To: Wisconsin/Michigan Optometrists

From: Dr. Angela Rodriguez - Chair, Northwoods Education Event

Date: August 2019

26th Annual WOA Northwoods Education Event
October 11-12, 2019
Wild Eagle Lodge, Eagle River, WI

The 2019 WOA Northwoods Education Event will be returning to the Wild Eagle Lodge in Eagle River, WI, for a second year. The Wild Eagle Lodge has a unique lakeside setting with many amenities to enjoy. The resort is spread over 19 acres of prime property with 1900 feet of manicured shoreline right on Eagle River’s world famous chain of 28 lakes. Wild Eagle Lodge is the perfect getaway with fishing boats, rowboats, pontoons, a private boat launch and piers to assist you on your adventure. Relax by the heated indoor pool, sauna and whirlpool. Play a competitive tennis match, volleyball game, basketball, or have a friendly fishing contest all right on the spacious grounds. The Blue Heron, the onsite restaurant and lounge, offers dining excellence all freshly prepared by the resort chef. With friendly and efficient service, enjoy your dinner and favorite beverage in front of their cozy stone fireplace.

Eight hours of quality continuing education are offered at this year’s event. A lineup of top-notch speakers will present excellent CE. Speakers include: Dr. Kunal Patel - Ascension Medical Group, Fox Valley, WI, Dr. Jennifer Unger - Valley Eye Associates, Appleton, WI, Dr. Michael Vrabec - Valley Eye Associates, Appleton, WI and one additional speaker yet to be added.

Dr. Vrabec will kick things off on Friday morning with an update on intacs and crosslinking and corneal transplants. The day will conclude with Dr. Patel lecturing on bumps, lumps, spots, masses and growths on the eyelid. Details for the 7:00 a.m. Saturday speaker are being finalized. The morning will wrap up with Dr. Unger presenting an update on MIGS: good and bad, update on topicals for glaucoma management and challenges with humanitarian eye care.

The education schedule will remain as usual, with two hours Friday morning and evening and four hours on Saturday morning. On Friday and Saturday, a continental breakfast will be served before the lecture, along with appetizers during Friday evening’s education session and a hospitality room in the evenings. Whether you like to fish, golf, or just enjoy a fall walk in the north woods, this unique WOA CE seminar is perfect for you.

Accommodations consist of spacious one, two, and three bedroom lakeside lodge homes - ideal and comfortable for groups. Each lodge home has a fully equipped kitchen, gas fireplace, two full size bathrooms, queen size sleeper sofa, and cable TV with DVD player, patio furniture and a charcoal grill. No matter which of the (condo style) lodge homes you reside in, all face the scenic shores of Lynx or Duck lakes. Pricing is as follows and is per night plus 10% tax: 1 Bedroom Lodge - $149.00, 2 Bedroom Lodge - $179.00, 3 Bedroom Family Deluxe Lodge - $229.00. There is also a $9.95 per night resort fee for each reservation. A 30% deposit is required when reservation is made (no online reservations are allowed for group blocks). Cancellation Policy: 30 days or more deposit less $50 processing fee; under 30 days no refunds. Block will be released Wednesday, September 11th and group rate is not guaranteed after that date. If you would like to be connected with other attendees to share a multi bedroom unit, please email event chair, Dr. Angela Rodriguez, at Rodriguez.angela@gmail.com.

To make reservations, please call the lodge at 877-945-3965 and let them know you are with the Wisconsin Optometric Association. You will need to provide your contact information and a credit card.

Please complete the enclosed registration form, and mail or fax it to the WOA. You can also register online through the WOA website by using the following link: https://www.woa-eyes.org/event_registration?id=46

The early bird deadline for registration is September 13, and the regular registration deadline is October 7.

Previous participants can attest to the quality and quantity of the fun that has been a part of this event for the past 25 years.
Friday, October 11

7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
Michael Vrabec, M.D. (2 hours PO)  
“A Review of Intacs/Crosslinking”  
A comprehensive review of the history, mechanism of action, indications, technique, results and insurance issues surrounding the coverage of both Intacs and Collagen Crosslinking.

“Corneal Transplant Updates”  
An overview of the surgical options in corneal transplantation including PK, DALK, DSAEK, DMEK, DWEK.

6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.  
Kunal Patel, M.D. (2 hours AS )  
“Bumps, Lumps, Spots, Masses and Growths on the Eyelid.”  
A comprehensive review of eyelid lesions followed by case presentations in the management of lid lesions.

Saturday, October 12

7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.  
TBD

9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.  
Jennifer Unger, M.D. (.5 hours GO and 1.5 hours GL)  
“Humanitarian Eye Care”  
A discussion of the challenges, surgical techniques, supplies and safety when providing care to underserved populations. (0.5 hours)

“MIGS: Good and Bad and Update on Topicals in Glaucoma Management”  
An overview of all of the current MIGS procedures, including their strengths and weaknesses, as well as a review of the newest topicals available for the management of glaucoma.
Kunal Patel, M.D.
Dr. Patel practices with Ascension Medical Group in the Fox Valley. He grew up in the Chicago suburbs and attended the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign for his undergraduate degree in molecular and cellular biology. He completed his medical degree at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Medicine Rockford. His internship year was spent at St. Vincent Hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana. His ophthalmology residency was completed at Indiana University and was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the American Academy of Ophthalmology. Dr. Patel enjoys all aspects of eye care and has been enjoying his new home and practice in Northeast Wisconsin. He is recently married and enjoys spending time with his family traveling, scuba diving, skiing, golfing and cooking.

Jennifer Unger, M.D.
Dr. Unger is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of San Francisco State University and Alpha Omega Alpha graduate of Loma Linda University School of Medicine in Southern California. During her medical school studies, she was a mentor to newer students, providing tutoring services in both physiology and statistics. A California native, she moved to Wisconsin in 2003 to continue her medical and surgical training in ophthalmology at the Eye Institute (MCW) in Milwaukee. After completing her ophthalmology residency in 2007 and becoming Board Certified by the American Board of Ophthalmology (ABO), Dr. Unger has continued to practice in Wisconsin, joining Valley Eye Associates in 2015. Her experience includes medical, surgical, and laser techniques for the treatment of glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, macular degeneration, cataracts, and a host of other comprehensive ophthalmology conditions. In addition to private practice, she served as Staff Physician at the VA Zablocki Medical Center in Milwaukee, gaining valuable experience working with our nation’s veterans. Dr. Unger is pleased to have relocated to Appleton and is proud to have joined a group of doctors committed to providing superior eye care to civilians and veterans in the Fox River Valley.

Michael Vrabec, M.D.
Dr. Vrabec, a native of Wisconsin, graduated with honors (A.O.A.) from the University of Wisconsin Medical School, where he also completed his residency training in Ophthalmology. A fellow of the American College of Surgeons, he is certified by the American Board of Eye Surgery. Dr. Vrabec completed fellowships in corneal transplantation at the University of Iowa and another fellowship in refractive surgery at the Hunkeler Eye Center in Kansas City, Missouri. For six years, he directed the corneal transplant and refractive surgery service at the University of Vermont, earning tenure in 1994. In the Fox Valley since that time, he maintains an active practice in small incision, no stitch, no high Definition Laser Cataract Surgery (including Lifestyle Multifocal, Accommodative, and Toric IOLs), refractive surgery (including iLASIK and PRK), corneal transplantation and various types of laser surgery. He has performed over 28,000 refractive procedures, over 45,000 cataract surgeries, and is the only double-board certified surgeon in Wisconsin (in both LASIK and cataract surgery) by the American Board of Eye Surgeons (www.aces-abes.org). He is certified by the American College of Surgeons, in Ophthalmology. A fellow of the American Board of Eye Surgeons. He is a member of the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Ophthalmology, and Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Society.

The author of over 50 professional journal articles and two textbooks, Dr. Vrabec belongs to numerous professional societies. He has lectured and taught extensively on medical and surgical aspects of eye care to doctors in five continents and twenty-eight countries around the world. He received the American Academy of Ophthalmology Honor Award in 1997 and was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award by the University of Wisconsin-Madison in 2010.
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Registration:

◊ **WOA/AOA Member:** (includes eight hours of continuing education, breakfasts, snacks, and all entry fees for the fishing contests)
  
  ________ Early Bird Registration Fee *(September 13th Deadline)*...$170
  
  ________ Regular Registration Fee *(September 14th–October 7th)*...$190

◊ **NON MEMBER:** (includes eight hours of continuing education, breakfasts, snacks, and all entry fees for fishing contests)

  ________ Early Bird Registration Fee *(September 13th Deadline)*...$490

  ________ Regular Registration Fee *(September 14th–October 7th)*...$510

◊ **Guest Registration...$75 per person** (includes entry fees for fishing contests and snacks).
  
  Does NOT include education.

**Total Fees: $____________**

Send check and registration to the Wisconsin Optometric Association, or bill to your credit card:

(Circle One) MasterCard or VISA #: ______________________________________________________

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If paying with credit card, please use the online registration portal through the WOA website:

https://www.woa-eyes.org/event_registration?id=46

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