



120th Annual Congress of the Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians

Dear Colleague,

The 120th Annual Congress of the Tennessee Association of Optometric Physicians will offer a total of 24 Hours of COPE approved continuing education. The Congress will be held at the Park Vista Hotel in Gatlinburg October 11 -14, 2021.

Laser Certification Courses Offered at no Additional Registration Fee

Ten (10) of the total 24 hours of COPE approved CE constitute the didactic portion of requirements for Laser Certification in the states that currently authorize Optometrists to perform laser procedures: Alaska, Arkansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, and Wyoming. The only remaining educational requirement for full laser procedures certification from the Oklahoma College of Optometry is a one-day lab which will be offered on Sunday, November 7, 2021, in Nashville. Your attendance in the courses at the Congress and participation in the subsequent Lab will be a cost-effective means of gaining the “gold standard” of laser procedures certification. Both the lectures at the Congress and the lab will be provided by the same Oklahoma College of Optometry faculty who have trained Optometrists in each of the states that have authorized Optometrists to provide laser procedures.

Register today for the Congress to acquire the 24 hours of COPE approved CE courses which includes the 10 hours of the lecture component for Laser Procedures Certification. Congress Registration forms and schedules for both physicians and Paraoptometrics are included in these materials. Registration materials for the November Lab will be made available at the Congress.

Make Your Room Reservations Today!

Take advantage of TAOP's Room Block for this meeting which has a rate of \$142. The Room Block CODE is TOP. Room reservations can be made on-line at www.parkvista.com. You can also call Hilton Reservations at 1-800-421-7275. The Room Block Cut-Off is September 11, 2021.

A New Approach for the Paraoptometric CE

In addition to offering the excellent Paraoptometric CE program included in this packet, this year's Congress will provide an additional Paraoptometric learning opportunity. This year's program will enable Paras to also sit in on any of the Optometrists courses to learn how they can better assist their doctor on procedures that will be addressed during the Optometrists' CE program. There will be no additional registration fee for this additional learning opportunity for your staff.

Special Events for the Entire Family

While we are very proud of the many excellent educational opportunities for Optometrists and staff offered during this Congress, we are also excited about the special events for Optometrists and their families that are being planned in conjunction with the meeting. The Park Vista has been newly renovated once again with additional focus on its always popular indoor pool. We are also planning a family cookout, evening of laser tag, Aquarium group tours, and go cart competition. This will be a meeting where

families will have a great opportunity to enjoy the Great Smoky Mountains in all their glory following the challenging months of the pandemic.

On Friday evening, we will host the Annual Presidents' Reception and Saturday's events will be "Rocky Topped Off" with a showing of the Ole Miss v. UT Football Game in TAOP's "Sports Bar" (Showing may be Taped Delayed Based on the Game's Start Time). As usual, the TAOP Sport Bar will provide plenty of football food and beverages for all. For the golfers, TAOP staff will organize group tee times for any golfers who want to challenge one of the mountain courses. If we can secure enough interest, we may even be able to organize a tournament. Call the TAOP office at 615-269-9092 or Gary's cell phone at 615-513-1198 and you will be assisted in reserving tee times.

Please feel free to make copies of any of these registration materials for use by others. All registration forms and updates to the programs for both Physicians and Paraoptometrics will soon be available on taoponline.org We look forward to seeing you in Gatlinburg during TAOP's "2021 Meeting in the Mountains." Contact Gary at garylodomtn@gmail.com or 615-513-1198 if you have any questions..