



THE OCULAR IMMUNOLOGY  
AND UVEITIS FOUNDATION  
*Dedicated to Eye Disease Cure and Education*

**Celebrating 20  
Years!**

**Brighter Vision  
Weekly Newsletter**  
August 16, 2025

## Final Countdown: Join Us to Walk for Vision

August is flying by, and the Walk for Vision is just 8 days away! We're so excited to gather in Boston and New Jersey to celebrate community, raise awareness, and support sight-saving research. There's still time to get involved—register, donate, or help spread the word today.

Registration is also open for the 2025 Ocular Inflammatory Disease Crash Course Conference, happening Saturday, November 15th, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. Don't miss this opportunity to connect, learn, and grow alongside fellow patients and professionals.

And in honor of our 20th anniversary, our 20-Year Flashback series continues on social media! Each week we're sharing a milestone or memory from the past two decades—join us as we reflect on our journey and celebrate the community that makes it all possible.

**Only 8 Days to Go – Boston Walk for Vision!**



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The countdown is on—Boston's Walk for Vision is just 8 days away! Don't miss your chance to be part of this inspiring day of community, awareness, and hope. Register now to walk with us, support sight-saving research, and help ensure no one faces ocular inflammatory disease alone.

Sign up today and join the movement!

As a reminder, *all individual participants* must be registered.

**Don't miss your chance to register!**

## Upcoming September Support Group

Technology can be a powerful tool for independence and

connection—especially when living with a chronic illness. This month, join Katherine Gastler for a conversation on accessibility features in Apple products that can help make daily life easier, from vision support tools to communication and organization aids.

Whether you're newly diagnosed or have been managing your condition for years, you'll also have the chance to share experiences, learn new strategies, and connect with others who understand the challenges of living with a chronic illness.

## "Accessibility with Apple Products"

w/ Katherine Gastler

September 9th, 2025 @ 7PM EST

[Register Here!](#)

## Looking Back with 20/20 Vision: 2008

In 2008, OIUF hosted the first-ever Birdshot Symposium—bringing together leading experts, patients, and advocates to deepen understanding of Birdshot Chorioretinopathy and improve care for those affected. That same year, thanks to a proclamation from Governor Deval Patrick, Massachusetts officially recognized Ocular Inflammatory Disease Awareness Month, helping to raise the profile of these rare and complex conditions across the state.

These milestones marked a turning point in our mission—expanding awareness, fostering collaboration, and building momentum toward a future where every patient has access to timely diagnosis, effective treatment, and a supportive community.



# CELEBRATING 20 years



2008

FIRST BIRDSHOT SYMPOSIUM & STATEWIDE  
RECOGNITION OF OCULAR INFLAMMATORY  
DISEASE AWARENESS MONTH.

## 2025 Walk for Vision!



The Walk for Vision is a 5k walk to raise awareness and funds for research of Ocular Inflammatory Diseases. This year, we're hosting two walks — one in Boston and one in New Jersey.

*Please note: We are using a new platform for registration and fundraising this year called QGiv. Rallybound accounts are no*

longer active. Visit our [FAQs](#) or contact us with any questions.



The image is a promotional graphic for the 'Walk for Vision 2025' events. It features a central title 'Schedule of Events' in large blue font. On either side of the title are circular logos for 'Walk for Vision 2025' with the tagline 'Saving Vision' and 'One Step at a Time'. The background shows a blurred image of people walking. Below the title, there are two columns of event details for the Boston and New York/New Jersey walks.

| <b>Boston Walk for Vision</b>  | <b>New York/New Jersey Walk for Vision</b>   |
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| <b>Sunday, August 24, 2025</b><br><b>Hyatt Regency Boston</b><br><b>Cambridge, MA</b>  | <b>Sunday, September 14, 2025</b><br><b>Verona Park Boathouse</b><br><b>Verona, New Jersey</b> |
| <b>10:30 am – Registration begins</b>  | <b>10:15 am – Registration</b>   |
| <b>11:00 am – Program and Brunch</b><br>Frances Foster, MS, NP, Master of Ceremonies<br>Celina Wang, Patient Experience<br>Peter Chang, MD, Research Updates | <b>11:00 am – Group Picture/Welcome</b>  |
| <b>12:30 pm – Group Picture and Walk</b>   | <b>11:15 am – Walk Begins</b>  |
|  | <b>12:15 pm – Lunch</b>  |

## Boston Walk for Vision

When: Sunday, August 24, 2025, 10:30AM

Where: The Hyatt Regency Cambridge  
575 Memorial Drive  
Cambridge, MA 02139

[Register](#)

[Learn More!](#)

## New York/New Jersey Walk for Vision

When: Sunday, September 14, 2025, 10:15AM

Where: Verona Park Boathouse  
475 Bloomfield Ave  
Verona, NJ 07044

[Register](#)

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Can't participate this year?  
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our cause!

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## Thank You to Our Walk Sponsors!

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## 2025 Ocular Inflammatory Disease Crash Course Conference

This annual event brings together physicians, researchers, patients, and advocates for a day of expert-led education, collaboration, and community building—all focused on advancing care and understanding of ocular inflammatory diseases.

**Registration is now available**—don't miss your chance to be part of this impactful day!



# Save the Date!

## 2025 Ocular Inflammatory Disease Crash Course Conference

*Saturday, November 15, 2025*

*San Juan Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino*  
1309 Ashford Ave  
San Juan, Puerto Rico

[Register Now!](#)

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