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## **Accelerating Ophthalmic Innovation the Focus of Eyecelerator @ ASCRS 2022**

*More than 500 industry-leading clinicians, entrepreneurs, investors, and executive leaders from all the global strategics will gather in Washington DC on April 21 for an up-close look at the advanced treatments and technologies disrupting eye care.*

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. – March 1, 2021 – After two wildly successful in-person events in 2021, Eyecelerator launches its 2022 live program season with a new conference as innovative and ambitious as the ophthalmic community it serves. The event will take place at the Renaissance Washington DC Downtown Hotel on Thursday, April 21, one day before the annual meeting the American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgeons (ASCRS).

"ASCRS is pleased to partner with the American Academy of Ophthalmology to foster innovation and collaboration between the physicians we serve and the entrepreneurs, executive decision makers, and investors who produce so many amazing advancements in our field," said Steve Speares, executive director of ASCRS.

The Eyecelerator program committee, led by Program co-chairs **John Berdahl, MD**, and **Eric Donnenfeld, MD**, along with Program Director **Gil Kliman, MD**, is curating a full day of insightful panels and novel company showcases that spotlight emerging opportunities in ophthalmology. View the [program committee](#).

"We are excited to have all of the major ophthalmic companies assembled along with the new and nimble startups that are innovating in ophthalmology," said Program co-chair Eric D. Donnenfeld, MD. "These companies are opening new markets through innovation, improving patient care, and offering new modalities for ophthalmologists."

"The program committee we've assembled is second-to-none," adds program co-chair John Berdahl, MD. "With world-class representatives from the cataract, refractive, cornea and glaucoma specialties, the committee is deep into planning an innovation program that is comprehensive and cutting edge."

Media representatives can register at <https://www.eyecelerator.com/media>

### **Eyecelerator @ ASCRS 2022**

Renaissance Washington, DC Downtown Hotel

Washington, DC

Thursday, April 21, 2022

8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.



### **About Eyecelerator**

Eyecelerator, is a partnership between ASCRS (American Society of Cataract and Refractive Surgery) and the American Academy of Ophthalmology to connect entrepreneurs, investors, businesses and ophthalmologists to accelerate ophthalmic innovation and improve patient outcomes. For more information, visit <https://www.eyecelerator.com>.

### **About ASCRS**

ASCRS is an international educational society with ophthalmic surgeons at every career stage. Its mission is to empower anterior segment surgeons to improve the vision, outcomes and quality of life for their patients through innovative approaches to education, advocacy and philanthropy. For more information, visit <https://www.ascrs.org>.

### **About the American Academy of Ophthalmology**

The Academy is the world's largest association of eye physicians and surgeons. A global community of 32,000 medical doctors, it protects sight and empowers lives by setting the standards for ophthalmic education and advocating for its patients and the public. The Academy innovates to advance the profession and to ensure the delivery of the highest-quality eye care. Through its EyeSmart® articles on [AAO.org](http://AAO.org), the Academy provides the public with the most trusted information about eye health.

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