Neuro-ophthalmology for the general ophthalmologist – when to worry

Wednesday 23 May 2018  15.30 – 17.00

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All ophthalmologists will be faced with patients who present with transient or unusual visual disturbances and it can often be difficult to decide whether there is a serious underlying disorder or not. This can be particularly problematic if the symptoms are intermittent or the examination appears to be normal. It is then a challenge to decide whether and how far to investigate. This session looks at three aspects of this – the patient with transient visual symptoms, the child with visual disturbances and the patient with visual loss but a normal eye examination. The session aims to show how to work through these cases to decide when there may be a serious underlying cause and how to proceed. There will also be time for interactive discussion with our expert panel of very experienced neuro-ophthalmologists.

15.30 – 15.55  Transient visual symptoms – is this just migraine?
Professor Andrew Lee, Chair, Blanton Eye Institute, Houston Methodist Hospital, USA

15.55 – 16.20  The child with visual disturbances
Mr Manoj Parulekar, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Birmingham Children's Hospital and Oxford University Hospital

16.20 – 16.45  Loss of vision with a normal eye examination
Dr Steve Madill, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Princess Alexandra Eye Pavilion, Edinburgh

16.45 – 17.00  Ask the panel