



The **805th** Meeting of
The New England Ophthalmological Society, Inc.
A Public Foundation for Education in Ophthalmology

Hotel Commonwealth
500 Commonwealth Ave, Boston, MA

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2026

AM Session:

**MANAGING THE MODERN OPHTHALMOLOGY PRACTICE:
TRENDS AND TOOLS IN 2026 (with Hutchinson Lecture)**

Moderator: **Angela Turalba, MD** / PC Coordinator: **Sherleen Chen, MD**
Guest of Honor: **James C. Tsai, MD, MBA** (Mount Sinai, New York, NY)

PM Session:

CORNEAL ECTATIC DISORDERS: DIAGNOSIS, MANAGEMENT AND INNOVATIONS

Moderator: **Amal Alwreikat, MD** / PC Coordinator: **JoAnn Chang, MD**
Guest of Honor: **Zaina Al-Mohtaseb, MD** (Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX)

AMA Credit Designation Statement

The New England Ophthalmological Society designates this live activity for a maximum of:

AM Session: 4.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ (2.5 in Risk Management)*

PM Session: 2.5 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™*

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This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Accreditation Council for continuing Medical Education. The New England Ophthalmological Society is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

ALL DAY:

NEOS 36th Annual Meeting for Technician's and Nurses
(The NEOS Ophthalmic Medical Personnel Meeting)

Moderator: **Sherry Malone, COMT, CRT, OSC**
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AM SESSION

Managing the Modern Ophthalmology Practice: Trends and Tools in 2026

Moderator: Angela Turalba, MD / PC Coordinator: Sherleen Chen, MD

Room: "Fenway Ballroom" (2nd fl.)

Program Objectives. The content and format of this educational activity have been specifically designed to fill the practice gaps in the audience's current potential scope of professional activities.

At the end of this session, participants should be able to:

1. Describe effective models for team-based ophthalmic care and identify opportunities to integrate ODs or APCs into practice workflows to improve efficiency, access, and patient experience.
 2. Apply risk-management, documentation, payer-navigation, and reimbursement strategies to strengthen practice operations and reduce administrative and medicolegal vulnerabilities.
 3. Discuss the potential role of AI and health coaching in ophthalmology practice management and identify practical ways these approaches may enhance patient care and practice performance.
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7:15 am	Registration / Exhibits / Continental Breakfast
7:30	NEOS Grand Rounds (presented by Brown)
8:30	Introduction of Session Angela Turalba, MD
8:35	Team-Based Eye Care (Working with ODs or APCs) Mina Farahani, MD
8:45	Office-Based Eye Surgery Samir Melki, MD
8:55	Risk-management: Consent Process (OMIC) Lauren Karipis, MHA, BS
9:10	Introduction of Guest of Honor Angela Turalba, MD
9:15	Applications of AI in Practice Management James Tsai, MD, MBA
9:45	NEOS Business Meeting
9:50	Refreshments / Exhibits Break
10:20	Risk-management: Patient Communication (OMIC) Lauren Karipis, MHA, BS
10:35	Prior Authorization and Step Therapy Pearls Marianeli Rodriguez, MD
10:45	Reimbursement Landscape in Ophthalmology Geoffrey Emerick, MD
10:55	Introduction of Hutchinson Lecture Claudia Richter, MD
11:00	Health Coaching: A New Paradigm Applicable for Assisting the Low Vision Patient? James Tsai, MD, MBA

11:30 **Q&A, Panel Discussion** *Moderator:* Angela Turalba, MD
 Panelists:
 Geoffrey Emerick, MD Samir Melki, MD
 Mina Farahani, MD Marianeli Rodriguez, MD
 Lauren Karipis, MHA, BS..... James Tsai, MD, MBA

11:50 **NEOS Business Meeting**

12:00 pm **Lunch** (*included for all attendees*)

1:00 – 4:00 **Afternoon Session:** Corneal Ectatic Disorders: Diagnosis, Management and
 Innovations – see next page.

4:00 pm Adjourn & **NEOS Social/Cocktail Hour**

PM SESSION

Corneal Ectatic Disorders: Diagnosis, Management and Innovations

Moderator: Amal Alwreikat, MD / PC Coordinator: JoAnn Chang, MD

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At the end of this session, participants should be able to:

1. Review and discuss various ectatic cornea disorders.
 2. Introduce members to latest diagnostic techniques for ectatic cornea disorders
 3. Identify appropriate treatments and innovations when ectatic cornea disorders are identified.
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1:00 pm	Introduction of Session	Amal Alwreikat, MD
1:05	The Hidden Threat: Detecting Forme Fruste Keratoconus and Subclinical Ectasia	Jason Brenner, MD
1:14	Keratoconus: The Prototype of Cornea Ectatic Disorders	Naveen Rao, MD
1:23	Beyond Keratoconus: Pellucid Marginal Degeneration, Keratoglobus, and Post-Surgical Ectasia	Yvonne Wang, MD
1:32	Post-LASIK Ectasia	Mohamed Guenena, MD
1:41	Introduction of Guest of Honor	Amal Alwreikat, MD
1:46	Collagen Cross-Linking	Zaina Al-Mohtaseb, MD
2:11	Refreshments / Exhibits Break	
2:41	Intraocular Lens Calculations in Eyes with Corneal Ectasia.....	Kathryn Hatch, MD
2:50	Surgical Management: Intracorneal Ring Segments	William G. Gensheimer, MD
2:59	Surgical Management: Lamellar Keratoplasty, Deep Anterior Lamellar Keratoplasty (DALK), and Penetrating Keratoplasty (PK)	Roberto Pineda, MD
3:08	Introduction of Hal M. Freeman Lecture	Jorge Arroyo, MD
3:13	CTAK & CAIRS (Cornea Allogenic Intrastromal Ring segments)	Zaina Al-Mohtaseb, MD
3:43	Cataract Surgery in Patients with Corneal Ectasia	Helen Wu, MD

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