



UNIVERSITY OF FERRARA

Ophthalmology Course

For Residents and Fellows

September 8-10, 2026

Palazzo di Varignana, Varignana, Italy

Course Directors: Massimo Busin | Marco Mura



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Day 1 - Orbit and Oculoplasty

Session Director: Francesca Quaranta-Leoni

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| | Welcome and Course Overview |
| 08:30-09:10 | Eyelid tumours: Diagnosis, Management, Medical Treatment Principles of Eyelid Reconstruction Dion Paridaens (The Netherlands) |
| 09:10-09:30 | Congenital Ptosis Francesco Quaranta-Leoni (Italy) |
| 09:30-10:10 | Involitional, Myogenic, Neurogenic Ptosis Lower Eyelid Malpositions Miguel Gonzales Candial (Spain) |
| 10:10-10:30 | Thyroid Eye Disease: Diagnosis, Management, Surgery Peerooz Saeed (The Netherlands) |
| 10:30-10:50 | Thyroid Eye Disease: New Perspectives Management of Eyelid Retraction Francesco Quaranta-Leoni (Italy) |
| 10:50-11:10 | Enucleation, Evisceration, Socket Management Dion Paridaens (The Netherlands) |
| 11:10-11:30 | Orbital Disease: Diagnosis and Surgical Approaches Peerooz Saeed (The Netherlands) |
| 11:30-11:50 | Lacrimal Surgery Francesco Quaranta Leoni (Italy) |
| 11:50-12:10 | Upper Blepharoplasty and Brow Lifting Peerooz Saeed (The Netherlands) |
| 12:10-12:30 | Lower Blepharoplasty Miguel Gonzales Candial (Spain) |



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Day 1 – Pediatric Ophthalmology

Session Director: Paolo Nucci

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| 14:30-14:50 | Modern Management of Refractive Errors in Children Carla Lança (Portugal) |
| 14:50-15:10 | Congenital Nasolacrimal Duct Obstruction Massimiliano Serafino (Italy) |
| 15:10-15:30 | Congenital Cataract Surgery Paolo Nucci (Italy) |
| 15:30-15:50 | Infantile Glaucoma Surgery Roberto Caputo (Italy) |
| 15:50-16:10 | Nystagmus Fundamentals and Treatment Paolo Nucci (Italy) |
| 16:10-16:30 | Genetic Eye Disease Dominique Bremond Gignac (France) |
| 16:30-16:50 | Strabismus Andrea Molinari (Ecuador) |
| 16:50-17:10 | Uveitis in Children Elisabetta Miserochi (Italy) |
| 17:10-17:30 | Pediatric Keratoplasty Massimo Busin (Italy) |
| 17:30-17:50 | Pediatric Retinal Surgery Marco Mura (Italy) |



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Day 2 - Cataract

Session Directors: Jacqueline Beltz, Vincenzo Scordia

08:30-08:40 Welcome and Course Overview

Session 1: Surgical Readiness & Pre-Operative Judgment

08:40-08:50 Surgical Excellence: The Power of Mental Rehearsal, Preparation and Simulation
Jacqueline Beltz (Australia)

08:50-09:10 Astigmatism Correction: When, Why, and How Much
Ben La Hood (Australia)

09:10-09:40 IOL Calculation: Choosing the Right Formula for the Right Eye
Graham Barrett (Australia)

09:40-09:55 Moderated Discussion 1: Borderline Biometry & Premium Decision-Making
Moderator: Jacqueline Beltz (Australia)

Session 2 – Technology, Cornea & Patient Selection

09:55-10:15 Presbyopia-Correcting IOLs: Matching Technology to the Right Patient
Andrea Ang (Australia)

10:15-10:45 Cataract Surgery in Decompensated Corneas
Vincenzo Maurino (UK)

10:45-11:00 Moderated Discussion 2: When the Cornea Changes the Plan
Moderator: Ben La Hood (Australia)

Session 3 – Complication Readiness & Advanced Case Strategy

11:00-11:20 Complication Readiness: Anterior Vitrectomy Without Panic
Vincenzo Scordia (Italy)

11:20-11:40 Challenging Cataract Cases: Small Pupils, Weak Zonules & Dense Lenses
Cathleen McCabe (USA)

11:40-12:00 Post-Operative Problem Solving & Refractive Surprises
Moderator: Andrea Ang (Australia)

Session 4 – Innovation & Surgical Leadership (Panel Discussion)

12:00-12:30 The Innovator's Mindset: Leading Change in Ophthalmic Surgery



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Day 2 – Cornea

Session Director: Massimo Busin

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| 14:00-14:30 | Congenital Corneal Opacities Ken Nischal (USA) |
| 14:30-15:00 | Corneal Dystrophy, Degeneration, Ectasia Berthold Seitz (Germany) |
| 15:00-15:30 | Corneal Trauma Jacqueline Beltz (Australia) |
| 15:30-16:00 | Corneal Infections Frank Larkin (UK) |
| 16:00-16:30 | Ocular Surface Disease Vishal Jhanji (USA) |
| 16:30-17:00 | Eye Banking Diego Ponzin (Italy) |
| 17:00-17:30 | Corneal Surgery (I) DALK, PK Massimo Busin (Italy) |
| 17:30-18:00 | Corneal Surgery (II) DSAEK, DMEK Vincent Borderie (France) |



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| 08:30-09:00 | Pediatric Vitreoretinal Disease Ehab Al Rayes (Egypt) |
| 09:00-09:30 | Retinal Vascular Disease Reinier Schlingemann (The Netherlands) |
| 09:30-10:00 | Retinal Gene Therapy Siegfried Priglinger (Germany) |
| 10:00-10:30 | Macular Hole and Macular Pucker Tamer Mahmoud (USA) |
| 10:30-11:00 | Proliferative Vitreoretinopathy Koorosh Faridpooya (The Netherlands) |
| 11:00-11:30 | Surgical Management of Diabetic Retinopathy Marco Mura (Italy) |
| 11:30-12:00 | Retinal Surgery and Updates Kourous A. Rezaei (USA) |
| 12:00-12:30 | Retinal Detachment Surgery Robert Rejdak (Poland) |
| 14:00-17:00 | Live Surgery - Cataract, Cornea, Retina |



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