



Dr. Mindy Hutchinson, MD is a graduate of Northwestern-Feinberg School of Medicine, and is board certified in adult and adolescent psychiatry. She maintains a private practice in the Pittsburgh area where her areas of special interest include treatment of depression and anxiety disorders, and exploring the connection between medical conditions and mental health.

Dr. Hutchinson will be leading the session "**Coping with KC: A Psychiatrist's Perspective**".



Dr. Vivian Shibayama, OD, FSLs is a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and, since 2011, has worked in the Contact Lens Clinic at UCLA-Jules Stein Eye Institute. Dr. Shibayama is a Fellow of the Scleral Lens Society; the majority of her practice time is spent devising custom solutions for hard-to-fit contact lens patients.

Dr. Shibayama will be presenting two sessions: "**Choosing the Correct Contact Lens for You**" and "**Scleral Lenses and New Advancements**".



Rebecca Petris is the founder and owner of The Dry Eye Company in Poulsbo, WA, which offers products through the Dry Eye Shop, and useful patient information and articles through the website dryeyezone.com. She is familiar with the range of products designed to make life easier for contact lens wearers and patients with dry eye symptoms.

Ms. Petris will be presenting "**Wrestling with Sclerals, Wrangling with Dry Eye: Practical Pointers and Products for KC Patients**".



Dr. Marjan Farid, MD is Director of the Cornea, Cataract, and Refractive Surgery Division at the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute. She is a graduate of UC-San Diego School of Medicine and completed her training at UC-Irvine where she is now Assoc. Clinical Professor of Ophthalmology. Dr. Farid's areas of interest include innovations and new technology for corneal transplant surgery.

Dr. Farid will be presenting, "**What's new with Corneal Transplants**".



Dr. Sumit (Sam) Garg, MD is Medical Director of the Gavin Herbert Eye Institute and Associate Professor of Ophthalmology at UC-Irvine. Dr. Garg graduated from New York Medical College has been on the UCI faculty since he completed his corneal fellowship ten years ago. Dr. Garg participated in the crosslinking clinical trials and is a frequent presenter at physician meetings on the topic of CXL.

Dr. Garg will be leading the session, "**Is Crosslinking Right for You?**"



Rachel Dungan, MSSP, is a graduate of University of Pennsylvania with a MS in Social Policy. Her short video, How Do I Look, won the 2016 NKCF Film Festival. Ms. Dungan is lives and works in Washington, DC in the field of effective patient/public engagement in health research and health policy. She has spoken as a patient advocate at a recent Congressional Briefing on keratoconus.

Ms. Dungan will be presenting “**Patient Empowerment**”.



Dr. Elio Spinello, EdD is a lecturer and serves as a technology coordinator for the Cal State University Northridge College of Health and Human Development. He is a graduate of the doctorate program in Education Technology at Pepperdine, and has worked with NKCF to develop learning tools and simulations of keratoconic vision for the public.

Dr. Spinello will present “**Medical Information on the Internet: Discerning Fact from Fiction.**”



Dr. Gloria Chiu, OD, FAAO received both her BA and Doctor of Optometry at UC Berkeley. She is currently the Chief Optometrist at the PROSE Clinic at the USC Roski Eye Institute in Los Angeles and Assistant Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology at USC. Her clinical interests include contact lens fittings for patients with ocular surface disease and irregular corneas.

Dr. Chiu will be presenting “**Overview of KC: What do we know?**”



Wendy Pawling currently serves as a Disability Management Consultant in the UC-Irvine Department of Human Resources. Ms. Pawling will provide an overview of federal guidelines for accommodation in the workplace and information about what kinds of accommodation employees can request.

Ms. Pawling will be presenting “**Workplace Accommodation – what KC patients should know.**”