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Andrew M. Archila, OD, MBA, FAAO is currently the Department Head at the Naval Health Clinic Great Lakes Optometry Department. He is a Lieutenant Commander serving on active duty in the US Navy. His degrees include an MBA in Health Care Administration from Baruch College Zicklin School of Business in New York City and a Fellowship in Health Care Management and Clinical Administration at SUNY Optometry. Past awards include being named the Navy's 2003 Junior Optometrist of the Year. Dr. Archila is the President of Taste and CE Italy, LLC an optometric education enterprise.

Evan C. Canellos, OD, FAAO is a graduate of Haverford College and SUNY Optometry. He completed his residency training in Ocular Disease and Primary Eye Care at the VA New York Harbor Healthcare System. He is currently the Director of Eye Services at the Brooklyn campus of the VA New York Harbor Healthcare System and serves as the Optometry Residency Supervisor. Dr. Canellos is an Assistant Clinical Professor at SUNY Optometry. He is involved in clinical research, lectures, and is the author of several articles on ocular disease.

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Matthew J. Garston, OD, FAAO has been in full-time clinical practice as well as in academia for more than 30 years. He is currently the senior staff optometrist at the MIT Medical Department and a professor of optometry at the New England College of Optometry, where he teaches a third year elective course, *Clinical Ocular Disease Cases in Primary Care*. He is a nationally and internationally recognized speaker and a founding fellow of the Optometric Retina Society.

Ralph E. Gundel, OD, FAAO had over seven years of clinical research experience in industry before joining the Contact Lens faculty of SUNY Optometry in 1989. He now serves as Associate Professor and Supervisor of the Cornea and Contact Lens Fellowship. Dr. Gundel has published over 35 research papers related to contact lenses and contact lens care, and co-authored two textbook chapters on contact lens fitting. Clinically he specializes in contact lens applications for keratoconus, orthokeratology, presbyopia, as well as dry eye.

Kevin M. Jackson, OD, FAAO holds degrees from Notre Dame, Columbia, and SUNY Optometry. As a Navy optometrist he was the lone American eye doctor in southwest Europe from 2001-2005. He is an instructor in Pre-Hospital Trauma Life Support (PHTLS) and led NASA's contingency medical team in Spain. Dr. Jackson recently authored the contingency eyecare policy statement adopted by the American Public Health Association. He is currently the Director of Clinical Support Services, Naval Health Clinic, US Naval Academy.

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David P. Libassi, OD graduated from the New England College of Optometry in 1981 and completed a one year Specialty Contact Lens & Primary Care Fellowship Program in Boston. In 1982, he joined the SUNY Optometry faculty as a member of the Specialty Contact Lens Service. Between 1993 and 2004, Dr. Libassi served as a clinical investigator for the NIH funded Collaborative Longitudinal Investigation of Keratoconus Study (CLEK). Throughout his career Dr. Libassi has published and lectured on specialty contact lens topics such as keratoconus, irregular cornea and pediatric aphakic correction.

Patricia A. Modica, OD, FAAO is a 1988 graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry where she also completed a Residency in Primary Care at The Eye Institute of PCO. This was followed by a two-year Fellowship in Neuro-Ophthalmic Disease at the same facility. She is currently a faculty member at SUNY Optometry where she directs care in the Neuro-Ocular Disease Service and teaches didactic coursework in Neuro-Ophthalmic Disease. She has lectured nationally and internationally on topics related to her clinical emphasis in neuro-ophthalmic disorders and has published the book *Neuro-Ophthalmic System: Clinical Procedures*.

Bruce E. Onofrey, OD, RPh, FAAO earned a degree in Pharmacy from the University of Illinois Medical Center and completed his optometric training at the Illinois College of Optometry. He completed his clinical residency at the Albuquerque VA Medical Center. Following his residency, Dr. Onofrey joined the staff of Lovelace Medical Center and has served as Chief of Optometry and Vice-chair of Eye Services since 2002. He is the current editor of *Clinical Optometric Pharmacology and Therapeutics*, the author of *The Ocular Therapeutics Handbook: A Clinical Manual*, and also serves as a contributing editor to *Primary Care Optometry News*. He is an internationally recognized lecturer on the management of ocular disease and the use of pharmaceutical agents.

Joan K. Portello, OD, MPH, MS, FAAO is an Associate Clinical Professor at SUNY Optometry and the Instructor of Record for the course, *Optometric Procedures*. Dr. Portello is an American Red Cross Professional Rescuer Instructor/Oxygen Administration, and has lectured nationally and internationally. She currently is the Director for New York State Special Olympics, Lions International Opening Eyes and advisor for the SUNY Fellowship of Christian Optometrists. In addition, she holds the office of President for the SUNY Optometry Alumni Association and is a recipient of the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching.

Amy Jill Quan, OD, FAAO is a SUNY Optometry graduate. She completed her residency training at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System and currently serves as an attending optometrist at the Baltimore VA Medical Center. Dr. Quan holds academic appointments at SUNY, ICO, IU, NECO, and PCO. She has authored numerous poster presentations at AAO, AOA, and SECO conferences. She has lectured on topics of ocular disease and systemic disease with eye implications at various continuing education programs and has authored several journal publications.

Louise A. Sclafani, OD, FAAO is a graduate of ICO and began her career at the University of Chicago where she is an Associate Professor of Ophthalmology and Director of Optometric Services. She was awarded the status of Diplomate by the American Academy of Optometry in the cornea and contact lens section and is a frequent lecturer on these topics. She earned the Residents Excellence in Teaching Award in 1995, the Outstanding Lecturer

Award in 2001 from the University of Chicago, and the 2004 Excellence in Education Award from the Illinois College of Optometry. She has served on the Illinois State Board, is Immediate Past-President of the Illinois Optometric Association, Chair of the Cornea and Contact Lens Section for the AOA, and a team eye doctor for the NHL Chicago Blackhawks.

Leo P. Semes, OD, FAAO is an Associate Professor of Optometry and Director of Continuing Education at The University of Alabama at Birmingham. He is a graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry and completed a residency at The Eye Institute there. Dr. Semes has authored or co-authored numerous articles and abstracts in major optometry publications and over 75 scientific articles and posters. He is a founding member of the Optometric Glaucoma Society and a founding fellow of the Optometric Retina Society. As an accomplished educator, Dr. Semes has received numerous teaching awards, including the UAB President's Award for Excellence in Teaching. In addition, he has been listed in *2000 Outstanding Intellectuals of the 21st Century* and in *Who's Who in the 21st Century*.

Richard M. Soden, OD, FAAO is a Clinical Professor and currently the Vice President for Clinical Affairs at SUNY Optometry. Dr. Soden serves as third party consultant for the New York State Optometric Association and has lectured extensively in third party reimbursement and practice management. In addition, he has a private practice in Lake Ronkonkoma, NY.

Brad M. Sutton, OD, FAAO graduated from Indiana University in 1993. He then completed a residency in Ocular Disease and Surgical Co-management at Omni Eye Services in Memphis, TN, where he remained as the Center Director from 1994 to 1999. Dr. Sutton then returned to IU to become the Clinic Director at the Indianapolis Eye Care Center where he is heavily involved in patient care, clinical teaching, administration, and lecturing in the ocular disease courses. He has given over 100 continuing education lectures on topics related to ocular disease at the local, state, national, and international level. Dr. Sutton was named Young Optometrist of the Year for the State of Tennessee in 1997-1998 and received the same award (President's Citation) for the State of Indiana in 2001.

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Nancy N. Wong, OD, PhD, FAAO received her OD and PhD from SUNY Optometry and completed a residency at the FDR VA Hospital. Currently, she serves as supervisor of the optometry residency program at the VA Hudson Valley Health Care System. She holds academic appointments at SUNY, NECO and ICO. Dr. Wong serves on the NBEO Advanced Competence in Medical Optometry Construction Committee, the AAO Federal Service Fellowship Admittance Committee and is a consultant to the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education. Dr. Wong has authored numerous manuscripts and is a frequent lecturer on topics of ocular disease.