

Subspecialty – Practice Managers



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- **The Family of Ophthalmology: Physician and Administrators**

Dr Brennan is a comprehensive ophthalmologist in Burlington, USA. He is Vice President of the Pan American Association of Ophthalmology and a member of a number of international ophthalmology societies, including the Irish College and the Iraqi Ophthalmology Society. He currently assists with leadership-development programs for young physicians in many countries.

During the APAO Congress in Sydney, his presentation will focus on the integrated eye-care team.

“Ultimate success in ophthalmic practices and ophthalmology organisations requires conscious and continuous attention to the combined capabilities of the ‘executive team’, the administrator and the physician executive. This discussion hopes to specify the elements of trust, balance and focus that best characterise effective and sustaining leadership in a mutual sense.”

“Physicians, in particular, are usually not intentionally educated in these sensitive, critical partnerships. Recognition by both the medical and administrative professions that these skills are not necessarily inherited is crucial, and the emergence of multi-national professional organisations and global healthcare systems adds additional demands in culture and language.”

“Background material from Graduate Medical Education core competencies and Leadership Development curricula will be used to identify an evolving approach for the physician. Personal experience from leadership involvement in a number of national and international settings will be given. Hopefully practice administrators will gain insight to develop and maintain trusting personal and professional relationships with physician leaders.”

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