

RESIDENCY CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

Summer 2025

School of Optometry

University of Alabama at Birmingham

DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC	PRESENTER
July 9	8:15 – 12:00	Worrell Conference Room (In-house residents ONLY)	UAB Eye Care Orientation	Dr. Beth Steele
			Imaging Suite Orientation	Dr. Keisha Brown
July 16	8:15 – 8:30	Zoom (ALL residents to participate)	Residency Welcome from Alcon!	Ms. Anita Malone
	8:30 – 9:30		Welcome to our New Residents! Residency Orientation	Dr. Caroline Pate
	9:45 - 10:15		Lister Hill Library Services & Resources	Ms. Christy Hogan Ms. Amanda Jenkins
	10:30 – 12:00		Preparing for Residents Day at AAO - Preparing Clinical Abstracts	Dr. Jillian Ziemanski
July 23	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Billing and Coding Update	Dr. Adam Gordon
	10:15 – 12:00		Confidence on Call: Urgencies and Emergencies for the Optometrist	Dr. Andrew Rothstein
	12:00 – 1:00	Rosemore Conference Room	ALOA Resident Welcome Luncheon	Ms. Amanda Buttenshaw
July 30	8:15 – 12:00	VisionAmerica of Birmingham 200 Wildwood Parkway, Homewood, AL	Pre- and Post-Operative Management of Cataract and Refractive Surgery Patients	Dr. Paul Batson
Aug. 6			No Conference - UABSO Interim	
Aug. 13	8:15 – 12:00	Worrell Conference Room	Records Review	Drs. Pate, Martinez, Sims, Gordon, Weise, and Schifanella
Aug. 20	8:15 – 12:00	Worrell Conference Room	Public Speaking Workshop	Dr. Caroline Pate
Aug. 27	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Medical Emergencies	Dr. Brooke Polinsky
	10:15 - 12:00		Myopia Control	Dr. Nick Onken
Sept. 3	8:15 -12:00	Worrell Conference Room/UAB Eye Care	Clinical Procedures Grand Rounds: Dilation and Irrigation/Punctal Plugs/Foreign Body Removal/Scleral Indentation/Amniotic Membranes	Dr. Caroline Pate Dr. Andrew Rothstein Dr. Mallory Wright Dr. Emily Love

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Tentative Fall 2025

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Sept. 10	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Secondary Glaucomas	Dr. Lisa Schifanella
	10:15 - 12:00		Journal Club	VAMC Residents
Sept. 17	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Topics in Low Vision	Dr. Bethany Martinez
	10:15 – 12:00		Journal Club	In-House Residents
Sept. 24	8:15 – 12:00	BVAMC	Grand Rounds	BVAMC Residents
Oct. 1	8:15 – 10:00	Zoom	Steering Clear of Malpractice	Dr. Paul Ajamian
	10:15 - 12:00		Ask the Pharmacist! Pharmaceutical Therapies in Optometry	Dr. Jill Autry
Oct. 8			No conference (AAO Meeting, Boston, MA)	
Oct. 15	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Corneal Dystrophies and Ectasias	Dr. Jack Parker
	10:15 - 12:00		Case Conference	VAMC Residents
Oct. 22	8:15 - 12:00	Worrell Conference Room/UAB Eye Care	Grand Rounds	In-House Residents
Oct. 29	8:15 - 12:00	TVAMC	Grand Rounds	TVAMC Residents
Nov. 5	9:00 - 12:00	Retina Specialists of Alabama 2208 University Blvd	Vitreo-Retinal Disease	Dr. Matthew West Dr. Matthew Oltmanns
Nov. 12	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	What's Hot and What's Not with Contact Lenses	Dr. Adam Gordon
	10:15 – 12:00		Case Conference	In-House Residents
Nov. 19	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Update on Ocular Surface Disease	Dr. Kelly Nichols
	10:15 - 11:30		Community Eye Care – Mission Begins at Home	Dr. Janene Sims
	12:00 – 1:00	TBD	Our Most Interesting Cases CE	UABSO In-House Residents
Nov. 26			No conference (Thanksgiving)	

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Tentative Winter 2025-2026

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Dec. 3	8:15 – 12:00	TBD/Western Health Center	UABSO Gift of Sight – Resident Service Activity	Dr. Janene Sims
Dec. 10	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Ocular Oncology	Dr. Mark Swanson
	10:15 – 12:00		Diplopia Management	Dr. Kristine Hopkins
Dec. 17			No Conference (UABSO Interim)	
Dec. 24			No Conference (UABSO Interim)	
Dec. 31			No Conference (UABSO Interim)	
Jan. 7	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Retinal Disease	Dr. John Mason
	10:15 – 12:00		Case Conference	VAMC Residents
Jan. 14	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room/Zoom available for affiliates for Writer's Workshop	Writers Workshop – Preparing your publishable quality manuscript	Dr. Kelly Nichols
	10:15 – 12:00		Laboratory Testing in Optometry	Dr. Brooke Polinsky
Jan. 21	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Case Conference	In-House Residents
	10:15 - 12:00		Stop, Drop, and Roll – all about Pupils	Dr. Heidi Hernandez
Jan. 28	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Ocular Nutrition	Dr. Beth Steele
	10:15 – 12:00		Journal Club	VAMC residents
Feb. 4	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Pediatric Surgical Decision Making	Dr. Colette Jackson
	10:15 – 12:00		What's New in Peds Eye Care?	Dr. Kathy Weise
Feb. 11	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Anterior Segment Disease	Dr. Walter Parker
	10:30 – 12:00		Unraveling Uveitis	Dr. Trenton Cleghern

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Tentative Spring 2026

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DATE	TIME	LOCATION	TOPIC	PRESENTER
Feb. 18	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Neuro-ophthalmology Cases (video presentation from SECO University)	Dr. Andrew Lee
	10:15 - 12:00		Cases from Vanderbilt Eye Institute	Dr. Stephanie Jian
Feb. 21	8:00 – 4:00	TBD	UABSO Residents Day 2026	All UABSO and Affiliated Residents
Feb. 25			No Conference (SECO meeting)	
Mar. 4	8:15-10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Journal Club	In-House Residents
	10:15-12:00	BVAMC BRC	Contemporary Low Vision Management	Dr. Bethany Martinez
Mar. 11	8:15 – 10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Case Conference	VAMC Residents
	10:15 – 12:00		Pressures of Glaucoma	Dr. Jillian Ziemanski
Mar. 18	8:15 –10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Oculoplastics	Dr. Matt Vicinanza
	10:15-12:00		Tumors of the Conjunctiva, Iris, and Choroid	Dr. Lisa Schifanella
Mar. 25			No conference (UABSO Interim)	
Apr. 1	8:15 - 12:00	BVAMC	Grand Rounds	BVAMC Residents
Apr. 8	8:15 – 12:30 (lunch)	Worrell Conference Room	Business and Personal Planning for Your Post-Residency Future	Mr. Bryant Moore
Apr. 15	8:15 – 12:00	Worrell Conference Room /UAB Eye Care	Grand Rounds	In-House Residents
Apr. 22	8:15 – 12:00	TVAMC	Grand Rounds	TVAMC Residents
Apr. 29	8:15-10:00	Worrell Conference Room	Case Conference	In-House Residents
	10:15-noon		TBD	TBD
May 6	8:15-12:00	Worrell Conference Room/Virtual option available	Exit Interviews – All Residents	Residents, Dr. Pate, Ms. Clemons

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