



The Canadian Association of Optometrists announces its 39th Congress in Halifax, N.S

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Ottawa, ON, March 6, 2025 —The Canadian Association of Optometrists (CAO) will host its 39th Congress in picturesque Halifax, N.S, on July 2-5, 2025.

The biennial Congress has a long-standing tradition of bringing together optometrists, optometry students, optometric assistants, expert speakers, and industry representatives from across the country and beyond. In partnership with the [Nova Scotia Association of Optometrists](#) and [Vision Therapy Canada](#), CAO will offer a continuous education program featuring internationally renowned speakers sharing insights and innovation in optometry and business practices.

Attendees will have a chance to learn about the latest techniques and procedures, studies that are advancing the practice of optometry, and spend dedicated time with exhibitors to learn about and gain experiences with a vast array of products and services during Optofair tradeshow or breakfast business meetings.

CAO calls for abstracts on clinical case reports and case series, clinical educational and scientific research for a Scientific Poster show on Friday, July 4. Previously published or presented works may be submitted, but priority will be given to unpublished work. Applications are now open till April 15, 2025. Authors selected to present a poster will be eligible for 10 Points (per original poster) accredited towards their application for Fellowship in the Canadian College of Specialties in Optometry ([CCSO](#)), an opportunity for publication in the [Canadian Journal of Optometry](#) (CJO), and ultimately a chance to compete and win a FREE TICKET for the 2027 CAO Congress in Saskatoon (conditions apply).

A stream dedicated to Optometric Assistants (OA) will provide opportunities to network, learn from industry professionals, and acquire new tips and tricks for their daily practice within a one-day program on July 4. OA can also register for a two-day hands-on training workshop on July 5-6, 2025.

All sessions will be provided in English with simultaneous interpretation available thanks to AI-assisted live services. Early bird registration rates are available until May 31, 2025.

The event will also include multiple networking opportunities and social events in unique settings to celebrate the optometric community, enjoy artistic performances, and experience traditional Nova Scotia music.

For more information about CAO Congress and to register, please click [here](#).

For sponsorship and exhibition opportunities, please visit [our website](#).

For any requests or questions, please contact congress@opto.ca.