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ACADEMY OF  
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# 2026 ANNUAL MEETING

**Physician Scientific CME Program**  
**March 5-6, 2026**

The Meydenbauer Center • Bellevue, WA  
Paul B. Griggs, MD • 2026 Annual Meeting Program Chair



# Message from the Chair

Dear Colleagues,

We are looking forward with great enthusiasm to the 2026 Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons Annual Meeting, at the Meydenbauer Center in Bellevue, WA. Four internationally renowned educators will be presenting cutting-edge information for practicing ophthalmologists. Our annual business meeting and social events will be a great opportunity to reconnect with friends and colleagues and learn about WAEPS' legislative

efforts on behalf of ophthalmologists in Washington state this year.

In addition, I urge you to support the participation of your employees in the Coding and Reimbursement Seminar, and the Ophthalmic Medical Personnel Program. We present these outstanding educational programs at a very reasonable cost as a member benefit to you and a great opportunity to build your staff members' skills and dedication to excellence. Our 2026 conference promises to

be another outstanding event and I look forward to seeing you in March.

Sincerely,



Paul B. Griggs, MD  
Program Chair,  
WAEPS 2026 Annual Meeting

## Faculty



**Beeran Meghpara, MD**  
(Cataract and Refractive Surgery)

Dr. Beeran Meghpara is the Director of Refractive Surgery and Co-Chief of the Cornea Service at Wills Eye Hospital in

Philadelphia, PA. His surgical expertise includes layer-specific corneal transplantation, refractive cataract surgery, and complex anterior segment repair.

Dr. Meghpara earned his Bachelor's degree from the University of Illinois at Chicago and graduated from the University of Illinois College of Medicine. He completed his ophthalmology residency at the Cullen Eye Institute, Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. Following residency, he completed a fellowship in cornea, refractive surgery, and external disease at the University of Colorado.

In addition to his clinical practice, Dr. Meghpara serves as a team ophthalmologist for the Philadelphia Phillies and is committed to resident and fellow education at Wills Eye Hospital, contributing to the training of the next generation of ophthalmologists.



**Anita Agarwal, M.D. (Retina)**

Anita Agarwal, M.D., is a Vitreoretinal consultant at West Coast Retina in San Francisco and Adjunct Professor of Ophthalmology at the Vanderbilt Eye Institute

in Nashville. She received her medical degree from Kasturba Medical College, Mangalore, India, and completed ophthalmology residency and fellowship training at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education & Research, Chandigarh, India and the Universities of Florida, Vanderbilt, and West Virginia, USA.

Dr. Agarwal specializes in both medical and surgical vitreoretinal diseases and uveitis and has a special interest in uncommon and inherited retinal diseases. She is the author of the Fifth Edition of the Gass' Atlas of Macular Disease and has coauthored landmark research papers on the genetics of macular degeneration. She has delivered several named lectures and has been an invited speaker world-wide. She has received a few awards including the 2014 Gass medal from the Macula society, Honor and Senior Honor awards,

and Secretariat awards from the AAO, Honor award from the ASRS, and the 2015 Optic UK Lecture Medal from the Royal College of Ophthalmologists.

She serves on the editorial boards of journals: Ophthalmology, Ophthalmology Retina, and Retina Cases and Brief Reports and is section editor for Diagnostic and Therapeutic Challenges of Retina.



**I. Paul Singh, MD**  
(Glaucoma)

Dr. I. Paul Singh, a Wisconsin native, joined The Eye Centers of Racine and Kenosha, founded in 1981 by his

father, Dr. Kanwar A. Singh, in 2004 as the areas only glaucoma specialist, graduating from the Duke University glaucoma fellowship program. Throughout his Ophthalmology career, Dr. I. Paul Singh has been involved with clinical research and has published papers in several ophthalmology journals. He has also presented his research at various national meetings and universities around the world. Dr. I. Paul Singh has a passion for advancing education and technology. He has brought several new technologies to the area, through adoption and research. Dr. Singh is the first ophthalmologist in the state of Wisconsin to implant many of the glaucoma devices including the iStent and Hydrus glaucoma drainage devices, perform viscodilation and trabeculotomy with the OMNI device, and goniotomy with the Kahook Dual Blade, and recently the Streamline and iAccess devices as well as the iTrack Advance. He was also first to utilize the supraciliary stents such as Miniject and Alloflo. Continuing the quest for advancing traditional glaucoma surgery, Dr. Paul was the first in Wisconsin to perform a subconjunctival bypass procedure using the Aqualumen device.



**Faruk H. Örgre MD, MBA,**  
**FAAO, FAAP (Pediatrics)**

Dr. Örgre is the Dr. Boomer and Jill Burnstine Endowed Chair in Pediatric Ophthalmology, Director of Ophthalmology and Adult

Strabismus in Akron Children's Hospital which is one of the few US News ranked Children's Hospitals. He also is a Professor of Surgery at Northeast Ohio Medical University and Professor of Biomedical Engineering at Case Western Reserve University. After completing a research

fellowship for 2 years, an internship, residency, and a clinical fellowship in Indiana University he opted to return to his country to serve as an academican in Yeditepe University. He has joined UH Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital 2007, and served as the Director, the William R. and Margaret E. Althans Chair and Professor in Pediatric Ophthalmology till 2025, Professor of Ophthalmology, Pediatrics and Biomedical Engineering in CWRU. He currently serves as the Vice President of AAPOS, Advisory Board Chairman of IPOSC, Co-Chair of Stop Infant Blindness in Africa.



**Aaron Weingeist, MD**  
(OMIC Presenter)

Dr. Aaron P. Weingeist, Board-certified ophthalmologist, obtained his medical degree from The University of Iowa, Roy J. Carver College of

Medicine in Iowa City, Iowa. He completed an internship in internal medicine followed by a three-year residency in Ophthalmology at the University of Washington Medical Center in Seattle, Washington. Dr. Weingeist specializes in refractive and cataract surgery. He is board certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology and is certified in iLASIK surgery. He also treats eye diseases such as diabetes, glaucoma, macular degeneration, as well as performs refractions for glasses and contact lenses.



**Jeannette Domask, MPH,**  
**CPHRM (OMIC Presenter)**

Jeannette Domask, MPH, CPHRM (OMIC Presenter)

Jeannette Domask is a risk management professional

with over 20 years of experience specializing in risk management and medical malpractice litigation. Most recently, she held a role focusing on risk management and patient safety in a hospital setting. Jeannette has a Master of Public Health and is a Certified Professional in Healthcare Risk Management (CPHRM).

# Conference Schedule

## The schedule is as follows:

Thursday evening, March 5, 2026, Physician dinner program: 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm

Friday, March 6, 2026, Physician program continues: 8 am to 12 pm and 2:00 pm to 5:15 pm

### THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 2026

#### ■ PHYSICIAN DINNER MEETING/CME PROGRAM

- 7:00-7:45 pm      **Inside the Mind of an Interventional Glaucoma Surgeon**  
Dr. Paul Singh
- 7:45-8:30 pm      **OMIC Presentation: Cataract Surgery Safety: Strategies to Reduce Adverse Events using a Systems Approach**  
Jeannette Domask, MPH, CPHRM of OMIC  
Aaron Weingeist, MD of OMIC
- 8:30-9:15 pm      **AAO KTEF Virtual Reality Center ROP Module:**  
Dr. Faruk Öрге  
*\*Sponsored by the Washington Eye Foundation*
- 9:15-9:30 pm      **Questions & Answers**

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026

#### ■ SESSION 1/PHYSICIAN PROGRAM CONTINUES

- 8:00-8:25 am      **Distinguishing AMD Mimickers:**  
Dr. Anita Agarwal
- 8:25-8:50 am      **Toolbox for the Complicated Capsule:**  
Dr. Beeran Meghpara
- 8:50-9:15 am      **How Can We Deal with the Unhappy Multifocal Patient with Floaters:**  
Dr. Paul Singh
- 9:15-9:40 am      **Ocular Ultrasonography Update:**  
Dr. Faruk Öрге
- 9:40-10:15 am      **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibitors**

#### ■ SESSION 2

- 10:15-10:35 am      **Fuchs Dystrophy and Keratoconus: Considerations for Cataract Surgery:**  
Dr. Beeran Meghpara
- 10:35-10:55 am      **What's New in Laser and MIGS:**  
Dr. Paul Singh
- 10:55-11:15 am      **UBM Difference in Pediatrician Cataract:**  
Dr. Faruk Öрге

### FRIDAY, MARCH 6, 2026 (continued)

- 11:15-11:40 am      **Imaging Nails the Diagnosis:**  
Dr. Anita Agarwal
- 11:40-12:00 pm      **Panel Discussion**
- 12:00-2:00 pm      **WAEPS Annual Lunch Business Meeting**
- **SESSION 3**
- 2:00-2:20 pm      **What's New in Subconjunctival Glaucoma Surgery:**  
Dr. Paul Singh
- 2:20-2:40 pm      **Strabismus Surgery Decision Making Tips:**  
Dr. Faruk Öрге
- 2:40-3:00 pm      **When anti VEGFs Don't Cut the Mustard:**  
Dr. Anita Agarwal
- 3:00-3:20 pm      **Scleral Fixated Premium IOLs: Is It Possible?:**  
Dr. Beeran Meghpara
- 3:20-3:55 pm      **Coffee Break/Visit Exhibitors**
- **SESSION 4**
- 3:55-4:15 pm      **New Paradigm in High Myopia:**  
Dr. Faruk Öрге
- 4:15-4:35 pm      **Imaging Chorioretinal Disorders:**  
Dr. Anita Agarwal
- 4:35-4:55 pm      **How to Perform an In-The-Bag IOL exchange:**  
Dr. Beeran Meghpara
- 4:55-5:10 pm      **What's the Scoop with Office Based Surgery?:**  
Dr. Paul Singh
- 5:10 pm      **Adjournment and President's Reception**  
(exhibitor reps are invited to the reception)

#### Accreditation Statement:

In support of improving patient care, this activity has been planned and implemented by The University of Washington School of Medicine and the Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons. The University of Washington School of Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

The University of Washington School of Medicine designates this live activity for a maximum of 8.5 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.



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The Washington Academy of Eye Physicians and Surgeons presents an annual meeting which is attended by approximately 120 ophthalmologists as well as approximately 350 ophthalmic personnel, practice managers and coding professionals. The physician program, which begins on Thursday night, March 5 and continues with a full day program on Friday, March 6, is rich and diverse.

The 2026 line-up of outstanding guest faculty for the physician program is as follows:

- Beeran Meghpara, MD | Cataract, Cornea, and Refractive Surgery
- Anita Agarwal, MD | Retina
- Faruk Öge, MD | Pediatrics
- Paul Singh, MD | Glaucoma
- Jeannette Domask, MPH, CPHRM & Aaron Weingeist, MD of OMIC | Malpractice Prevention

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## Fee & Registration

Your fee for the physician program depends on your WAEPS membership category. Your 2026 dues must be paid in order to register at the member rate. Early-bird discount applies to registrations received no later than February 6, 2026. We encourage all participants to register online on our website: [www.waeps.org/annual-meeting](http://www.waeps.org/annual-meeting). You'll have the option to pay online or to request an invoice at the end of the registration process which you can forward to your accounting department. If you need assistance or need to register via hard-copy registration form, please email: [waeps@waeps.org](mailto:waeps@waeps.org) or phone 206-956-3648.

	On or before Feb 6	After Feb 6
WAEPS Active Members	\$425.00	\$475.00
WAEPS Senior/Military Members	\$250.00	\$300.00
WAEPS Retired Members	\$200.00	\$250.00
Non-Member Physicians	\$625.00	\$675.00
Allied Health Professionals	\$250.00	\$300.00
Residents	No Charge	

## Reciprocal Society Members

WAEPS has reciprocal arrangements with ophthalmology societies in Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Alaska, and British Columbia. Physicians, providing proof of membership in their respective state and province societies, may register at the WAEPS Active Member rate. Please contact our office for details if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity: [waeps@waeps.org](mailto:waeps@waeps.org)

## Disabilities

We encourage participation by all individuals. If you require assistance, please email [waeps@waeps.org](mailto:waeps@waeps.org) at least two weeks prior to the conference. Advance notification is essential for us to serve you better. Note that our conference venue is fully accessible and ADA compliant.

## Other needs?

- Moms needing access to our "pump room" during breaks should contact us for details.
- Special dietary needs? Let us know and we'll do our best to accommodate you.

## Transportation

Our conference venue is less than a block away from the Bellevue Transit Center where many bus routes stop. For more information, visit the Metro Transit and Sound Transit websites to plan your trip by public transportation.

## Parking

Underground parking is available at Meydenbauer Center.

## Cancellations

Cancellation requests must be submitted in writing. There is a \$50.00 fee for cancellations received by February 20, 2026. No refunds will be issued for cancellations received after February 20, 2026.

## Information

Contact the WAEPS office: 206-956-3648 or via email: [waeps@waeps.org](mailto:waeps@waeps.org)