

VA New Jersey Healthcare System

SUNY Optometry affiliate/ACOE accredited program

Residency in Primary Eye Care Optometry

Emphasis: Ocular Disease and Low Vision

Program Curriculum-Resident Responsibilities

Clinical

- I. The resident clinical rotations include the following:
 - a. Each resident will rotate between the East Orange Medical Center and the Lyons facility.
 - b. The resident will spend one half day per week in the Low Vision clinic while on rotation at the East Orange campus.
 - c. Attendance at the SUNY affiliated Friday grand rounds is strongly encouraged, however if the resident is not attending the Friday program, he or she reports to the VA for patient care.

- II. The resident is expected to have approximately 1500 patient encounters during the year. Each resident will be exposed to a variety of ocular diseases including, but not limited to:
 - Glaucoma (at least 200)
 - Anterior segment (at least 200)
 - Neurologic disorders (at least 50)
 - Diabetic/hypertensive retinopathy (at least 200)
 - Retina other (at least 100)
 - Macular degeneration (at least 100)
 - Low vision (at least 100)

- III. The resident will rotate through ophthalmic specialty clinics while at the VA. Examples may include:
 - Retina
 - Cornea
 - Surgery
 - Low vision
 - VISOR (Visually Impairment Services Outpatient Rehabilitation)

- IV. The resident will review, interpret or order his/her own lab tests and consults to other practitioners.

- V. The resident will perform and/or analyze imaging studies that may include: OCT, b-scan, carotid dopplers, neuroimaging.

- VI. The resident will rotate through and/or observe medical specialty clinics while at the VA that may include:
 - Primary care
 - Endocrinology

- Diabetic education

Didactic

- I. SUNY Friday Program (required attendance):
 - Workshop on public speaking
 - Writing workshop (two sessions)
 - Evidence based medicine workshop
 - Practice management workshop
 - Grand rounds (35 hours)

Scholarly Activity

- I. Minor presentation (20 minutes presentation)
- III. Major presentation (one-hour COPE approved lecture)
- IV. Publishable quality paper
- V. The resident will submit an abstract to at least one optometric educational conference.
- VI. The resident will be encouraged to attend at least one optometric conference.
- VII. The resident will participate in regularly scheduled seminars at the VA.

Clinical Teaching

- I. The resident will supervise and provide didactic experiences to fourth year optometry students.
- II. The resident will be expected to provide educational interaction with externs, such as journal club, case report review and development of quizzes.
- III. The resident will present his/her Minor and Major presentation to the fourth year optometry students.