



## YES Newsletter—March

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### **Why did you go into ophthalmology?**

I spent some time shadowing a pediatric ophthalmologist in high school and could tell he loved his job. I loved the way he interacted with patients. This is what led me to go to medical school. As I rotated through different clinics, I loved the mix of surgery and clinic ophthalmology offered. The long-term relationships you get to make as an ophthalmologist are unmatched. I'm also a bit of a technology nerd and there's no field better for that than ophthalmology!

### **If you weren't an ophthalmologist or even a doctor, what career would you like to try?**

I love baseball and have been a Chicago Cubs fan my entire life. I would love to work in the front office as either a general manager or team president to put together the roster that would help the team win another championship (I secretly think I could have broken the curse sooner than 2016!). Alternatively, I've always wanted to own my own bookstore and coffee shop, so that option is still on the table!



### **What do you look forward to most at the ASCRS Annual Meeting?**

My favorite part of the ASCRS Annual meeting is catching up with friends and colleagues! ASCRS is also my favorite meeting for the educational content. I am always learning something new that I can't wait to get back to the clinic or OR and try for myself.

### **What place is still on your travel wish list?**

My wife and I are planning a trip to Japan! I have always wanted to visit and experience the culture and history of this beautiful country. Hoping to cross it off the list soon!

### **What's your go-to movie theater snack?**

Nothing fancy for me, I'm still a popcorn and Coke guy for the movies.

## Final Month to Register for ASCRS 2024

The [ASCRS Annual Meeting](#) is less than a month away. If you're not registered (or if you are registered but need to turn in your resident and fellow paperwork), now is the time.

Up to 20% of Annual Meeting physician attendees are YES members who are geared up to experience Skills Transfer Labs, specific YES programming, the YES luncheon, YES Mentor Meetups, YES Connect Industry Dinners, and so much more.

YES members receive [complimentary/discounted registration](#). Register now to ensure that your approvals and paperwork (required by residents and U.S. fellows) are submitted on time.

Learn more about YES at the Annual Meeting [here](#).

### ASCRS Foundation Book Drive!

*Bring Your Books to the ASCRS Annual Meeting*

Are your medical books gathering dust? Consider bringing them to the ASCRS Annual Meeting in Boston, April 5–8, for the ASCRS Foundation Book Drive.

The Foundation is specifically collecting the American Academy of Ophthalmology *Basic and Clinical Science Course* and any ophthalmology book that has been published between 2015–2024. These books will be shipped to Tanzania for teaching and training purposes.

#### Book drop locations

- Shuttle drops on Level 0 at BCEC
- North Lobby
- ASCRS-Foundation booth

### ASCRS Grand Rounds Accepting Case Submissions from Residents and Fellows

For the first time ever, [ASCRS Grand Rounds](#) is hosting an open call for case submissions from residents and fellows, but only for a limited time. The deadline to submit is Monday, May 20!

[ASCRS Grand Rounds](#), moderated by Soroosh Behshad, MD, and Nandini Venkateswaran, MD, is a virtual, complimentary CME offering that brings the experience of a live grand rounds to your home or office. Each episode is approved for 1.0 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™.

[Submit your interesting or challenging case](#) to this important educational program.

## Sign Up for Mentor Meetups!

Mentor Meetups are informal, open discussions with ASCRS leadership and legacy members that take place in the ASCRS Tap Room within the Exhibit Hall. Registration for these unique opportunities are available through the main ASCRS Annual Meeting registration portal.

Sign up for one of these opportunities at registration or, if already registered, login and add a Mentor Meetup to your schedule.

- Mentor Meetup #1: Sunday 4/7/2024 at 10:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m.
- Mentor Meetup #2: Sunday 4/7/2024 at 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
- Mentor Meetup #3: Sunday 4/7/2024 at 1:00 p.m.–1:30 p.m.
- Mentor Meetup #4: Monday 4/8/2024 at 11:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m.

## Take Advantage of These Educational Opportunities with ASCRS

- **[YES Connect webinars](#)**: There's a new YES Connect Webinar available. Hear perspectives on "[Crafting a Fulfilling Work/Life Blend](#)".
- **[Ophthalmology Quicksand Chronicles—Eureka Moments Podcast](#)**: Coming this spring: podcast hosts Nicole Fram, MD, and Elizabeth Yeu, MD, are getting ready for Season 4! Catch up on the [latest episodes](#) and be sure to like and subscribe to receive alerts for Season 4.
- **[ASCRS Grand Rounds](#)**: ASCRS Grand Rounds 2.0 is now accepting case submissions for the 2024 season. Learn more about this unique opportunity [here](#).

### Helpful Links and Resources:

[ASCRS YES Membership](#)

[ASCRS YES Education](#)

[ASCRS Clinical Education](#)

[ASCRS Online Tools](#)

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