



YES Newsletter—December

Get to know your YES Clinical Committee Member: Shawn Lin, MD

Do you have an OR quirk? Music you always listen to/won't listen to? Something you always wear? Something you always do?

My favorite playlists are covers of popular songs. Listening to popular songs gives the dopamine release of familiarity, while covers create novelty. I wear a USB-powered heated vest that I turn on when things get cold. I'm also trying to achieve maximum productivity in the OR, which means that I'm remotely connected to my office PC, answering emails and working on projects throughout the day.



How do you unwind after a stressful day?

I love hanging out with my family; I have a 2-year-old with another one on the way. I also enjoy fixing things around my house. Someday, my project will be to build a massive saltwater reef aquarium...but that project is on hold while I'm working on raising the humans I made.

If you could only eat one food for the rest of your life, what would it be?

My wife is Vietnamese, and after I met her, I also fell in love with Vietnamese food. I love pho and Vietnamese spring rolls.

What is the most unique place you've traveled/visited?

I've captained four sailing trips in different locations around the world: a trip to Bora Bora and three trips in the Caribbean. It's my favorite vacation type to get 10 friends together and spend a week on a sailboat exploring and relaxing.

Who is your hero – in ophthalmology or personally?

Weirdly, I'm a big fan of motivational speakers and self-improvement gurus. Tony Robbins is a classic, and I've also recently been getting into meditation (courtesy of my wife, an integrative medicine doctor).

What's your favorite movie?

I'm a huge nerd. I love all sci-fi (*Star Trek*, *Star Wars*) and superhero movies.

Registration Is Now Open for the 2023 Annual Meeting

Registration for the [2023 ASCRS Annual Meeting](https://annualmeeting.ascrs.org), May 5–8, in San Diego, California, is now open. YES members receive *complimentary/discounted registration* and can look forward to a wealth of customized educational and networking opportunities.

ASCRS hosts various YES skills transfer labs and a dedicated day of YES programming and networking unique for the YES audience. Mark your calendars to register soon and start planning your trip!



MAKE WAVES
at the ASCRS Annual Meeting

REGISTER NOW!

[link to <https://annualmeeting.ascrs.org>]

Step Up to the Podium at the ASCRS Annual Meeting

There are two opportunities to step up to the podium at the upcoming ASCRS Annual Meeting. Young eye surgeons are encouraged to submit a complicated case video for the [YES Symposium “Good to Great Surgeon”](#) or a presentation brief for the [inaugural “Digital Day”](#) at the ASCRS Annual Meeting.

- **YES Good to Great Surgeon: Working Through Complications Symposium:**
The Young Eye Surgeon (YES) Clinical Committee is seeking videos of complex cases or OR complications from presenters, including residents and fellows. During the session, a panel of surgeons will provide guidance for these complicated cases. [LEARN MORE AND SUBMIT YOUR CASE.](#)

DOS Digital Day:** The Digital Ophthalmic Society (DOS) is accepting presentation briefs for the inaugural DOS Digital Day, which will take place on Friday, May 5, 2023, in San Diego, California, in conjunction with ASCRS Subspecialty Day ahead of the main ASCRS Annual Meeting. [FIND INSTRUCTIONS AND SUBMIT YOUR BRIEF HERE](#)

**This program is non-CME

The FOMO factor has kept me coming to this meeting ever since I attended my first ASCRS meeting as a senior resident.



Terry Kim, MD
ASCRS Past President



Take Advantage of These Educational Opportunities with ASCRS

- **YES Connect webinars:** These hour-long, binge-worthy webinars include YES members and experts discussing various topics, like interviews, social media, mentorship, and more! Watch the newest webinar—[Perspectives on Private Equity in Ophthalmology](#) and stay tuned for the upcoming webinar on Clinical Research in Private Practice!
- **ASCRS Grand Rounds:** Watch the [latest virtual grand rounds](#) presented by Emory Eye Center. This activity is approved for 1.0 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.
- **Ophthalmology Quicksand Chronicles:** Watch the latest episode of this ASCRS podcast—"Do as I say, Not as I've done: Yamane Pearls and Mishaps!"—featuring guest Kourtney Houser, MD, and hosts Nicole Fram, MD, and Elizabeth Yeu, MD. This activity is approved for .75 *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*.
- **Beyond 20/20: An ASCRS Series in Modern Refractive Surgery and Presbyopia Therapy:** Beyond 20/20, an ASCRS series sponsored by the Refractive Surgery Clinical Committee, is available fully on-demand as a four-module CME program. [Learn more](#) about the series and [register](#). *Registration is complimentary for U.S. and international residents and U.S. fellows.*

Take Action to Stop 8.5% Medicare Payment Cut Before it's Too late

A Message of ASCRS Government Relations

For background, the 2023 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule (MPFS) final rule jeopardizes the financial stability of physician practices by implementing a nearly 4.5% cut to the Medicare conversion factor. Additionally, there is a 4% Medicare cut stemming from the Statutory Pay-As-You-Go (PAYGO) Act. Without immediate congressional action, physicians will see an 8.5% Medicare payment cut effective January 1, 2023.

Congressman Ami Bera, MD (D-CA), and Larry Bucshon, MD (R-IN), longstanding congressional allies of ophthalmologists, have introduced bipartisan legislation—the *Supporting Medicare Providers Act of 2022* (H.R. 8800)—which addresses the nearly 4.5% cut to the Medicare conversion factor included in the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) 2023 MPFS final rule. It is critical that Congress pass the *Supporting Medicare Providers Act* and stop the 4% PAYGO cut.

ASCRS is calling on you to help stop these unacceptable payment cuts! Please contact your U.S. representative today using the [ASCRS advocacy tool](#), which includes a message you may personalize. Urge your representative to co-sponsor H.R. 8800 and take legislative action to stop the 4% PAYGO cut to preserve patients' access to specialty care.

Helpful Links and Resources:

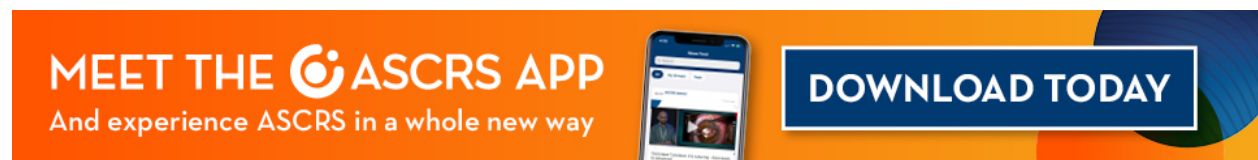
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