DATE: Monday, 19th September 2016

VENUE: Adria Bar and Restaurant
The Promenade, Cockle Bay Wharf, Sydney

PROGRAM:
Thinking Outside The Box....Jump Out of It, Stomp on It and Kick It Down the Stairs! How to Make the Most of OrthoK In Your Practice
by Dr Rob Gerowitz

 Advances in Dry Eye – Who Gets It and What Causes It? Beyond DEWS
by Professor Fiona Stapleton

A very popular and sought after keynote speaker in specialty CL conferences in the U.S., with a wealth of expertise in OrthoK, Dr Rob Gerowitz, will discuss:
- Why OrthoK great for his practice
- How to build OrthoK in your own practice
- Choosing ideal patients for OrthoK
- The worldwide myopia epidemic.
- What a good OrthoK fit looks like.
- Making a happy patient, inside and out!

And our very own Prof. Fiona Stapleton from The School of Optometry and Vision Science at UNSW will discuss the latest:
- Advances in dry eye management past DEWS findings in 2007
- Discussion on dry eye and why it is so common.
- Who gets it and why
- What don’t we know?
- New learnings to assist in management of dry eye disease.

TIME:
6.00pm  Registration and Arrival
6.15pm  Jump Out of It, Stomp on It and Kick It Down The Stairs! How to Make the Most of OrthoK In Your Practice
7.30pm  Dinner
8.00pm  Advances in Dry Eye
9.00pm  Dessert
9.30pm  Conclusion of evening and mingling

CPD POINTS: 6 Therapeutic points approved

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COST:
CCLSA or YO Member $65  Non CCLSA Member $80
Industry Associate Member $80  Industry Associate Non-Member $80
Student Member (Limited spaces available) $65  Student Non-Member $65

Limited places available please register early
To register your attendance, please click HERE
Please register BEFORE Thursday 15th September for catering purposes
MEMBERSHIP:
CCLSA membership forms are available at www.cclsa.org.au or email info@cclsa.org.au

HOW TO GET THERE:
For parking or accessibility please visit http://www.cocklebaywharf.com.au/getting-here
Night Parking rates at Darling Park Carpark $9.00 Entry after 5.00pm, exit before 6.00am

Thinking Outside The Box: Jump Out of it, Stomp on it, and Kick it down the Stairs!
The myopia epidemic has become a recently recognized phenomena which will effect one-half of the world’s population by mid-century. Our profession has come to see nearsightedness as more than inconvenience but the disease it truly is.

This lecture explains why myopia control is important to our patients and our practices and how to implement treatment in one’s office.

By the conclusion of this lecture, attendees will be able to:

1. Identify good candidates for Orthokeratology.
2. Understand what occurs under a reverse geometry rigid design and what an optimal fit looks like.
3. Know how get one’s office ready to offer myopia control as a treatment option and prepare one’s staff.
4. Pursue OrthoK treatment for adult patients.
5. Understand the importance of proper patient hygiene related to reverse geometry OrthoK designs.
6. Recognise the importance of topography in OrthoK treatment and how to trouble shoot design problems.
7. Incorporate proven best practices to begin offering myopia control in one’s practice.

Advances in Dry Eye – Who gets it and what causes it? Beyond DEWS
Dry is a common reason for seeking eye care, accounting for up to 25% of ophthalmic consults, which is associated with significant morbidity and cost. Since the publication of the DEWS report in 2007, there have been significant advances in our understanding of risk factors and particularly the impact of ethnicity, age and genetic factors. Studies in Asia have indicated a higher prevalence of disease, although the underlying reasons remain unclear and depending on disease definition (symptoms, signs or both), the effects of age may be less predictable. Meibomian gland dysfunction, however, does seem to represent the most common cause of dry eye. Early evidence from genetics studies indicate that there is heritability component to the disease and shared genetic factors with chronic pain syndromes. This presentation will discuss the societal impact of dry eye, who is predominantly affected, what remains unknown and new learnings which might assist in our management of dry eye disease.
ABOUT OUR SPEAKERS:

Dr Rob Gerowitz

Robert Gerowitz graduated with honors from Northeastern Illinois University in 1977 with a degree in Pre-Optometry. In 1979 at the Illinois College of Optometry, he received a second bachelor’s degree in Visual Science and in 1981 was awarded his doctorate in Optometry.

Since graduation, Dr. Gerowitz has worked actively with the deaf community in the Northwest suburbs to bring qualified vision care to that special population.

Over the years he has sponsored anti-drug campaigns in area schools, toy drives for the Make-A-Wish Foundation, and lectured on ocular trauma for Northwest Community Hospital’s Emergency Medical Services program.

In 1994, Dr. Gerowitz was named “Best and Brightest” in Optometry by 20/20 Magazine and in 1997 Eyegrad named him “Optometrist of the Year”. In 1996 Dr. Gerowitz completed extensive training in the treatment of external eye disease as an enhancement to his licensure. In 2002, Dr. Rob participated in the first ever Global Orthokeratology Symposium in Toronto. As a result of that meeting, Dr. Gerowitz has become an internationally recognised speaker on the topic of OrthoK and practice management. Dr. Rob is also a charter member of the American Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control. In May, 2006 Dr. Gerowitz received his Fellowship in the American Academy of Orthokeratology and Myopia Control and in October of 2006 was named to its Board of Directors. In April, 2011 was placed on the Board of Directors for the International Academy of Orthokeratology.

Dr. Rob and Korreen reside in Palatine with their son, Nathan and daughter Miranda. As a community supporter, Dr. Gerowitz is a member of the Rotary Club of Palatine and was listed as "Rotarian of the Year 1998-99". He has also served on the board of directors for the Palatine Chamber of Commerce. Dr. Robert Gerowitz is Palatine’s Hometown Optometrist.

Professor Fiona Stapleton

Professor and Head of School of Optometry and Vision Science, University of New South Wales, Sydney, NSW, Australia.

Professor Stapleton graduated in Optometry from the University of Cardiff, Wales and was awarded her PhD from City University and Moorfields Eye Hospital, London. Her research areas include the epidemiology of lens-related disease, ocular microbiology, bacterial resistance, contact lens care systems, and ocular defence mechanisms. She holds numerous memberships and executive affiliations with optometric and scientific organisations, is a regular reviewer for a range of journals, belongs to the international editorial board of four journals, has over 160 peer reviewed publications, has contributed 15 chapters to textbooks and published a book on the diagnosis and management of anterior segment disease.
Current Research:

Contact lenses

This research focuses on the development of antimicrobial contact lenses and ways of controlling microbial colonisation of contact lens cases during use to prevent keratitis during lens wear. In order for the contact lens market to grow, infections that occur during wear, and comfort for the wearer must be addressed. Main national collaborators include the School of Chemistry (UNSW), Warm Contact Pty Ltd; international collaborators include the LV Prasad Eye Institute, Hyderabad, India. These projects also involve collaborations with international industry. (Willcox, Stapleton)

Epidemiology of contact lens-related infection

Contact lens-related infection is a rare but severe disease and the only complication of contact lens wear to result in loss in vision. This group has established international collaborations to determine the risks of disease, health outcomes, and community costs of eye infections, visual loss and morbidity. Recent areas of interest include epidemiological studies to establish risks associated with contemporary lens wear modalities, studies of virulence characteristics of causative organisms and disease outcomes and understanding host factors in corneal infection. (Stapleton)

For more detail on specifics on Professor Stapleton’s research please see http://www.optometry.unsw.edu.au/research/current-research

Professional affiliations and service positions

Head of School, Optometry and Vision Science, UNSW Australia
Therapeutic Accreditation, Optometrists Registration Board, NSW
Councillor, Optometrists Association Australia (NSW/ACT)
Member of the Optometrists Association Australia
Member of the Lacrimal Gland, Tear Film and Ocular Surface Society
Optometric Registration in New South Wales
Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry
Member of the International Society for Contact Lens Research
Councillor, Optometrists Association Australia (NSW/ACT
Member of the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology
Member of the British Contact Lens Association
Member of the British College of Optometrists

AWARDS & ACHIEVEMENTS

American Optometric Foundation, Max Shapero Memorial Award, 2012
American Academy of Optometry, Garland Clay Award, 2012
Pioneers Award, British Contact Lens Association, 2012
University of Houston College of Optometry Award for Distinguished Research on Cornea and Contact Lenses, 2011
Dallos Award, British Contact Lens Association, 2009
Vice-Chancellors Teaching Award for excellence in postgraduate student supervision, University of New South Wales, 2008
Ian Frazer Cup for the best clinical research, College of Ophthalmologists, UK, 2007
Dallos Award, British Contact Lens Association, 2006
Irving Fatt Memorial Medal, British Contact Lens Association, 1998
Fisons Award, Contact Lens Association of Ophthalmologists, 1993
British College of Optometrists postgraduate (PhD) scholarship, 1988
British College of Optometrists postgraduate (MSc) scholarship, 1986