



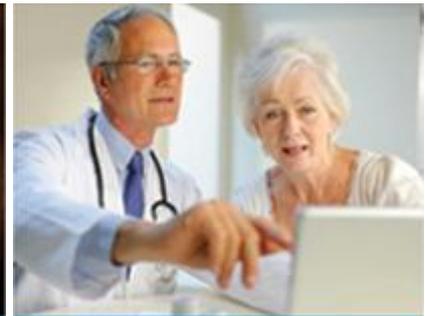
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Presmed Annual Optometrist Conference: Sunday 10 March 2013



One hundred and thirty-two Optometrists attended our recent Conference, hearing from twenty-six leading Ophthalmologists on their very latest studies and surgical techniques conducted at our two Sydney Centres.

Conference delegates used this opportunity to strengthen referral relationships and meet their colleagues and suppliers, while earning 12T OAA CPD points.

The Conference feedback has been excellent confirming the value Optometrists place in attending:

- 99% of attendees said that they would attend next year's Conference.
- Length of time of presentations (91%) and venue (91%) were both positive.
- 75% of attendees preferred the two speaker stream program more than last year's single stream Conference.

Presmed is working to collate more case studies of clinical conditions and specialties as requested by Conference delegates.

If you attended this year's Conference, we would appreciate you taking a few moments to [complete our evaluation](#) so that we may continue to improve.

Femtocataract survey results

Results from our survey launched at the recent Conference concerning Optometrists' experiences with new Femtocataract Laser Surgery (FLS) technology:

- 83% of Optometrist's patients who have had FLS have not seen the clinical advantages of the FLS over traditional surgery.
- 21% of Optometrist respondents advise that they have changed their referral patterns to favour those Ophthalmologists who perform FLS.
- 95% of Optometrists seeing none or less than 1 in 10 patients requesting a referral for FLS.
- Optometrists report that patients who have had FLS are satisfied with the outcome (100%).
- Barriers to greater uptake of this technology include its high cost.

Our Centres are actively engaging with surgeons, optometrists, GPs, patients, suppliers and the Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists (RANZCO) to keep abreast of this technology and its outcomes for patients.

JulEYE GP Dinner

Eight leading Ophthalmologists will present on a range of GP-related topics over two informal, relaxed and personal dinners. Following the success of last year's dinners, and coinciding with the RANZCO Eye Foundation julEYE public health promotion month, our Ophthalmic Surgery Centre (North Shore) and Epping Surgery Centres will be holding these educational evenings on July 18 and 25.

Read more and register for:

[Ophthalmic Surgery Centre, Thursday 18 July](#)

or

[Epping Surgery Centre, Thursday 25 July.](#)

Endoscopic Cyclo Photocoagulation (ECP)

Ophthalmic Surgery Centre (OSC) in Chatswood and Epping Surgery Centre are proud to be the only private hospital providers of this technology privately in Sydney. ECP technology has been widely available in Europe and the US for more than 20 years, with over 100,000 procedures performed worldwide.



The procedure has an MBS item number for Medicare and is rebatable for patients with private health insurance.

ECP is a surgical approach to Glaucoma management that employs endoscopy and visualised laser application of the Ciliary Processes. The selective ablation of the Ciliary Processes reduces the production of Aqueous Humour and thereby lowers Intraocular Pressure (IOP). ECP can be performed at the same time as Cataract surgery and is both safe and effective as surgical management for cataract and glaucoma.

Dr Colin Clement, Cataract and Glaucoma Specialist and VMO at OSC, was instrumental in launching this technology at the our Chatswood Centre following his return from Glaucoma specialist training in the United Kingdom, where he used the technology extensively.

Surgical treatment of Glaucoma now has an extra option for surgeons with the addition of the ECP machine at OSC in Chatswood and Epping Surgery Centre.

Says Dr Clement, "I perform ECP on any patient requiring cataract surgery who also uses glaucoma medication. Its efficacy and tolerability make it an excellent choice to reduce or eliminate glaucoma medications, reduce intraocular pressure, and address the issue of treatment non-adherence."

Dr Clement has recently published an article on the combination of ECP and cataract surgery in the Royal Australian & New Zealand College of Ophthalmologists Journal – Clinical & Experimental Ophthalmology.

[Read an abstract on Dr Clement's article and more on ECP.](#)

Featured Ophthalmologist: Dr Colin Clement Ophthalmic Surgery Centre

Dr Colin Clement is a Sydney-based ophthalmologist with expertise in the diagnosis and management of glaucoma, cataract and general ophthalmology. He performs surgery at the Ophthalmic Surgery Centre (Chatswood) and consults at the North Shore Eye Centre (St Leonards) and Eye Associates (Macquarie Street, Sydney). He is also a staff specialist in the glaucoma unit at Sydney Eye Hospital and a clinical lecturer in Ophthalmology at the University of Sydney.



[Read Dr Clements' bio.](#)

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