

*Virginia Optometric Association*

# VOYAGES *In* *Vision*

*The Perfect Fall Getaway*

THE WESTIN GRAND CAYMAN  
SEVEN MILE BEACH RESORT & SPA

SEPTEMBER 24 – 27, 2026

8 HOURS COPE APPROVED CE

COPE Activity ID #131878



6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Welcome Reception on the Beach

7:45 AM - 8:15 AM

Registration and Breakfast

8:15 AM - 8:30 AM

Welcome and Promotional Speaker

8:30 AM - 9:30 AM

Course 1: Infectious Keratitis Update

COPE ID: 100800-TD

Dr. Joe Luorno

This course will introduce the primary eye care practitioner to the history, indications, and future of routine and complex anterior segment disease and surgery. This course will provide a wide array of optometrically referred clinical case presentations for consultation and treatment. The course will present multiple anterior segment cases providing instructive information on surgical options used. Clinical cases will highlight the historical risk factors for infectious keratitis as well as onset, and clinical pearls providers should be aware of when considering the differential diagnosis for corneal ulcers. The course will review the various causes of infectious keratitis, including, but not limited to, bacterial, viral, fungal, parasitic infections. We will describe the pertinent historical and risk factors, mechanisms to acquire infections, as well as the clinical signs and symptoms of infectious keratitis. We will review the various pharmacological treatments for infectious keratitis, not only topical but also oral medications and the role of label cross-linking as well as indications for cornea transplantation as a role in the treatment of corneal ulcers. This course will review the management of patients' expectations regarding the timing of treatment as well as long-term vision rehabilitation during surgery and their refractive outcomes.

9:30 AM - 10:30 AM

Course 2: Corneal Transplantation Updates

COPE ID: 100803-PO

Dr. Joe Luorno

The course will describe the indications for corneal surgery. Review of the history of cornea transplantation and review the anatomy and function of the cornea. The course will describe the indications for cornea transplantation; review the different types of cornea transplantation, and the future of cornea transplantation. To give the audience a greater knowledge base in history, different types and future of cornea transplantation.

10:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Refreshment Break and Promotional Speaker

10:45 AM - 11:45 AM

Course 3: Keratoconus Update

COPE ID: 100805-PO

Dr. Joe Luorno

This course will introduce the primary eye care practitioner to the history, indications, and future of cornea ectasias and the details for cornea cross linking. This course will provide a wide array of optometrically referred clinical case presentations for consultation and treatment, specifically the use of cornea cross linking. The course will describe the indications for corneal surgery, review the history of treatment for corneal ectasias including glasses, contact Rigid Gas Permeable contact lenses, scleral fitted contact lenses and surgical options like cornea cross linking, intrastromal ring supports, cornea tissue stromal segments and cornea transplantation.

11:45 AM - 12:45 PM

Course 4: Cornea Cases

COPE ID: 100806-TD

Dr. Joe Luorno

This course will review the anatomy and function of the cornea, as well as the indications for corneal surgery. The course will present a variety of common and rare cornea conditions, such as pseudomonas corneal ulcers and siderosis, as well as possible solutions and treatment decision types.

12:45 PM

Free Time for Fun in the Sun

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Beach Side Reception

**7:30 AM - 8:00 AM** *Registration and Breakfast*

**8:00 AM - 9:00 AM** *Course 5: Low-Level Light Therapy: Navigating the Science and Applications of Photobiomodulation and Phototherapies in Eye Care.* COPE ID: 101004-GO  
**Dr. Joseph Allen**

This course introduces the science of Low-Level Light Therapy (LLLT) to the eye care professional. Its mechanism of action will be reviewed with attention to the application of retinal disease, dry eye, and myopia. Attendees will learn about the science of low-level light therapy, its history and uses in medicine, and its mechanisms of action. Attendees will review and become familiar with the specific wavelengths, power densities, time of application, and differences between various “red light” devices. Upon completion, participants will be updated on clinical data regarding light therapies for the treatment of age-related macular degeneration, diabetic macular edema, dry eye disease, and myopia management.

**9:00 AM - 10:00 AM** *Course 6: Evidence Over Influence: Responding to Pseudoscience in the Exam Room* COPE ID: 101006-GO

**Dr. Joseph Allen & Dr. Jacqueline Theis**

o This lecture aims to address the most common trends of medical misinformation in the eyecare specialty that proliferate on social media. The aim is to identify these misleading topics, dissect their marketing claims, evaluate the research on their effects, and highlight the risks associated with these trends. Following this, we will provide best practices for healthcare professionals to communicate effectively with patients about these concerns.

**10:00 AM - 10:15 AM** *Refreshment Break and Promotional Speaker*

**10:15 AM - 12:15 PM** *Course 7: It's Dry Eye & Aesthetics Beaches!* COPE ID: 101007-TD

**Dr. Jeffrey Michaels & Dr. Walter Whitley**

o Interventional dry eye treatments and aesthetics go hand in hand for today's contemporary optometrist. Devices and technologies that treat dry eye signs and symptoms as well as provide aesthetic and function benefits will be discussed. On label and off label uses for optometry will be explored.

**12:15 PM** *Free Time & Networking Opportunities On Your Own*

**Departures**

**Joseph Allen, OD, FAAO, DIPLO**

**Joseph Iuorno, MD**

**Jeffrey C. Michaels, OD, FAAO**

**Jacqueline Theis, OD, FAAO**

**Walter Whitley, OD, MBA, FAAO**

*Learn more about our speakers [here](#):*



# 2026 VOYAGES IN VISION REGISTRATION

Please complete the registration form and submit with payment to:

VOA • P.O. Box 29069 • Henrico, VA 23242-0069

O. D. Name: _____	Name for Badge: _____
Address: _____	OE Tracker #: _____
City: _____	State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____	Cell: _____ Email: _____
Emergency Contact: _____ Cell Phone: _____	

General Registration Fees - Includes 2 Breakfasts, 2 Refreshment Breaks and 2 Receptions

- \$ 445 VOA/AOA Member
- \$ 645 NON VOA/AOA Member
- \$ 300 Spouse / Guest (No registration fee for children under 17)

Total Cost \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Register online at  
[www.theVOA.org/voyages](http://www.theVOA.org/voyages)

Special Services to Comply with American Disabilities Act:

- Check if you need special services to fully participate. Attach a written description of needs so we may contact you. Please notify the VOA by September 1, 2026.
- Dietary Considerations / Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Name on account (print): _____	Exp. Date: _____ / _____
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## LODGING INFORMATION

### THE WESTIN GRAND CAYMAN SEVEN MILE BEACH RESORT & SPA

#### ROOM RATE

**\$329** Run of Ocean View

Above rate is subject to 11% service charge, 13% tax and discounted \$55 daily resort charge. Resort charge includes: high speed internet access, in room mini-refrigerator, 24-hour fitness center, snorkeling gear, daily yoga, fitness and paddleboard classes/clinics, use of underwater camera, various weekly activities, use of Hibiscus Spa facilities, live music on the pool deck/lobby, and more.

Make your reservation [online here](#).



Cancellation Policy: 30 days or more prior to arrival: No penalty applies - Full refund. 29 - 15 days prior to arrival: 1-night deposit to be forfeited 14 days or less prior to arrival or No show: guest will be charged for the entire stay as initially booked. In case of an early departure, guest will be charged in full for remaining nights.

Reservation cut-off date: Friday, September 4, 2026