

Spotlight on the 2025 IGC

Updates from the annual Interventional Glaucoma Consortium.

IGC CORE PROGRAM

In November 2025, progressive glaucoma specialists convened for the 7th annual Interventional Glaucoma Consortium (IGC) in Salt Lake City. Curated and led by Program Chairs Iqbal Ike K. Ahmed, MD, FRCSC; Richard Lewis, MD; Arsham Sheybani, MD; and Rachel Simpson, MD, the IGC served as a forum for education and an exchange of ideas on interventional glaucoma today and in the future. The meeting included a dedicated IGC Fellows Program; an all-faculty conversation on the potential delivery of preventive, personalized glaucoma care; a full-day think tank for exchanging insights into existing and emerging treatment approaches; and surgical glaucoma wet labs.





HOT TOPICS AT THE IGC

Glaucoma Takes on Trial

- "There Is No Role for Combining MIGS With Phaco in Angle-Closure Glaucoma"
- "Sustained Drug Delivery Does Not Meet My Needs"
- "I No Longer Use Subconjunctival Microstents"
- "A Post-Intervention IOP of 15 mm Hg Is Good Enough for Most Patients"

AI in Glaucoma

- Keynote: Deep Learning Applications in Ophthalmology
- Panel Discussion: AI in Glaucoma

Emerging Technologies and Their Optimization

- SpyGlass Pharma Drug Delivery Platform
- AquaLumen
- AlloFlo
- Intercil Uveal Spacer
- Eyeflow
- EyeX
- Episcleral Angiography
- PolyActiva

Subconjunctival Devices in Clinical Trials

- Gore Glaucoma Drainage Implant
- Calibreye System
- Paul Glaucoma Implant
- VisiPlate
- Preserflo MicroShunt
- Xen63

Regulatory and Reimbursement Hurdles in IG

- New Optimization Studies for ViaLase and Lessons Learned
- Reflections on the Miniject US Experience
- Industry Panel Discussion: Drivers and Decisions

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IGC FELLOWS PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

Faculty

- Iqbal Ike K. Ahmed, MD, FRCS
- Roya Garakani, DO
- Davinder Grover, MD, MPH
- Irfan Kherani, MD, FRCS
- James Liu, MD
- Matt Schlenker, MD, MSc
- Arsham Sheybani, MD
- Lucy Shen, MD
- Rachel Simpson, MD

Focal Points

- Appraisal and Application of Glaucoma Trials
- Enhancing the Glaucoma Diagnostician: Approach to OCT
- UBM for the Glaucoma Surgeon
- Five MIGS Tips
- Five MIBS Tips
- Five Traditional Surgery Tips
- Five Tips for Bleb Management
- Complex Surgical Decision Cases
- Fellow-Submitted Diagnostic and Surgical Case Conundrums