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# ABSTRACT SUBMISSION

# INTERNATIONAL YOSICON 2026

# INTERACTIVE LEARNING, INNOVATION & PRACTICE EXCELLENCE



**YOUNG  
OPHTHALMOLOGISTS  
SOCIETY OF INDIA**

**INTERNATIONAL  
YOSICON 2026**



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YOUNG OPHTHALMOLOGISTS'  
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# INVITATION

Dear Young Ophthalmology Colleagues Worldwide,

On behalf of the **Young Ophthalmologists' Society of India (YOSI)**, we are pleased to invite scientific and academic submissions from Young Ophthalmologists across the globe for **YOSICon 2026**.

This year's conference is strategically crafted to go beyond traditional academic exchange, with a strong focus on interactive learning, clinical innovation, and real-world practice excellence. YOSICon 2026 aims to serve as a platform where young ophthalmologists can showcase impactful research, transformative ideas, and practical solutions that shape the future of eye care.

We invite submissions in the following categories:

- **Free Papers**
- **Instruction Courses**
- **Surgical Videos**
- **Case Competitions**
- **Faculty Topic Submissions**

All entries will be evaluated through a structured peer-review process based on originality, educational merit, clinical relevance, innovation, and ethical integrity.

YOSICon 2026 is envisioned as a **global convergence of ideas, skills, and leadership in ophthalmology**. We particularly encourage work that demonstrates measurable clinical impact, practice transformation, and forward-looking innovation.

Detailed submission formats, timelines, ethical requirements, and evaluation criteria are outlined in the accompanying guideline document.

We look forward to your valuable contributions and to welcoming you to a truly transformative global scientific experience.

With warm regards and highest professional esteem,



**DR DIVA KANT MISRA, PRESIDENT**



**DR NILESH KUMAR, SECRETARY**

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## ***Eligibility Criteria***

- ***YOSI Membership:*** Indian participants must be YOSI members in good standing. International participants may submit without membership.
- ***Membership Eligibility:*** YOSI members or International YOs with Good Standing
- ***Submission Requirements:*** All submissions must be through the official YOSI conference portal.
- ***Language:*** All submissions must be in English (UK English spelling preferred).
- ***Registration:*** Presenting authors/faculty must register for the conference and pay the full conference fee to ensure inclusion in the final program by February 28, 2026.

## ***General Submission Rules***

- ***Maximum submissions per author per category:*** 2 abstracts (applicable to competitive sessions)
- ***First author limit:*** A single author can be first author on a maximum of 2 selected abstracts across competitive categories
- ***Co-authors:*** Maximum 6 authors per submission (including presenting author)
- ***Online platform:*** All submissions via official YOSI website portal only
- ***Late submissions:*** Will NOT be considered
- ***Incomplete submissions:*** Will NOT be processed
- ***Conflict of interest:*** All authors must declare any financial relationships or conflicts of interest

## ***General Format Standards***

- ***Font:*** Arial, Size 11
- ***Text Style:*** No author names or affiliations in abstract body
- ***Abbreviations:*** Define at first use
- ***No references:*** References not permitted in abstracts
- ***No tables/figures:*** Exception: Case Competition allows up to 2 images in abstract (not counted in word limit)

<b>Category</b>	<b>Presentation Format</b>	<b>Duration</b>	<b>Selection</b>	<b>Subspecialties</b>
<b>Free Papers</b>	Oral presentation	5 min + 2 min Q&A	Top 10 of each category	10 categories
<b>Instruction Courses</b>	Interactive session	50 minutes	Limited	15+ categories
<b>Surgical Videos</b>	Video screening	5 minutes max	Top 50 (5 per category)	10 categories
<b>Case Competition</b>	Oral presentation	5 minutes	Top 10 per category	10 categories
<b>Faculty Topics</b>	Oral presentation	6 mins talk + 2 min Q&A	Broader selection	20+ categories

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## IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES

Milestones	Deadline
Submission Portal Opens	Dec 5, 2025
All Submissions Deadline	Dec 31, 2025
Notification of Acceptance	Feb 15, 2026
First Program Book Release	March 31, 2026
Speaker Registration Deadline	May 15, 2026

## Conference Venue

**Hotel Pullman Aerocity, New Delhi**

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## FREE PAPERS

### Overview

Free Papers represent **original research, clinical studies, and evidence-based practice improvements** selected through a competitive peer-review process.

### Selection & Presentation Format

- **Top 10 of each category** for oral presentation
- **Presentation format:** 5-minute oral presentation + 2-minute Q&A = 7 minutes total
- **Presentation platform:** Concurrent sessions organized by specialty
- **Audience:** General ophthalmologists + specialists interested in cross-subspecialty learning

### Eligible Subspecialties for Free Paper Submission

Select ONE primary category:

- Cataract
- Cornea & Ocular Surface
- Glaucoma
- Retina
- Orbit & Oculoplasty
- Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus
- Neuro-ophthalmology
- Refractive Surgery
- Innovation
- Miscellaneous

### Abstract Requirements

#### Title Format

- **Length:** Maximum 20 words
- **Style:** Sentence case (capitalize only first word and proper nouns)
- **Clarity:** Should clearly convey the study's main focus

#### Abstract Body

- **Length:** Maximum 300 words (excluding title, authors, affiliations)
- **Structure:** Purpose | Methods | Results | Conclusion
- **Format:** Narrative paragraphs (not bullet points)
- **Font:** Arial, Size 11
- **Content:** Do NOT include author names, institutions, or affiliations in the abstract body

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## Example Submission Structure (Free Paper)

**Title:** [20 words max - your study title in sentence case] **Body:** [300 words max structured as follows]

**Purpose:** Clearly state the research question and hypothesis.

**Methods:** Describe study design, participant demographics, and methodology.

**Results:** Present key findings with quantitative data.

**Conclusion:** State implications and clinical relevance.

## Submission Form Fields (Free Paper)

**Presenting Author Information** - [ ] Membership number (if YOSI member) - [ ] Full name - [ ] Email address - [ ] Mobile number - [ ] Professional designation - [ ] Institution/Hospital name - [ ] City and State

**Abstract Details** - [ ] Category (select from 9 subspecialties) - [ ] Title (20 words max, sentence case) - [ ] Abstract body (300 words max, PMRC structure)

**Co-Author Information** (Up to 5 co-authors) For each co-author: - [ ] Full name - [ ] Email address - [ ] Mobile number - [ ] Institution/Hospital name

## Evaluation Criteria for Free Papers

Submissions are evaluated on:

**Originality & Innovation** (25%): Novel approaches, new insights, unique methodology

**Scientific Significance** (20%): Importance to ophthalmology field, potential clinical impact

**Methodology & Study Design** (20%): Sound research design, appropriate statistical methods

**Data Analysis & Interpretation** (15%): Accurate results presentation, logical conclusions

**Clarity of Presentation** (10%): Well-written, logical flow, easy to understand

**Relevance to Practice** (10%): Applicability to clinical ophthalmology

## Submission Process (Free Paper)

1. Create account on YOSIportal (or login if existing YOSI member)
2. Select "Free Paper" submission type
3. Choose primary subspecialty category
4. Fill in presenting author and co-author details
5. Enter abstract title and body following format guidelines
6. Review abstract for accuracy and compliance
7. Submit by deadline (December 31, 2025, 23:59 IST)
8. Receive confirmation email with reference number

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## INSTRUCTION COURSES (IC)

### Overview & Vision

Instruction Courses represent the **heart of interactive, transformative learning** at YOSICON 2026. Moving beyond traditional didactic lectures, ICs focus on **innovation, practical skill-building, and beyond-academic content** that enables practitioners to build speciality practices and create clinical niches.

### Session Structure

- **Duration:** 50 minutes per Instruction Course
- **Format:** Interactive, hands-on, problem-solving, discussion-based
- **Chief Instructor Role:** Course moderator and session lead
- **Co-Speaker Format:** 3-4 additional speakers per IC (up to 5 speakers total)
- **Interactive Elements:** Case discussions, audience participation, live Q&A, workshops, polling, demonstrations

### Conference Theme Alignment

#### We ARE Seeking:

**Practice Development:** Setting up specialty practices, establishing clinical niches

**Innovation & Technology:** Novel surgical techniques, emerging diagnostic tools, AI integration

**Business Strategies:** Patient communication, fee structures, marketing speciality services

**Clinical Pearls & Tricks:** Advanced management strategies, decision-making algorithms

**Virtual Hands-on Workshops:** Practical demonstrations, skills training, simulation-based learning

**Beyond-Academic Content:** What textbooks don't teach, real-world practice insights

**Complex Case Discussions:** Management algorithms, problem-solving approaches

#### We Are NOT Seeking:

- Standard lectures on disease diagnosis and treatment
- Routine review of well-established medical protocols
- Traditional didactic presentations without interactive elements
- General clinical updates without practice development angle

### Interactive Format Options (Select One)

- Workshop with hands-on activities
- Case-based discussion panel
- Interactive problem-solving session

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- Live demonstration with real-time feedback
- Expert panel debate/discussion
- Audience polling with results discussion
- Simulation-based learning with debriefing
- Other innovative format (describe in proposal)

## Eligible Subspecialties for IC Submission

Select ONE primary category:

- Cataract Surgery & IOLs
- Cornea & Ocular Surface
- Glaucoma & Minimally Invasive Procedures
- Retina & Imaging
- Neuro-ophthalmology
- Oculoplasty & Aesthetics
- Ocular Oncology
- Pediatric Ophthalmology & Strabismus
- Refractive Surgery
- Uvea & Immunology
- Allied Ophthalmic Sciences
- Community Ophthalmology
- Practice Development & Management
- Medico-Legal Aspects & Documentation
- Ocular Emergencies & Acute Management
- Contact Lenses & Advanced Optometry
- Low Vision Rehabilitation
- Technology & Innovation in Ophthalmology

## Speaker Engagement Policy

### Speaking Opportunities Per Speaker

**Maximum 4 speaking engagements** across all formats (IC Chief Instructor, IC Speaker, Faculty Speaker roles combined).

**Active participation ceiling: Maximum 2 speaking engagements once selected** (IC Chief Instructor, IC Speaker, Faculty Speaker combined).

**Purpose:** Ensures broader participation opportunities, prevents speaker overload, and promotes diversity in conference programming.

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## Chief Instructor Responsibilities

The Chief Instructor must: - Lead and moderate the Instruction Course session - Coordinate timing and content flow - Identify and confirm **backup speakers** for co-speaker positions proactively - Ensure seamless session delivery with contingency plans - Manage audience participation and Q&A segments - Deliver compelling, interactive content aligned with conference theme

## Backup Speaker Planning

As Chief Instructor, you must:

1. Identify 1-2 backup speakers for each co-speaker position
2. Confirm their willingness to serve as backup before submission
3. Obtain contact information and consent
4. Inform them they may be activated if primary speaker exceeds participation ceiling

This ensures smooth session delivery if primary speakers are unable to present.

## Instruction Course Proposal Form

### Section 1: Course Organizer / Chief Instructor

- YOSI Membership Number
- Full name
- Email address
- Mobile number
- Professional designation
- Institution/Hospital name
- City and State
- Years of experience in specialty
- Brief professional background (50 words max)

### Section 2: Instruction Course Details

**Course Title** -  Title (maximum 15 words, sentence case) -  Clarity check: Does title convey the IC's unique focus?

**Primary Subspecialty** -  Select one category from eligible subspecialties list

**Interactive Format Type** (Select one) -  Workshop with hands-on activities -  Case-based discussion panel -  Interactive problem-solving session -  Live demonstration with Q&A -  Expert panel discussion/debate -  Simulation-based learning -  Audience polling with discussion -  Other innovative format

**Course Description & Learning Objectives** -  Description (maximum 200 words): - Concise overview of IC content - 2-3 key learning objectives/takeaways - Why this IC aligns with conference theme (Interactive Learning, Innovation, Beyond-Academic Content) -

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Interactive elements you plan to incorporate - Target audience (Junior practitioners, Mid-career, Senior experts, Mixed)

**Learning Outcomes** - [ ] Outcome 1: Specific competency participants will gain - [ ]

Outcome 2: Specific competency participants will gain - [ ] Outcome 3: Specific competency participants will gain **Practical Application** - [ ] How will attendees apply this knowledge in

their clinical

practice? - [ ] What practice changes or innovations will they implement?

## Section 3: Speaker Information

### *Chief Instructor/SessionLead*

- Full name
- Email address
- Mobile number
- Institution/Hospital name
- Professional designation
- Years of experience
- Specialty focus
- Brief background (50 words max)
- Confirmation: "I consent to lead this IC if selected"

### *Co-Speaker 2-4 (Optional)*

- Full name
- Email address
- Mobile number
- Institution/Hospital name
- Professional designation
- Topic/section they will cover (15 words max)
- Years of experience in this area
- Confirmation: "I consent to speak and understand the ceiling of maximum 2 active speaking engagements"

### *Section 4: Backup Speaker Plan (Optional)*

**Backup Speaker 1** (Required) - [ ] Full name - [ ] Email address - [ ] Mobile number - [ ] Specialty/area of expertise - [ ] Written confirmation received

**Backup Speaker 2** (Recommended if using 2 co-speakers) - [ ] Full name - [ ] Email address - [ ] Mobile number - [ ] Specialty/area of expertise - [ ] Written confirmation received

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## Section 5: Commitment & Disclosures

- Chief Instructor confirms understanding of 50-minute session format
- All speakers consent to present if selected
- All speakers confirm understanding of speaking engagement ceiling (max 4 consent, max 2 active)
- Conflict of Interest Declaration: Any financial relationships or endorsements to disclose?
- Acknowledgment: Selected speakers will register for conference and pay full fee by February 28, 2025

## Evaluation Criteria for Instruction Courses

The Scientific Committee evaluates ICs based on:

**Theme Alignment (30%):** Does the IC address Interactive Learning, Innovation, or Beyond-Academic Content?

**Innovation & Format (25%):** Is the proposed format interactive and engaging? Does it avoid traditional lectures?

**Practical Value (20%):** Will attendees gain actionable knowledge for practice development, clinical skills, or innovation?

**Speaker Expertise & Credibility (15%):** Is the team qualified, experienced, and well-known in their content area?

**Feasibility & Clarity (10%):** Is the 50-minute format realistic? Are objectives clear?

## Selection Preference Given To:

Novel, interactive formats (workshops, case discussions, live demonstrations)

Topics addressing practice development and niche creation

Sessions combining clinical expertise with business/practice management

Diverse speaker backgrounds (mixed experience levels, gender, geographic representation)

Topics addressing emergent needs in ophthalmology

## Submission Process (Instruction Courses)

1. Download IC proposal form from portal
2. Gather all speaker information and backup speaker confirmations
3. Complete all form fields with detailed descriptions
4. Ensure backup speaker written confirmations attached
5. Review for accuracy and compliance
6. Upload to portal by deadline (December 31, 2025, 23:59 IST)
7. Receive confirmation email with IC reference number

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## SURGICAL VIDEO SUBMISSIONS

### Overview

Surgical Videos showcase **innovative surgical techniques, technical excellence, and creative problem-solving** in ophthalmology. Selected videos are screened during the conference and recognized for innovation and educational value.

### Selection & Format

- **Top 50 videos selected** for conference screening
- **Screening format:** 50 videos divided as 5 per category (same as Free Papers)
- **Video duration:** Maximum 5 minutes
- **File format:** MP4 (maximum 200 MB file size)
- **Submission:** Video file + abstract submitted together

### Eligible Categories for Video Submission

Same as Free Papers

### Video Requirements & Standards

#### Technical Specifications

- **Format:** MP4 video file
- **File size:** Maximum 200 MB
- **Resolution:** Minimum 720p (HD quality preferred)
- **Aspect ratio:** 16:9 widescreen
- **Audio:** Clear, audible commentary (English, UK English preferred)
- **Frame rate:** 25-30 fps (frames per second)

#### Content Requirements

**Original content:** Video must be original work, not previously presented at other conferences

**Patient privacy:** Ensure no patient identification visible in video (covers patient face if necessary)

**Surgical field clarity:** Operative site should be clearly visible with good lighting and focus

**Audio commentary:** Include voiceover explaining key surgical steps, innovations, technical pearls

**Text overlays:** Optional captions identifying anatomical structures, key decision points, innovations

**Acknowledgments:** Include at end (patient consent acknowledgment, institutional approval)

**Disclosures:** Include financial disclosures or conflicts of interest at end of video

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## Video Structure (Recommended)

**Title slide** (2-3seconds): Case title, surgeon name, institution

**Patient demographics** (5-10 seconds): Age, diagnosis, indication for surgery (maintain anonymity)

**Preoperative status** (optional, 10-15 seconds): Relevant clinical findings

**Surgical technique** (main, 3-5 minutes):

Key anatomical landmarks

Surgical approach/innovation

Technical pearls and tricks

Problem-solving approaches

**Postoperative outcomes** (optional, 20-30 seconds): Final result, visual acuity if available

**Credits slide** (5 seconds): Acknowledgments, institutional approval, disclosures

## Abstract Requirements for Video

### Title Format

- **Length:** Maximum 15 words
- **Style:** Sentence case (capitalize first word and proper nouns)
- **Focus:** Clearly convey the video's main surgical focus or innovation

### Abstract Body

- **Length:** Maximum 300 words
- **Structure:** Unstructured narrative (unlike Free Papers)
- **Content:** Describe:
  - Case presentation (patient demographics, diagnosis, indication)
  - Surgical technique/approach (innovative elements, technical pearls)
  - Key learning points
  - Clinical outcomes/results
  - Why this video contributes to ophthalmology education
- **Font:** Arial, Size 11
- **Do NOT include:** Author names or affiliations in abstract body

## Submission Form Fields (Video)

**Submitting Surgeon Information** -  Membership number (if YOSI member) -  Full name -  Email address -  Mobile number -  Professional designation -  Institution/Hospital name -  City and State

**Video Details** -  Video title (15 words max, sentence case) -  Primary category (Anterior Segment, Posterior Segment, Miscellaneous) -  Specific subspecialty (Cataract, Cornea, Glaucoma, Retina, etc.) -  Abstract (300 words max, unstructured narrative)

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**Video File Upload** -  Video file (MP4, max 200 MB, min, min 720p resolution, Google Drive Link with Editor Permission) -  File size confirmation -  Resolution confirmation (720p, 1080p, 4K)

**Co-Author/Assistant Information** (Optional) -  Co-surgeon/assistant names (up to 3) -  Their institutions

**Ethical Compliance** -  Patient anonymity maintained: Yes/No -  Patient consent obtained: Yes/No -  Institutional ethics approval obtained: Yes/No -  Video is original and not previously presented: Yes/No -  Conflict of interest declaration: [if any]

## Evaluation Criteria for Surgical Videos

Videos are evaluated on:

1. **Surgical Technique & Innovation** (30%): Novel approaches, technical elegance, problem-solving creativity
2. **Educational Value** (25%): Clear learning objectives, teaching points, applicable pearls
3. **Technical Quality** (20%): Video clarity, audio quality, editing, visual presentation
4. **Clinical Significance** (15%): Relevance to ophthalmology practice, clinical outcomes
5. **Presentation & Communication** (10%): Clear narration, logical flow, audience engagement

## Submission Process (Surgical Videos)

1. Prepare MP4 video file (max 200 MB, min 720p)
2. Ensure patient anonymity and ethical compliance
3. Obtain all necessary approvals
4. Create account on YOSI portal (or login)
5. Select "Surgical Video" submission type
6. Fill in surgeon and video details
7. Enter video title and abstract (300 words max)
8. Upload video file (via a separate link shared to you after submission of abstract)
9. Review all information for accuracy
10. Submit by deadline (December 31, 2025, 23:59 IST)
11. Receive confirmation with reference number

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## CASE COMPETITIONS

### Overview

Case Competitions showcase **interesting, challenging, or unusual clinical cases** that provide learning opportunities and demonstrate clinical reasoning, diagnostic acumen, and management excellence.

### Selection & Presentation Format

**Top 10 cases per category selected** for oral presentation

**Division:** Same as Free Paper

**Presentation format:** 5-minute oral presentation (1 min Q&A in presentation)

**Judging:** Expert panel evaluates based on uniqueness, learning value, clinical significance

### Eligible Categories for Case Competition

### Case Presentation Requirements

#### Title Format

**Length:** Maximum 15 words

**Style:** Sentence case (capitalize first word and proper nouns)

**Example:** "Recurrent pterygium: novel surgical management with mitomycin C and amniotic membrane"

#### Abstract Body

**Length:** Maximum 300 words

**Structure:** Unstructured narrative (describe the clinical case)

**Content sections:**

- **Case presentation:** Patient demographics, chief complaint, systemic/ocular history
  - **Investigations & findings:** Diagnostic workup, imaging, clinical findings
  - **Differential diagnosis:** Consider and rule out diagnoses (if relevant)
  - **Management & outcomes:** Treatment approach, outcomes, follow-up results
- Learning points:** What makes this case unique? Key educational takeaways

**Font:** Arial, Size 11

**Do NOT include:** Author names or affiliations in abstract body

#### Images in Case Competition (UNIQUE EXCEPTION)

**Allowed:** Up to 2 images/photos of clinical findings

**Not counted:** Images do NOT count toward 300-word limit

**Format:** JPG or PNG, clear clinical relevance

**Content:** Clinical photographs, imaging (OCT, fundus photos, imaging studies)

**Purpose:** Support clinical presentation and highlight interesting findings

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## Submission Form Fields (Case Competition)

**Presenting Author Information** -  Membership number (if YOSI member) -  Full name -  Email address -  Mobile number -  Professional designation -  Institution/Hospital name -  City and State

**Case Details** -  Case title (15 words max, sentence case) -  Primary segment (Categories similar to Free Papers) -  Specific subspecialty category -  Abstract (300 words max, unstructured narrative) **Case Images** (Optional but recommended) -  Image 1

(JPG/PNG, up to 10 MB) -  Image caption for Image 1 (25 words max) -  Image 2 (JPG/PNG, up to 10 MB) -  Image caption for Image 2 (25 words max) **Co-Author Information** (Optional) -  Co-author names (up to 4 additional authors) -  Their institutions

**Ethical Compliance** -  Patient consent obtained: Yes/No -  Patient anonymity maintained: Yes/No -  Institutional ethics approval obtained: Yes/No -  Conflict of interest declaration: [if any]

## Evaluation Criteria for Cases

Cases are evaluated on:

**Clinical Uniqueness & Rarity** (25%): Is the case unusual, rare, or clinically significant?

**Diagnostic Complexity** (20%): Did the case present diagnostic challenges? Were clinical reasoning skills demonstrated?

**Management Innovation** (20%): Did the case demonstrate novel management approaches or problem-solving?

**Learning Value** (20%): What are the key learning points? Educational relevance to audience

**Presentation Clarity** (15%): Is the case well-described? Are findings clearly presented?

## Submission Process (Case Competition)

1. Obtain patient consent and institutional ethics approval if required
2. Select appropriate segment and subspecialty
3. Create/login to YOSI portal account
4. Select "Case Competition" submission type
5. Fill in author and case details
6. Write abstract describing case (300 words max, unstructured)
7. Upload up to 2 clinical images with captions (optional)
8. Confirm patient anonymity and ethical compliance
9. Review all information for accuracy
10. Submit by deadline (December 31, 2025, 23:59 IST)
11. Receive confirmation with reference number

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## FACULTY TOPIC SUBMISSIONS

### Overview

Faculty Topics represent **focused educational presentations** on specific subspecialty topics, clinical updates, practical pearls, and practice development insights. Faculty Topics have **broader selection acceptance** than competitive categories, providing alternative pathways for experts to contribute to the conference.

### Presentation Format

**Presentation duration:** 6 minutes + 2 minutes Q&A

**Presentation style:** Educational lecture with interactive elements encouraged

**Audience:** Subspecialty-focused concurrent sessions

**Selection:** Broader acceptance than Free Papers/ICs/Videos

### Why Faculty Topics Matter

For speakers who do NOT have Instruction Courses selected: - **Alternative platform** to share expertise - **Less competitive selection** compared to Free Papers, ICs, Videos – - **Dedicated focused audiences:** Subspecialty-specific concurrent sessions - **Expanded reach:** Contribute meaningfully to conference education

### Eligible Subspecialties & Topics

#### CATARACT

Sub-topics include: - Combined cataract surgeries - Femtosecond laser-assisted cataract surgery (FLACS) - IOL power calculation and formulas - Innovations/advances in phacoemulsification - Intraocular lens basics and selection - Phacoemulsification complications (management and prevention) - Phacoemulsification in difficult situations (dense cataract, white cataract, post-refractive) - Premium IOLs (multifocal, toric, extended depth of focus) - Phacoemulsification basics and technique - Scleral fixation IOLs and management - Small incision cataract surgery (SICS) - Toric IOLs and astigmatism correction - Manual small incision cataract surgery - Combined surgeries (cataract + glaucoma, cataract + retinal)

#### CORNEA & OCULAR SURFACE

Sub-topics include: - Corneal ulcer (bacterial, fungal, viral, nutritional) - Ocular surface diseases and dry eye management - Corneal ectasias (keratoconus, pellucid marginal degeneration) - Corneal imaging and diagnostics (confocal microscopy, OCT) - Collagen cross-linking (CXL) protocols and applications - Chemical and thermal injuries - Descemet's stripping automated endokeratoplasty (DSAEK) and variants - Descemet's membrane endothelial keratoplasty (DMEK) - Deep anterior lamellar keratoplasty (DALK) - Dry eye disease (pathophysiology, diagnosis, management) - Eye banking and tissue management - Pterygium surgery and prevention - Stevens-Johnson syndrome management - Ocular cicatricial pemphigoid - Contact lens complications

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## OCULOPLASTY

Sub-topics include: - Aesthetic surgeries (blepharoplasty, browlift, filler management) - Imaging and diagnostics (MRI, CT, ultrasound for orbit) - Innovations/advances in oculoplastic procedures - Lacrimal disorders and management - Eyelid conditions (ptosis, entropion, ectropion, trichiasis) - Orbital diseases and surgical management - Thyroid eye disease - Orbital trauma and reconstruction - Ocular surface reconstruction

## GLAUCOMA

Sub-topics include: - Challenges in glaucoma management (refractory glaucoma, young patients, steroid-induced) - Diagnostics (tonometry, gonioscopy, OCT, visual field analysis) - Innovations/advances in glaucoma surgery (MIGS, canaloplasty, tube shunts) - Medical management and medication adherence - Primary glaucoma (POAG, angle closure, normal tension) - Secondary glaucoma (pigmentary, exfoliation, neovascular, steroid-induced) - Surgical management and decision-making - Glaucoma risk factors and screening - Pediatric glaucoma

## MEDICO-LEGAL ASPECTS

Sub-topics include: - Informed consent and documentation - Medicolegal complications and case management - Patient safety and incident reporting - Regulatory compliance and practice management - Malpractice prevention

## PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT & MANAGEMENT

Sub-topics include: - Setting up a specialty practice - Financial management (investments, taxation, business plans) - Practice marketing and patient acquisition - Team building and staff management - Patient communication and satisfaction - Creating clinical niches and differentiating practice - Healthcare startup and innovation - Service delivery models

## COMMUNITY OPHTHALMOLOGY

Sub-topics include: - Screening programs and community outreach - Telemedicine and remote healthcare delivery - Sustainability models for community eye care - Public health perspectives in ophthalmology - Vision 2020 and public health initiatives

## NEURO-OPHTHALMOLOGY

Sub-topics include: - Cranial nerve palsies (causes, diagnosis, management) - Evaluation and investigations in neuro-ophthalmology (OCT, visual evoked potentials, imaging) - Optic nerve disorders and neuropathies - Neurological diseases with ocular manifestations - Neuro-ophthalmic emergencies - Pediatric neuro-ophthalmology

## UVEA

Sub-topics include: - Anterior uveitis (infectious and non-infectious causes) - Diagnostic investigations (HLA typing, imaging, testing) - Posterior uveitis and pan-uveitis - Medical management of uveitis - Immunosuppressive therapy in uveitis - Infectious uveitis (tuberculosis, syphilis, toxoplasmosis, CMV) - Non-infectious uveitis (sarcoidosis, VKH, sympathetic ophthalmitis) - Uveitic complications and glaucoma

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## REFRACTIVE SURGERY

Sub-topics include: - Bioptics and combined procedures - Femtosecond laser-assisted LASIK - Microkeratome-assisted LASIK - Phakic intraocular lenses (pIOLs) - Presbyopia correction options (monovision, multifocal IOLs) - Surface ablation (PRK, LASEK, TransPRK) - Small incision lenticule extraction (SMILE) - Workup and diagnostics (keratometry, topography, pachymetry, higher-order aberrations) - Enhancement and revision strategies - Corneal ectasia prevention

## RETINA & VITREORETINAL

Sub-topics include: - Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) classification, diagnosis, and treatment - Complex retinal surgeries and vitrectomy techniques - Diagnostics (OCT, OCT-A, fundus autofluorescence, visual fields) - Diabetic retinopathy (screening, grading, treatment, anti-VEGF therapy) - Endophthalmitis (acute, chronic, prevention) - Macular hole (management and outcomes) - Retinal detachment (rhegmatogenous, tractional, combined) - Retinal degenerations and dystrophies (retinitis pigmentosa, cone dystrophies) - Retinal vascular occlusions (CRVO, BRVO, management) - Recent advances in retinal therapeutics - Posterior segment intraocular foreign bodies - Proliferative vitreoretinopathy

## STRABISMUS & PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY

Sub-topics include: - Basics of strabismus (terminology, classification, physiology) - Complicated strabismus management (restrictive, paralytic, nystagmus) - Innovations/advances in strabismus surgery - Surgical planning and decision-making - Vision development and amblyopia (prevention, detection, treatment) - Pediatric refractive errors - Pediatric cataracts and IOL placement - Congenital anomalies and pediatric syndromes - Learning disabilities and visual behavior in children

## ALLIED OPHTHALMIC SCIENCES

Sub-topics include: - Orthoptics and vision therapy - Optometry and refraction advances - Ophthalmic optics - Ophthalmic technology and equipment - Visual electrophysiology (ERG, VEP) - Ophthalmic imaging modalities

## OCULAR ONCOLOGY

Sub-topics include: - Retinoblastoma (diagnosis, classification, treatment, outcomes) - Uveal melanoma (management, radiation, enucleation) - Medulloepithelioma and other intraocular tumors - Conjunctival and corneal tumors - Eyelid and orbital oncology - Secondary malignancies

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## OCULAR EMERGENCIES & ACUTE MANAGEMENT

Sub-topics include: - Chemical burns and thermal injuries - Acute angle closure glaucoma - Central retinal artery/vein occlusion - Acute vision loss (differential diagnosis and management) - Orbital compartment syndrome - Retrobulbar hemorrhage - Trauma management (globe injury, orbital trauma)

## CONTACT LENSES & ADVANCED OPTOMETRY

Sub-topics include: - Contact lens fitting techniques - Specialty contact lenses (keratoconus, post-refractive) - Contact lens-induced complications - Orthokeratology - Contact lens materials and design innovation - Presbyopic contact lens options

## LOW VISION REHABILITATION

Sub-topics include: - Low vision assessment and rehabilitation - Assistive devices and technology - Functional vision training - Practice models for low vision services - Outcome measurement in low vision

## TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION IN OPHTHALMOLOGY

Sub-topics include: - Artificial intelligence and machine learning in ophthalmology - Telemedicine platforms and virtual care - Digital health records and data management - Diagnostic device innovations - Surgical robot-assisted procedures - Wearable technology and smart devices - Blockchain applications in healthcare - 3D printing and modeling in ophthalmology

## SERVICE DOCTORS & PUBLIC HEALTH

Sub-topics include: - Comprehensive eye care models - Vision screening programs - School eye screening - Workplace eye health - Preventive ophthalmology

## Faculty Topic Submission Requirements

### Title Format

- **Length:** Maximum 20 words
- **Style:** Sentence case (capitalize first word and proper nouns)
- **Clarity:** Should convey the specific educational focus

### Abstract Body

- **Length:** Maximum 250 words (shorter than Free Papers for ease of reading)
- **Structure:** Narrative format describing the topic
- **Content:**
  - Main learning objectives (2-3 key points)
  - How the topic contributes to clinical practice
  - Intended audience level
  - Any interactive elements or case discussions planned
- **Font:** Arial, Size 11
- **Do NOT include:** Author names or affiliations in abstract body

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## Faculty Topic Submission Form (Maximum 2)

**Presenter Information** -  Membership number (if YOSI member) -  Full name -  Email address -  Mobile number -  Professional designation -  Institution/Hospital name -  City and State -  Years of experience in specialty

**Topic Details** -  Topic title (20 words max, sentence case) -  Primary subspecialty category (select from list above) -  Sub-topic or specific focus area -  Abstract (250 words max, narrative format) -  Learning objectives (2-3 key points participants will gain)

**Presentation Preferences** (Optional) -  Preferred presentation time and Date (morning/afternoon) -  Interactive elements planned? (yes/no) If yes, describe briefly

**Co-Faculty** (Optional) -  Co-presenter names (up to 2) -  Their institutions

**Ethical Compliance** -  Conflict of interest declaration: [if any] -  Commercial bias or endorsements to disclose: [if any]

## Submission Process (Faculty Topics)

1. Select appropriate subspecialty and sub-topic from the comprehensive list
2. Create/login to YOSI portal account
3. Select "Faculty Topic" submission type
4. Fill in presenter information
5. Enter topic title (20 words max, sentence case)
6. Write abstract describing topic (250 words max)
7. Define 2-3 learning objectives
8. Note any interactive elements (optional)
9. Review for accuracy and compliance
10. Submit by deadline (December 31, 2025, 23:59 IST)
11. Receive confirmation with reference number

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## EVALUATION CRITERIA

### Unified Evaluation Framework

All submissions are evaluated by the Scientific Committee using criteria tailored to each category but unified around these themes:

### Universal Evaluation Elements

**Relevance to Conference Theme:** Interactive Learning, Innovation, Practice Excellence

**Clinical/Educational Significance:** Importance to ophthalmology and attendee learning

**Quality of Proposal:** Clear objectives, logical structure, well-articulated

**Originality/Innovation:** Novel approaches, new insights, creative solutions

**Presenter Credibility:** Experience and expertise in subject matter

### Category-Specific Emphasis

**Free Papers:** Originality (25%), Scientific significance (20%), Methodology (20%), Data analysis (15%), Clarity (10%), Practice relevance (10%)

**Instruction Courses:** Theme alignment (30%), Innovation & format (25%), Practical value (20%), Speaker expertise (15%), Feasibility (10%)

**Surgical Videos:** Technique & innovation (30%), Educational value (25%), Technical quality (20%), Clinical significance (15%), Presentation (10%)

**Case Competitions:** Clinical uniqueness (25%), Diagnostic complexity (20%), Management innovation (20%), Learning value (20%), Presentation clarity (15%)

**Faculty Topics:** Topic relevance (25%), Educational value (25%), Presenter expertise (20%), Clarity & structure (20%), Practice applicability (10%)

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## ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS & COMPLIANCE

### Mandatory Requirements for All Submissions

#### Ethical Approval

- **Human subjects research:** IRB/Ethics committee approval required
- **Animal studies:** Animal ethics committee approval required
- **Clinical cases:** Patient consent required; maintain anonymity
- **Documentation:** Submit evidence of approval if requested

#### Patient Privacy & Confidentiality

- **No patient identification:** Remove all names, hospital ID numbers, contact information
- **Images:** Obscure patient faces if showing images or videos
- **Case descriptions:** Avoid identifying details (specific location, workplace, unique characteristics)
- **Anonymity:** Use patient initials or pseudonyms if required for case identification
- **Sensitive information:** No disclosure of sexual orientation, mental health details, or stigmatizing conditions unless clinically relevant

#### Conflict of Interest

- **Financial relationships:** Disclose all financial relationships (speaker fees, grants, stock ownership, patent involvement)
- **Commercial products:** If discussing commercial products, disclose financial relationships with manufacturers
- **Transparency:** Declare relationships openly rather than omit them

#### Authorship & Attribution

- **Accurate attribution:** Credit all who contributed meaningfully
- **Presenting author:** Must be an actual contributor to the work
- **Co-authors:** All listed co-authors should approve final submission
- **Data integrity:** Present accurate data; no fabrication, falsification, or plagiarism

#### Scientific Integrity

- **Original work:** Submissions must be original (not previously published or submitted elsewhere)
- **Prior presentation:** Disclose if work was previously presented at other conferences
- **Data accuracy:** Results must reflect actual findings; no misrepresentation
- **Reproducibility:** Methodology should be sound and reproducible

#### Copyright & Intellectual Property

- **Original content:** Videos, images, and written content must be original
- **Licensing:** Obtain permissions for any copyrighted material used

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- **Open access:** Authors retain rights to their work; YOSI may use abstracts/videos in proceedings

## Compliance Certification

By submitting, all presenting authors/speakers certify: -

- Ethical approval obtained (if applicable)
- Patient consent obtained (if applicable)
- Authorship is accurate and all authors approve
- Work is original and not previously published in full
- Data presented is accurate and unmanipulated
- All conflicts of interest disclosed
- Presentation agrees with institutional policies
- I will register and present if selected

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## IMPORTANT NOTES & POLICIES

### Submission & Selection

- **Incomplete submissions:** Will NOT be processed
- **Late submissions:** Will NOT be considered (deadline is firm)
- **Duplicate submissions:** Will result in disqualification of both submissions
- **Resubmissions:** Can resubmit only if NOT previously selected
- **Portal access:** Create account early; do not wait until deadline

### For Selected Speakers/Presenters

- **Registration requirement:** Must register and pay full conference fee by May 15, 2025. If not done by the due date, the presentation slot will be given to the next candidate.
- **Attendance:** Confirmation of attendance required 2 weeks before conference
- **Final details:** Submit speaker bios, slides, and AV materials by deadline specified
- **Cancellation:** Notify immediately if unable to present; provides opportunity for backup speakers

### Scientific Committee Rights

- **Final decision:** Scientific committee's decisions are final and not subject to appeal
- **Presentation format:** Committee may adjust presentation format based on space/schedule
- **Abstract editing:** YOSI reserves right to edit abstracts for clarity/formatting
- **Publishing:** Accepted abstracts will be published in conference proceedings

### Code of Conduct

All speakers and presenters are expected to:

- Maintain professional conduct
- Respect diverse viewpoints
- Comply with all YOSI policies
- Treat attendees with courtesy and respect
- Disclose conflicts of interest transparently
- Adhere to ethical standards in healthcare

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We invite you to contribute your expertise, innovation, and passion for excellence. Together, we'll create a conference that inspires, educates, and advances the future of ophthalmology.

**Submission Deadline: December 31, 2025, 23:59 IST**

**We look forward to receiving your submissions!**

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