

# EyeLights eNews



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## President's Message



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## Dear IJCAHPO Certificants,

2022 was a Landmark year with IJCAHPO celebrating its 50th Annual Continuing Education (ACE) anniversary. This celebration was the high point of IJCAHPO commemorating its golden anniversary incorporation. We have put together a special 50th Anniversary publication with articles and fun facts about the program's history—including an opportunity to earn CE Credits—to signify this great event. We have this and several other important new educational initiatives coming your way soon! Watch for our new publication.

You asked, and we listened! Our Certificants started asking for an individual CE subscription—and in January, we launched our new IMiles program that offers 6 CE courses annually for \$49 per individual subscription plus added benefits. This is an ideal way to keep up your professional development and pick up CE credits quickly to maintain your certification. Subscription details are in this issue.

We look forward to 2023—a new year filled with innovative education and certification opportunities for you!

Sincerely,

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

## IJCAHPO Updates



- **Free Resource Now Available!**
- **Did You Know? An Update from OMIC**

### **Glaucoma Tips for Techs**

January was Glaucoma Awareness Month. To spread awareness, we gathered a panel of five glaucoma experts to share Glaucoma Tips for Techs. Learn how to better prepare yourself to assist the Ophthalmologist in history taking, examination, and medication of patients with glaucoma.

View this free resource [here](#).

## Did You Know? An Update from OMIC

### Informed Consent: Physicians and Facilities

Insureds sometimes ask us about the difference between the surgeon's duty to obtain informed consent, versus the ASC's or hospital's duty. Essentially, these are two distinct responsibilities required by both the surgeon and the facility.

The physician performing the procedure must obtain the patient's informed consent; this is not a delegable duty. The physician must explain the diagnosis and reasons for the proposed treatment and the risks, benefits, alternatives, and consequences (if any) of no treatment. The physician must also assess the patient's competence to make an informed decision and comprehension of the information. The discussion should be documented in the medical record; the signed, procedure-specific consent form should be maintained in the record and a copy given to the patient.

The ASC or hospital verifies that the above discussion occurred. Facilities also obtain general consent for care rendered at their facility.

To read more about this topic, refer to <https://www.omic.com/informed-consent-recommendations/>

## Certification



- **REMINDER: New Non-Certified Status Policy Effective 8/1/2022**
- **Certification FAQ**

### REMINDER: New Non-Certified Status Policy Effective 8/1/2022

IJCAHPO certificants who do not apply for recertification or miss the recertification deadline will be placed on non-certified status. Individuals placed on non-certified status are not permitted to present themselves as IJCAHPO certificants and they may not utilize the credential after their name on business cards, stationary, name badges, etc.

Effective August 1, 2022; from the time that the individual is placed on non-certified status, they will have 6 months, rather than 12, to apply for recertification before their credential is placed on revoked status.

Within those 6 months, the number of continuing education credits required to recertify does not increase, but a late fee will be assessed. Individuals will not receive a new certification date if they recertify within the 6-month non-certified period. For example, if the individual is due to recertify in December 2022, but does not recertify until May 2023, the new recertification cycle will remain from December 2022 to December 2025.

If the non-certified status continues longer than six months, the individual's certification will be considered revoked. Individuals with revoked status are required to contact the IJCAHPO Certification Department for reinstatement options. Retesting may be required.

## Certification FAQ

### Do I need to be employed to recertify?

We encourage you to recertify even if you are not currently employed. While recertification does not require that you be currently employed, it is required that all applications have a sponsoring ophthalmologist sign their application. The signature of a former employer will meet those requirements.

Have another certification question? Read all of our [Certification FAQs](#) on our website.



“Our IJCAHPO-certified ophthalmic professionals are the cornerstone of our Notal Vision Monitoring Center and remote services platform. We take pride in hiring these certified individuals and promoting their career growth potential using IJCAHPO’s education programs.”

## Education



- **New! Individual CE Subscription**
- **Clinic CE Subscription**
- **2023 Regional Events**
  - April 22, 2023: [Rochester, MN](#) | May 5–7, 2023: [San Diego, CA](#) | May 5–15, 2023: [Spring AOP Symposium](#)
- **2023 Webinars**

## New! Individual CE Subscription



# IMILES

CE Subscription for **Certified Individuals**

*Course selection now open!*

IJCAHPO is excited to announce IMiles is finally here! Subscribe annually at our introductory price of only \$49 for the first year to receive the following:

- 6 CE Credits of your choice from our [Clinic CE Subscription Course List](#)
- Annual "special report" on important technician topics of interest
- Special benefits, promotions, and prizes only offered to IMiles Subscribers

#### Details:

- Once enrolled, each qualifying course is added to your EyeCareMarketplace cart and is free until you have reached the 6 CE credit maximum.
- Upon checkout, you will have 90 days to complete the course for CE credit.
- Courses can be ordered at any time throughout the year.

**Subscribe Today!**

## Clinic CE Subscription



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## 2023 Regional Events



IJCAHPO hosts regional events presented by leading industry professionals. This series is a convenient in-person learning option that provides a great way to gain valuable knowledge and network with peers while earning CE credits.

### Regional Event Schedule

April 22, 2023—[Rochester, MN](#) (in cooperation with the Mayo Clinic)

May 5-15, 2023—[Spring AOP Symposium](#)

May 5-7, 2023—[San Diego, CA](#) (in cooperation with ASCRS/ASOA)

May 20, 2023—[Fort Worth, TX](#) (in cooperation with TOA)

May 26, 2023—[Vancouver, BC](#)

June 9-10, 2023—[Orlando, FL](#) (in cooperation with FSO)

July 7-17, 2023—[Summer AOP Symposium](#)

July 22, 2023—[Phoenix, AZ](#) (in cooperation with the Mayo Clinic)

July 29, 2023—[Seattle, WA](#) (in cooperation with ASRS)

September 15-16, 2023—[Asheville, NC](#) (in cooperation with NCEPS)

October 6-16, 2023—[Fall AOP Symposium](#)

November 3-5, 2023—[ACE Program—San Francisco, CA](#)

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## 2023 Webinars

IJCAHPO hosts weekly webinars presented by leading industry professionals. This series is a convenient virtual learning option that provides a great way to gain valuable knowledge from the comfort of home while earning CE credits.

### Webinar Schedule

March 14, 2023—[Workplace Eye Wellness](#)

March 21, 2023—[Documentation: Strategies to Mitigate Risk](#)

March 28, 2023—[Obesity and Oculoplastic Surgery: A Dangerous Combination](#)

April 4, 2023—[Childhood Eye Disorders](#)

April 11, 2023—[Eye Care for Kids: Managing Kids in the Clinic](#)

April 18, 2023—[Understanding the Slit Lamp](#)

April 25, 2023—[Ocular Oncology: Saving Lives and Saving Eyes](#)

May 2, 2023—[2023 Coding Update and the Impact on the Ophthalmic Technician](#)

May 9, 2023— [Anterior Segment Infections](#)

May 16, 2023—[Healthy Vision: Equipping and Empowering Technicians](#)

May 23, 2023—[Infection Investigation](#)

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# JCAHPO Foundation



- Apply for Scholarships and Grants
- American Glaucoma Society Scholarship

## Apply for Scholarships and Grants

Are you seeking financial assistance for your certification or continuing education? Apply for a scholarship or grant. Applications are now being accepted by the JCAHPO Education and Research Foundation. View more information and apply [here](#).

## American Glaucoma Society Grant



### [American Glaucoma Society Grant](#)

Applications are now being accepted. Vouchers are awarded towards certification examination fees. Preference goes to ophthalmic technicians working in glaucoma clinics.

**Deadline to apply is April 25.**

# Career Center

- Find Your Dream Job on IJCAHPO's Career Center

## Find Your Dream Job on IJCAHPO's Career Center



**Find the right position!**

Visit our website for all of our career development resources!

Learn more at <https://careers.jcahpo.org>

Are you seeking a new career opportunity but not sure how to find the right employer and right position? Don't miss the perfect job opportunity with ophthalmologists and practice managers who value you and your certification! New job opportunities are posted regularly 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 [IJCAHPO Career Center](#) to find your dream job now.

***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](mailto:jcahpo@jcahpo.org).***



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