



Meeting Information and Policies

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The FDA has stated that it is the responsibility of the physician to determine the FDA status of each drug or device he or she wishes to use in clinical practice, and to use these products with appropriate patient consent, and in compliance with applicable law.

The American Society of Retina Specialists provides the opportunity for material to be presented for educational purposes only. The material represents the approach, ideas, statements, or opinions of the presenter and/or author, not necessarily the only or best method or procedure in every case, nor the position of the American Society of Retina Specialists. The material is not intended to replace the physician's own judgment on, or give specific advice for case management. The American Society of Retina Specialists specifically disclaim any and all claims that may arise out of the use of any technique demonstrated or described in any material by any presenter and/or author, whether such claims are asserted by a physician or any other person.

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Display and Distribution Policy

The American Society of Retina Specialists retains the exclusive use of the Indian Wells Convention Center to enable registered members, exhibitors, and guests to participate in the 25th Annual Meeting's educational and informational activities. The display or distribution of non-sponsored information, or advertising in or on the location of the 25th Annual Meeting's meeting areas, except within exhibition booths, is prohibited. Violation of this policy will result in confiscation and disposal of the material. Individuals who violate this policy may be evicted from the premises.

No Smoking Policy

It is the policy of the American Society of Retina Specialists to prohibit smoking in all meeting and exhibition areas. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Photography and Taping of Exhibits and Program Policy

Attendees wishing to photograph or videotape a technical exhibit must secure permission from the exhibiting company before doing so. The American Society of Retina Specialists holds copyright on scientific material presented at the meeting, at which time the copyright is returned to the author. Therefore, no portion of a scientific program may be photographed, audiotaped or videotaped without the express written consent of The ASRS 25th Annual Meeting Organizing Committee.

The ASRS Preferences and Trends Survey Policies and Disclaimer

The Preferences and Trends (PAT) Survey report is provided for educational interest of registrants and guests of the 25th Annual Meeting. The data reported represents the opinions and preferences of the survey respondents alone, and may not represent the complete or collective opinion of the membership, nor does it necessarily represent the opinion of the American Society of Retina Specialists. All data collected is retrospective opinion data and is not based upon any accurate records review by the respondents. No implication of any correct or incorrect response is implied by the survey. Further, the survey does not seek to establish any clinical standard of care. Photography and videotaping of material displayed as part of the PAT Survey is expressly forbidden without the written consent of the American Society of Retina Specialists. Corporations that desire to obtain information contained within the PAT Survey may make a written request to the American Society of Retina Specialists. Members who wish to quote or reference any data or comments displayed in the PAT Survey may request reference information and permission from the American Society of Retina Specialists.

Exhibition Hall Policy

In addition to registered physicians and their guests, authorized personnel of exhibiting companies only, have access to the 25th Annual Meeting and its Exhibition Halls. Solicitation by individuals not participating as exhibitors is prohibited. Attendees should report these activities or other questionable practices to the 25th Annual Meeting Organizing Committee office. Attendance within individual exhibit booths is open to all registered attendees of the 25th Annual Meeting. Admittance to corporate exhibition booths by other corporate exhibitors, non-physician attendees of the 25th Annual Meeting, or other personnel is at the discretion of the exhibiting firm.

Who May Register & Attend

- Members in good standing of the ASRS.
- Residents, Fellows-in-training and Guests who are sponsored by an ASRS member in good standing and in attendance of the meeting.

All speakers and all other First Authors (Presenting Authors) are required to register and pay an attendee fee. Attendees who did not register in advance may register on site.

Name Badges

Name badges are provided to all registered attendees of the 25th Annual Meeting. Replacement badges are available at the registration desk. Badges are not transferable, and cannot be lent to anyone for any purpose during the Meeting. All attendees are requested to display their name badge during all official functions.

Attendee Fee and Cancellation/Refund Policy

The registration fee includes Scientific Sessions, Fluorescein Angiography and Surgical Case Conference, Film Festival, Instructional Courses, Young Physicians' Section Meeting, Breakfast with the Masters, Corporate Exhibition, Name Badge, Meeting Program Book, Meeting Materials, Daily Continental Breakfast, Refreshment Breaks, Welcome Reception and Dinner, Evening at the Empire Polo Club, Cocktail Reception & Gala Dinner.

The Adult Guest fee includes the Daily Continental Breakfast, Welcome Reception and Dinner, Evening at the Empire Polo Club, Cocktail Reception & Gala Dinner.

The Child Guest fee includes the Daily Continental Breakfast, Welcome Reception and Dinner, Evening at the Empire Polo Club, and Kids' Gala Dinner.

Registration fees are fixed and cannot be broken for partial attendance of days or sessions, or non-attendance of social events. On-site registration must be made payable in U.S. funds by cash, personal check, traveler's check, Visa, MasterCard or American Express. No other credit cards will be accepted.

All cancellations and requests for refunds must have been made in writing and have been received by Medical Conference Planners, Inc. no later than October 25, 2007. No refunds will be given after October 25, 2007.

Official Language

The official language for all scientific sessions of the 25th Annual Meeting is English. Speakers must present in English with English text, slides, and audiovisual materials. All films submitted for the Film Festival must be narrated in English, or have English subtitles.

Special Assistance

The American Society of Retina Specialists wishes to ensure that no individual with a disability is excluded or treated differently from other individuals because of the absence of auxiliary services. However, the ASRS cannot ensure the availability of appropriate accommodations without ample prior notification. If you are in need of special assistance during the meeting, please make all requests prior to arrival (if possible) to Medical Conference Planners, Inc. at asrs25@medconfs.com and every attempt will be made to reasonably accommodate your request.