



# 2026 Business of Retina Agenda

Hyatt Regency Houston Downtown

## Friday, March 20, 2026

**12:00 – 6:00 PM – Registration**

**5:00 – 6:30 PM - Welcome Reception**

Pool deck

## Saturday, March 21, 2026

**6:00 AM – 5:00 PM - Registration**

**7:00 – 8:00 AM – Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall**

**8:00–8:05 AM — Introduction & Welcome**

Thomas Stone, MD, FASRS

**8:05–8:25 AM — Employee Retention in 2026: Beyond Salaries**

Jazzarie Fejeran, MPS

**8:25–8:45 AM — Hiring from a Limited Labor Supply**

Brett Braun

**8:45–9:05 AM — How to Operationalize Remote Scribing**

Reginald Sanders, MD, FASRS

**9:05–9:30 AM — Designing the New Patient Experience**

Aamer Hayat

**9:30–10:00 AM — Panel: People Solutions Across Practices**

Moderator: Claire Murphy, OSC, OCS, OSCR

Panelists: Nadeem Vaidya, MD; Aamer Hayat, Alvin Liu, MD

**10:00–10:30 AM — Break in the Exhibit Hall**

**10:30 – 10:50 AM – What Kind of Audits are Out There?**

Kirk Mack

**10:50 – 11:10 AM – Declining Reimbursement in Clinic and Surgery**

John Thompson, MD, FASRS

**11:10 – 11:30 AM - Increasing Complexity of Drug Management and Operations**

Sherri White

**11:30 – 12:00 PM – Good Days is Gone: What’s Next? Exploring Alternatives**

Claire Murphy, OSC, OCS, OSCR

**12:00 - 12:30 PM – Panel: Reimbursement Realities – What Can be Done?**

Moderator: Nadeem Vaidya, MD

Panelists: Kirk Mack; John Thompson, MD, FASRS; Claire Murphy, OSC, OCS, OSCR; Elizabeth Cifers, MBA, MSW, CHC, CPC

**Lunch Breakouts**

**12:30–1:30 PM —Solo & Small Practice Town Hall – No CME**

**Magnolia Room**

Moderator: Jawad Qureshi, MD, MBA, FASRS

Panelists: Geeta Lalwani, MD, FASRS, Laxmi Devasetti, MD

**12:30–1:30 PM —Administrator’s Open Mic – No CME**

**Arboretum Room**

Moderators: Claire Murphy, OSC, OCS, OCSR, Stephanie Collins, MBA

**12:30–1:30 PM —Early Career - Financial Literacy – No CME**

**Dogwood Room**

Moderator: Vivek Chaturvedi, MD, FASRS

**1:35–1:55 PM — OR Access Crisis: Solutions from High- and Low-Access Practices**

Ghassan Ghorayeb, MD, MBA

**1:55–2:15 PM — Payer Relationships: Negotiation and Outcomes**

Daniel Maher

**2:15–2:40 PM — AI-Based Metrics**

Tushar Ranchod, MD, FASRS

**2:40–3:00 PM — Downcoding: How to Identify and Respond**

Nadeem Vaidya, MD

**3:00–3:15 PM — Implementing Photobiomodulation and Other New Service Lines**

Rhonda Tipton

**3:15–3:45 PM — Break in the Exhibit Hall**

**3:45 – 4:10 PM – Panel: Optimizing Practice Economics**

Moderator: Thomas Stone, MD, FASRS

Panelists: Ghassan Ghorayeb, MD, MBA; Daniel Maher, Tushar Ranchod, MD, FASRS; Nadeem Vaidya, MD, Rhonda Tipton

**4:10–4:30 PM — Retina Group Leadership: Lessons Learned**

Eric Douglas

**4:30–4:55 PM — Panel: Inside the Practice — How Leadership Addresses Today’s Challenges**

Moderator: Vivek Chaturvedi, MD, FASRS

Panelists: Heather Adams, JD; Robert Lea, MBA; Chelsea Venci, PhD, MHA

**5:00–6:00 PM — Reception in the Exhibit Hall**

**Sunday, March 22, 2026**

**7:00 – 8:00 AM – Breakfast in the Exhibit Hall**

**7:00 AM – 12:00 PM - Registration**

**8:00 – 9:00 AM – Retinal Coding Essentials 2026: A Deep Dive**

Joy Woodke, COE, OCS, OSCR

**9:00 – 9:30 AM – Coding Modifiers and New Procedures**

Ankooor Shah, MD, FASRS

**9:30 – 9:50 AM – Washington Update**

Odette M. Houghton, MD, FASRS

**9:50 – 10:10 AM – Break in the Exhibit Hall**

**10:10–10:30 AM — Future of Retina Reimbursement: Predictions & Preparations**

Sabin Dang, MD

**10:30–10:50 AM — Panel: Barriers to AI Implementation**

Moderator: Vivienne Hau, MD, PhD, FASRS

Thomas Stone, MD, FASRS; J. Michael Jumper, MD, FASRS; Jawad Qureshi, MD, FASRS; Claire Murphy, OSC, OCS, OCSR

**10:50–11:10 AM — How to Evaluate and Implement New Technology**

Joshua Koo

**11:10–11:30 AM — Panel: What ASRS Is Doing for You**

Geoffrey Emerson, MD, PhD, FASRS; Charles Wykoff, MD, PhD, FASRS; Christina Weng, MD, FASRS; J. Michael Jumper, MD, FASRS; Jill Blim

**11:30–11:50 AM — Panel: Physician Wellness & Burnout**

Moderator: Vivek Chaturvedi, MD, FASRS; Speakers: Geeta Lalwani, MD; Laxmi Devisetty, MD; Sara Barabatano

**11:50 – 12:00 – BOR Wrap Up and Closing**

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