



To Whom It May Concern:

Re: Request for Professional Development Support – Snowmass Retina & Eye 2026

Dear Director,

We are pleased to submit this request for professional development support to help offset the costs associated with the 15th Annual Snowmass Retina & Eye Conference, a CME-accredited program. Support will enhance the educational experience for attendees and sustain the conference's mission of promoting clinical excellence in ophthalmology.

Organized by the Eye Research Foundation in collaboration with leading academic faculty, the 2026 conference continues our tradition of delivering in-depth, cutting-edge education on diagnostics and treatment strategies for retinal and anterior segment diseases. The intimate setting fosters interactive learning and allows participants to engage directly with leading experts. Each year's agenda is developed based on participant feedback and evolving clinical trends to ensure the content remains highly relevant.

Your support will help strengthen national educational opportunities for ophthalmologists and continue our shared goal of improving patient care through lifelong learning.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Ronald E. Frenkel, MD, FACS
Director, Eye Research Foundation



Snowmass Retina & Eye 2026 – Needs Assessment

The 15th Annual Snowmass Retina & Eye Conference provides a comprehensive review of evolving diagnostic techniques and treatment strategies across a wide spectrum of ophthalmic diseases. The course was designed to allow meaningful engagement between faculty and attendees through lectures, panels, and Q&A sessions.

Since its inception, this program has evolved in direct response to post-event evaluations. These annual surveys guide content updates and ensure that each meeting addresses the most current clinical challenges identified by practicing ophthalmologists.

Support is requested for the following:

- Faculty honoraria
- Venue and audio/visual equipment
- Lodging and meals
- Marketing and outreach
- Program management and infrastructure



Educational Objectives

By the conclusion of the conference, participants will be able to:

- Interpret advanced diagnostics for age-related macular degeneration, diabetic eye disease, glaucoma, and cataract/refractive management
- Discuss current research-based recommendations for managing both exudative and non-exudative AMD
- Apply updated guidelines for diabetic retinopathy and diabetic macular edema, including disease reversal strategies
- Evaluate current treatment approaches for retinal vein occlusion
- Review surgical planning and outcomes in cataract surgery, including the use of toric and multifocal IOLs, and femtosecond laser techniques
- Understand indications and outcomes for MIGS procedures, including iStent, Xen, Kahook, and others
- Promote strategies for enhancing patient safety and preventing clinical errors
- Emphasize the role of ethics in ophthalmic practice



Outcome Measurement – Snowmass Retina & Eye 2026

Level 3A Outcome Measurement: Post-meeting surveys are administered to all attendees and faculty to evaluate the educational effectiveness of the program.

The following metrics are recorded:

- Total number of attendees
- Total number of faculty
- Number of CME certificates issued

Feedback is collected regarding lecture quality, topic relevance, speaker effectiveness, and venue experience. This data informs continuous improvement for future meetings.