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Dear Sponsor,

On behalf of the University of Nebraska Medical Center (UNMC), and the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences in conjunction with the Nebraska Medical Education Trust, I am requesting your support for this year's Annual Gifford-Truhlsen Conference: Clinical and Translational Advancements in Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. The conference will begin with a Simulation Workshop on Thursday, May 28, from 9:00 – 5:00 through Friday, May 29, from 7:00 – 3:00, and conference lectures on Friday, May 29, from 7:30 – 5:00 and Saturday, May 30 from 7:30 – 1:30. The workshop and conference will be held at the Omaha Marriott, 10220 Regency Circle, Omaha, NE 68114. Rooms at the conference hotel are being held for this event through May 7th. Please use the link below for reservations.

[Book your group rate for UNMC / Truhlsen Eye Institute 2026 Gifford-Truhlsen Conference](#)

Conference Description

This two-and-a-half-day conference will update participants in the current management across a broad range of ophthalmic conditions pertaining to cornea, lens, refractive error, glaucoma, retinal disease, uveitis, oculoplastics, global ophthalmic health, medical education, neuro-ophthalmology, ocular pathology, ocular surface disorders, oculoplastic, pediatric ophthalmology, and visual rehabilitation. In addition, the conference presents updates on the state-of-the-art vision science research to support collaborative opportunities to further understand disease processes and their clinical care.

Educational Objectives

After the conference, learners should be better able to:

1. Describe current management options and recommendations for treatment of ophthalmologic diseases, as well as innovations on the horizon for ophthalmic care.
2. Summarize late-phase clinical trials will provide additional therapeutic alternatives for the treatment of ophthalmic disease.
3. Illustrate how diagnostic imaging techniques including corneal topography, optical coherence tomography (OCT), angiography, B-scan ultrasonography, and radiologic imaging including PET-CT scan enhance our ability to diagnose and treat ophthalmologic conditions.
4. Understand options to enhance the surgical environment including surgical platforms, 3D Heads Up Display (HUD) technology, and technologies that will facilitate cataract surgical care and vitreoretinal surgery to improve the quality-of-life for patients.



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Target Audience

This conference is intended for ophthalmologists, optometrists, residents, medical students, fellows, vision research scientists, and other eye care professionals and technicians. We are expecting 150 – 200 participants. The conference will also include a two-day surgical simulation training for eye care professionals.

Exhibit Space

We are inviting your organization to exhibit during this educational conference, with opportunities to also participate in the Surgical Simulation Training that will take place during the two days of the conference. Please see the enclosed 2026 Sponsorship Brochure for a breakdown of sponsorship opportunities available. Please complete your registration and sponsorship through the link provided. If you are unable to participate in person, a monetary donation is welcome.

If you require electricity, please note that only standard electrical outlets are available at the convention center and are included with your booth fee.

Representatives may monitor the conference in the back of the room; however, in order to be compliant, comments are not permitted in the meeting space. Obtaining CCE requires registration to the conference.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. The conference committee values your support. We look forward to working with you.

Thank you,

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