



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

08:10-08:20	Introduction to the Course Massimo Busin (Italy), Marco Mura (Italy)
08:20-08:30	Welcome Remarks Teresio Avitabile (Italy), Francesco Boscia (Italy)
Session Director: Francesco Quaranta-Leoni	
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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Session Director: Paolo Nucci

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 Misericocchi (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

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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Day 3 – Retina

Session Director: Marco Mura

08:30-09:00	Pediatric Vitreoretinal Disease Ehab El 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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