To: Wisconsin/Michigan Optometrists
From: Dr. Angela Rodriguez - Chair, Northwoods Education Event
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28th Annual WOA Northwoods Education Event

Dillman’s Bay Resort, Lac du Flambeau
October 8-9, 2021

The 2021 WOA Northwoods Education Event will be returning to Dillman’s Bay Resort in Lac du Flambeau, WI. Dillman’s Bay Resort is a nostalgic resort on the shores of White Sand Lake that is a vacation paradise offering a peninsula with full marina, tennis courts, playground, four beaches, and picnic grounds. The resort has a pontoon, fishing and small motor boats for rent. The fishing is legendary, and guides are available to rent. Canoes, kayaks and paddleboats are available at no additional charge as are bikes to explore miles of scenic trails. If the weather isn’t cooperating, they have board games, ping-pong and crafts available in the “Round House”.

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. G. Andrew Boush, Green Bay VA Health Center; Green Bay, WI; Dr. Kunal Patel - Tower Clock Eye Care, Green Bay; Dr. Joseph Neilitz, Affinity Medical Group, Menasha; Dr. Michael Vrabec - Valley Eye Associates, Appleton, WI.

Dr. Neilitz will kick things off on Friday morning with surgical refractive case presentations and Anesthesia during COVID. The day will conclude with Dr. Bousch lecturing on biological pharmaceuticals and dermatology for the eye care professional. Dr. Vrabec will start the day on Saturday with an update on cataract implant technology and advances in diagnosis and management of keratitis. The morning will wrap up with Dr. Patal presenting on neuro optometry and how to decide if a patient needs to go the ER.

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.

This unique setting has a number of different rooming options available—there should be something to fit everyone’s needs. Click on the website links to see more about each option. Many of these will go quick so early reservations are advised.

Lodge Annex: Rustic Guest House - This unique rooming option is a house where guests will enjoy a common living room, glassed in dining porch, outdoor grilling patio and private fire ring and large fully equipped kitchen and have their own individual sleeping room with an ensuite. There are 9 rooms available with 1 - 3 beds in each. https://www.dillmans.com/cabins/annex.html


Northshore Contemporary Hotel: Units 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 available. https://www.dillmans.com/cabins/northshore.html

A deposit of $100 is required when reservation is made. Cancellation Policy: Reservations cancelled two weeks or more will be made minus a $50 service charge. Cancellations within 2 weeks of your arrival is non refundable. Block will be released September 15. If you would like to be connected with other attendees to share a multi bedroom unit (like the Annex), please email event chair, Dr. Angela Rodriguez, at Rodriguez.angela@gmail.com.

To make reservations, please call the lodge at 715-588-3143 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=58

The early bird deadline for registration is September 15, and the regular registration deadline is October 4.

Previous participants can attest to the quality and quantity of the fun that has been a part of this event for the past 26 years.
Friday, October 8
7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Joe Neilitz, M.D. (2 hours SP)
“Surgical Refractive Case Presentations”
A grand rounds style presentation will overview a variety of refractive surgeries.

“Aesthesia and Surgery in the COVID Era”
COVID-19 has changed the way we all practice. It’s impacts on surgery and anesthesia will be discussed.

6:00 p.m. - 7:45 p.m.
G. Andrew Bousch, M.D. (1 hour PH and 1 hour AS)
“Biologic Pharmaceuticals: Eye and Beyond”
Biologic pharmaceuticals, based primarily on monoclonal antibody technology, have revolutionized the treatment of a great many diseases, particularly those with autoimmune and inflammatory mechanisms. Prior to the advent of these drugs, exudative age-related macular degeneration was treated with argon laser ablation of the subretinal neovascular net, causing massive collateral damage. This lecture aims to review the history of biologics and bio-similars, the science and economics behind them, and where they might lead us in the future.

“Dermatology for the Eye Care Professional”
Dang! What is this skin lesion, and what should I do about it? Optometrists and ophthalmologists didn’t choose eye care so that they could study dermatology, but some knowledge of that field comes in mighty handy when a patient presents with a lesion, eruption, or rash. This lecture attempts to simplify the assessment of dermatologic conditions that impact the eye, as well as to provide a systematic approach to the examination and documentation of eyelid abnormalities.

Saturday, October 9
7:00 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.
Michael Vrabec, M.D. (1 hour SP and 1 hour AS)
“Update on New Cataract Implant Technology”
New IOL technologies currently in use will be discussed that offer new strategies to reduce a patient’s dependence on glasses and contact lenses. These include Vivity, Clareon, and the Light Adjustable Implant.

“Advances in Diagnosis and Management of Keratitis”
Recent advances in the diagnosis and treatment of cornea ulcers currently in use will be discussed and include PCR analysis of cornea samples and Collagen Crosslinking/Riboflavin for treatment of refractory ulcers.

9:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.
Kunal Patel, M.D. (2 hours NO)
“Neuro Ophthalmology on the Front Lines: Does This Patient Need to go to the ER?”
A review of emergent neuro ophthalmology topics. Giant cell arteritis, pupils and double vision. Which cases are actually emergencies.
completed an internship at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in
Dr. Patel attended the University of Illinois at Chicago and
the American Board of Ophthalmology.

He is a member of the Alpha Omega Alpha Honor Medical
Society, the American Medical Association, the American
Academy of Ophthalmology and the American Society of Cat-
aract and Refractive Surgeons. Dr. Patel is Board Certified by
the American Board of Ophthalmology.

Dr. Patel attended the University of Illinois at Chicago and
completed an internship at Ascension St. Vincent Hospital in
Wisconsin, but also at the University of Vermont in Burlington. He served as a medical officer in the U.S. Navy reserve, and
now works for the Veterans Administration at the Milo C
Huempfner clinic in Green Bay performing a small number of
plastic procedures and quite a few cataract surgeries. He is
married and has an eleven-year-old son. Interests include oil
painting, fiction writing, and fitness.

Joe Neilitz, D.O.
Dr. Joseph Neilitz, is an ophthalmologist with Ascension Medical Group. He
is board-certified in ophthalmology and provides medical and surgical eye
care, including Lasik surgery, to pa-
tients of all ages. Dr. Neilitz has a spe-
cial interest in diabetic eye care, cata-
ract surgery and glaucoma manage-
ment. He attended Midwestern Uni-
versity and did his Internship and Resi-
dency at St. John Providence Hospital.

He is committed to timely and compassionate care for his pa-
tients. Outside of the office, Dr. Neilitz enjoys photography,
golf and spending time with family.

Kunal S. Patel, M.D.
Dr. Kunal Patel specializes in cataract
surgery and enjoys a wide range of
ophthalmology practice including the
management of complications from
diabetes and macular degeneration,
retinal injections, and eyelid surgery
to improve vision and eye health. He
offers laser cataract surgery and spe-
cialty lenses to help patients see bet-
ter without glasses.

Dr. Patel takes great pride in educat-
ing patients about their eye conditions and treatment options to ensure each
patient is able to choose which treatment will be best for them.

Indianapolis and his ophthalmology residency was completed at Indiana University Eugene and Marilyn Glick Eye Institute.

Outside of work Dr. Patel enjoys spending time with his wife. They enjoy cooking all types of cuisine, and enjoying the Wis-
consin outdoors by playing golf and cross country skiing. They
also enjoy skiing the mountains out west and scuba diving all
around the world.

Michael Vrabec, M.D.
Dr. Vrabec, a native of Wisconsin, graduated with honors (AOA)
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, MO. For six years,
he directed the corneal transplant and refractive surgery ser-
vice at the University of Vermont, earning tenure in 1994.

Since that time, he has maintained an active practice in the
Fox Valley in small incision, no-stitch, no-shot High Definition
Laser Cataract Surgery™ (including lifestyle and toric IOLs),
refractive surgery (including ICL and PRK), corneal transplan-
tation (PK, DSAEK, and DMEK) and other types of laser sur-
gery. He has performed over 30,000 refractive procedures,
nearly 50,000 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. He was the
first doctor in Wisconsin to perform iLASIK, High Definition
Laser Cataract Surgery, INTACS, ECP laser treatment, the
Verisyse Implantable Contact Lens, and the Fugo Blade. He
also performed the first laser-assisted cornea transplant in
Wisconsin and was the first surgeon in the state to be includ-
ed in an FDA study on corneal collagen crosslinking (a treat-
ment for keratoconus), demonstrating his commitment to
bringing patients the best eye technology the world has to of-
fer.

Dr. Vrabec has authored over 50 professional journal articles
and two textbooks and belongs to numerous professional so-
cieties. He has lectured and taught extensively on medical
and surgical aspects of eye care to doctors in 30 countries on
five different continents. 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 15th Deadline)...$170
  □ Regular Registration Fee (September 16th–October 4th)......$190

◊ **NON MEMBER:** (includes eight hours of continuing education, breakfasts, snacks, and all entry fees for fishing contests)
  □ Early Bird Registration Fee (September 15th Deadline)...$490
  □ Regular Registration Fee (September 16st– October 4th).......$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:
***** please note all credit card transactions will have a 1.5% processing fee*****

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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=58

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