is made possible with support by Allergan.

Upcoming Webinars:

IJCAHPO hosts weekly webinars presented by leading industry professionals. The webinar series is a convenient distance learning option that provides a great way to gain valuable knowledge and skills while earning CE credits.

Webinar Schedule

August 4: [An Overview of Diabetic Retinopathy: Sachin Mehta, MD](#)

August 11: [Lean Implementation: Carol Olvera, COT](#)

August 18: Studying Women's Eye Health Across the Lifespan: Janine Clayton, MD.

Provided by an unrestricted grant from Delta Gamma

August 25: Building Awareness: Women's Eye Health and Safety: Eydie Miller-Ellis, MD.

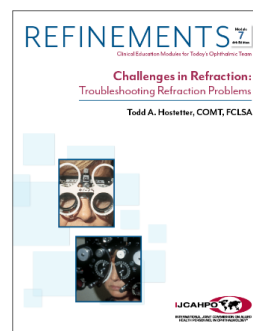
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IMPORTANT: The webinar series will end in September and resume in January 2021, after the ACE meeting. We invite you to join us at ACE, register for an online course, or purchase our Refinements!

Visit store.jcahpo.org for details.

Refinements Available in Print and Online

Do you need a flexible distance learning option? Refinement modules help you expand your ophthalmic knowledge while earning CE credits at your own pace, from any location. Refinements are single-topic articles and quiz packages authored by leading ophthalmologists and technicians. **Coming soon: Challenges in Refraction: Troubleshooting Refraction Problems; and Lower Eyelid Malpositions.**



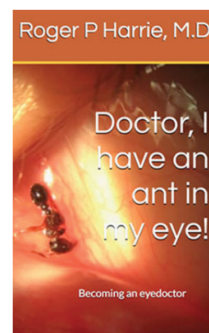
Refinements are single-topic articles and quiz packages authored by leading ophthalmologists and technicians. IJCAHPO awards 1 Group A Continuing Education Credit to those who successfully complete the module quiz.

[Complete library of Refinement Modules available here.](#)

Doctor, I Have an Ant in My Eye! by Roger P. Harrie, MD

Available for only \$2.99! Read about Dr. Roger Harrie's most memorable stories on ants and tarantula barbs in the eye, lids stuck shut with super glue, and patients who pull out their own eye. Dr. Harrie sub-specializes in ophthalmic ultrasound with a daily medley of eye tumors, trauma, and diagnostic quandaries. This book highlights singular events along that odyssey with the patients who relied on him to figure out what was wrong with their eyes and do the right thing to make things better.

[Purchase the downloadable book today!](#)




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You will have access to comprehensive learning through online simulation, demonstrations of the skills using best practices, and learning how to measure and record results for the essential ophthalmic skills used in the clinical practice: keratometry, lensometry, visual fields, ocular motility, tonometry, and refraction (retinoscopy and refinement). This offer expires August 31, 2020. [To order, click HERE.](#)

Tech Corner

An interview with ACE Faculty Member, Debra Clarke, COT, OSC, NCLE-C, ABO-C

How many years have instructed for IJCAHPO at ACE?

I first started instructing at ACE in 1992 for the In-Office Maintenance and Repair of Ophthalmic Equipment Workshop (Learning Lab). I have since taught many other courses and Learning Labs.

What inspired you to start teaching at ACE?

I am extremely passionate about the field I work in and want to help educate the next generation of Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP). By teaching at ACE, I can help others increase their knowledge and skills first-hand.



What do you find most rewarding about teaching at ACE?

Seeing the "light bulb" go off in my attendee's eyes. There is nothing more rewarding than helping someone new to the field put the pieces together through critical thinking.

What is your favorite part about attending ACE and why should others attend?

LEARNING! After 39 years in this field, it continues to amaze me how much is still to be learned and how much knowledge I can take back to my workplace after each meeting. ACE is also a great place to network. You can connect with so many wonderful speakers and attendees by engaging in the courses and hands-on sessions. I highly encourage everyone to register for this year's meeting, the additional interactive Roundtables, Sub-Specialty Sessions, Learning Labs and the new EYEXchange forum. You won't want to miss this program!

Do you have a story you'd like to share? We'd love to hear it!

Please let us know by sending a note to cert@jcahpo.org. We will follow up and use your story to inspire others.



Thank you Allergan for your continued support of AOP and IJCAHPO's Annual CE meeting! Watch for more information about this year's event and visit: www.allergantechalliance.com

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

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