Get to know your committee member: Michael Patterson, DO

Do you have an OR quirk? Music? Something you always wear? Something you always do? My music is loud. I typically listen to punk rock or Crowder. I work out at 4:45 a.m., drink black coffee, and don’t eat on OR days for the morning.

How do you unwind after a stressful day? Massage and read the local newspaper

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

What is the most unique place you’ve traveled/visited? The Island Kingdom of Tonga

Who is your hero in ophthalmology or personally? My father—he did things no one in ophthalmology would dare do today. Then he came to the middle of nowhere, not knowing one person in the entire town, and trailblazed so many things in our field, yet many go unrecognized.

What’s your favorite movie? Remember the Titans and Home Alone

Register for the ASCRS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C.

YES members are eligible for complimentary and discounted registrations

Registration is now open for the 2022 ASCRS Annual Meeting, taking place in Washington, D.C., April 22–26, 2022. Registration is complimentary for U.S. and international residents and for U.S. fellows; it is discounted for physicians within their first 5 years of practice.

The Annual Meeting has always hosted YES-specific content, but the opportunities for YES members is expanded this year with an entire day—Saturday, April 23—planned for young physicians. The day will begin with networking and a YES Annual Meeting kickoff,
followed by a residents and fellows papers/posters session, the YES luncheon, and two afternoon symposia.

There will be other opportunities for YES members to network and expand their clinical knowledge throughout the meeting as well. Stay tuned for more information regarding these opportunities and other program details in the coming months.

Learn more about the Annual Meeting and register here. It’s going to be monumental!

Don’t forget to share that you’re attending and what you’re excited about with the official meeting and YES hashtags: #ASCRS2022 and #ASCRSYES

Accepting Nominations for the ASCRS Foundation’s 2022 Resident Excellence Awards

The ASCRS Foundation gives 10 awards annually that enable ophthalmology residents to attend the ASCRS Annual Meeting. Eligible recipients are international or domestic PGY-3 residents and above or current fellows who exhibit exemplary performance in research, patient care, leadership, and education.

Recipients receive a travel grant, four nights’ accommodation, complimentary 2022 Annual Meeting registration, and invitations to select leadership and social events. The nomination period is November 1, 2021–January 6, 2022, at 5:00 p.m. ET. To learn more about the award or to make a nomination, click here.

Submit a Nomination for the ASCRS Educator Award

Have you experienced first hand the commitment and impact of a superior educator in anterior segment ophthalmology? Nominate him or her for the ASCRS Educator Award.

Submit your nomination now through December 10 to recognize an ASCRS member who you think has made education an enduring career priority.

Nominees must meet the following criteria:

- Exhibit a demonstrated passion and commitment for education, leadership, and selflessness in the pursuit of expanding knowledge in the interest of improving patient outcomes
- Be an ophthalmologist focused on anterior segment surgery
- Be in practice for at least 5 years
- Be a current member of ASCRS

Click here to fill out the form to submit a nomination.

The awardee will be recognized at the ASCRS Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., April 22–26, 2022.

Rounding the Corner Into Winter: Educational and Networking Opportunities with ASCRS
- **YES Connect Webinars**: The latest webinar covers “Things I Wish I Knew Before Taking My First Job” with Albert Cheung, MD, Sumitra Khandelwal, MD, Michael Patterson, DO, and Arsham Sheybani, MD, discussing academic vs. private practice, comprehensive vs. fellowship training, and practice equity and buyout. Find this and other YES Connect webinars [here](#).

- **20/Happy in 2021**: A recording of 20/Happy in 2021, module 10 of the 20/Happy in 2020: ASCRS Master Class in Refractive Cataract Surgery, is now available to registrants. There’s still time to [enroll and access](#) the full program, which is complimentary for domestic residents and fellows.

- **ASCRS Grand Rounds**: The newest installment of ASCRS Grand Rounds with the University of Iowa Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences and guest faculty Kourtney Houser, MD, and Naveen Rao, MD, will be available on demand December 6. Look for it and find past recordings [here](#).

- **ASCRS Journal Club**: Mark your calendar for the [upcoming ASCRS Journal Club](#) December 9 at 9:00 p.m. ET. A panel of experts will discuss two pre-selected manuscripts from the Journal of Cataract & Refractive Surgery (JCRS) with co-moderators Nick Mamalis, MD, and Leela Raju, MD, discussants Jose A.P. Gomes, MD, PhD, and Tyler Friske, MD, and panelists Ronald Krueger, MD, Mark Terry, MD, and Nandini Venkateswaran, MD. View this Journal Club and other recordings on demand [here](#).

**Helpful Links and Resources**

- [ASCRS YES Membership](#)
- [ASCRS Clinical Education](#)
- [ASCRS Online Tools](#)
- [ASCRS Annual Meeting](#)
- Official YES hashtag: #ASCRSYES