



UNIVERSITY EYE CENTER  
Referral Service

*Putting your patient first*



SUNY COLLEGE OF OPTOMETRY  
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**The University Eye Center** is the patient care facility of the State University of New York College of Optometry. Founded in 1971, the UEC is one of the largest outpatient vision clinics in the country with more than 75,000 patient visits annually. Optometrists, ophthalmologists, residents, interns, nurses, psychologists and vision science researchers work together to provide outstanding care to patients of all ages and backgrounds.

Because the UEC is affiliated with a major research university, we utilize the latest diagnostic technology and state-of-the-art equipment to treat a vast array of eye disease and vision problems. Research conducted at the College informs our clinical work and directly benefits our patients.



## Partnering with the UEC

Our mission at the UEC Referral Service is to provide specialty services and advanced testing to patients which complement what his or her referring practice can deliver. Our specialty services supplement, but do not replace the excellent care provided by the optometrists, physicians and other health care professionals who refer their patients to us.

We are committed to building trust and positive relationships with our referring professionals and their patients.

To ensure a smooth working relationship, we promise to:

- Answer your calls promptly
- Schedule your patients as soon as possible
- Keep you informed and involved in your patients' care
- Communicate with you in an appropriate and timely fashion
- Act as a professional resource you can call upon as needed

*“I know that when I refer a patient to UEC for specialized testing and vision services, they’ll get the same kind of concerned, personal care I provide in my own practice—and I’ll be kept informed every step of the way. That’s why I trust UEC.”*  
—A.J. Contento, O.D.



visual evaluations and visual services to individuals with acquired head trauma and strokes. These services include:

- Refractive evaluation which may reveal the need for special glasses
- Ocular health assessment and management
- Binocular and accommodative evaluation
- State-of-the-art visual field evaluation for defects and visual neglect
- Electro-diagnostic assessment of eye movement

### The Laser Eye Institute

The Laser Eye Institute provides patients with refractive surgery as an alternative to spectacles or contact lenses. Using the Bausch and Lomb Technolas 217 Excimer Laser with Custom Wavefront Zyoptix Technology, we provide our patients with superior results. We use custom wavefront guided LASIK treatment and Orbscan corneal imaging to achieve remarkable results. For those patients that don't qualify for standard refractive procedures due to higher prescriptions, we also offer implantable contact lenses.

Our primary surgeon, a board-certified ophthalmologist and corneal specialist, has been in practice for almost 20 years. Our optometric staff members are certified on many currently available lasers and microkeratomes and have years of refractive surgery experience. They work closely with each patient, educating them on a variety of refractive procedures to ensure that they not only receive the best treatment and outcome

possible, but that they have a complete understanding of the procedures and everything they entail. We offer our patients the newest technologies and services, along with expert and experienced care.

### Vision Therapy/Rehabilitation Service

Our renowned Vision Therapy/Rehabilitation Service offers diagnostic and treatment services to a variety of patients with developmental, acquired and congenital visual problems including:

- Amblyopia
- Strabismus
- Binocular disorders
- Accommodative disorders
- Oculomotor disorders
- Visual perceptual dysfunctions related to learning

### Head Trauma Unit

The Head Trauma Rehabilitation Unit serves as a resource for rehabilitation hospitals and centers throughout the New York metro area providing comprehensive

### Low Vision

The Low Vision Rehabilitation Service helps individuals with reduced central or peripheral vision make the most of their remaining vision and improve performance of daily activities such as reading, writing and watching television. Visual rehabilitation measures can include:

- Prescription and training in the use of optical and non-optical low vision aids
- Sunwear and lighting evaluations
- Recommendations of high-tech devices such as electronic magnifiers and computer adaptations
- Referral to other professionals such as social workers, vision rehabilitation teachers and orientation and mobility specialists.

### Ocular Diseases & Special Testing

The UEC employs sophisticated diagnostic tools, state-of-the-art procedures and teams of health professionals with years of experience in the treatment of specific classes of complex eye and vision abnormalities. These interdisciplinary teams may include doctors of optometry who have completed residency programs in ocular disease or hospital-based practices, attending ophthalmologists with clinical expertise in specialty areas, licensed practical nurses and social workers.

*We provide specialty care in:*

- Cataract
- Cornea
- Glaucoma
- Neuro-ocular
- Oculoplastics
- Retina
- Outpatient surgery

*Special tests in the imaging center include:*

- HRT 3
- GDx VCC
- Spectral Domain OCT

- Optical Biometry IOL Master
- Corneal Topography (Orbscan)
- Pachymetry
- Ultrasound Biomicroscopy
- A and B scan Ultrasonography
- Fluorescein Angiography
- Digital Anterior and Posterior Photography
- Standard Automated Perimetry
- Frequency Doubling Technology Perimetry (FDT)
- VEP
- ERG



### **Pediatrics**

The Pediatric Service is staffed by nationally recognized optometrists who are committed to providing the highest level of primary and secondary care for children.

### **Infants Vision Unit**

Serves the visual needs of children from birth to 4 years of age.

### **Children with Special Needs**

Serves the visual needs of children (up to age 18) with physical and behavioral challenges.

- Initial evaluations are given as well as any necessary rehabilitative care
- This unit works closely with occupational, physical and speech therapists

### **Learning Disabilities Unit**

The Learning Disabilities Unit provides diagnostic and therapy services for children, adolescents and adults with learning-related visual dysfunctions. The unit is staffed by optometrists and PhD psychologists. Diagnostic services include:

- Binocular, accommodative and eye movement evaluation
- Visual perceptual evaluation
- Comprehensive psychoeducational evaluation

### **Specialty Contact Lens Service**

The Specialty Contact Lens Service sees patients in need of contact lenses for a variety of ocular conditions including:

- A degenerative process (keratoconus, keratoglobus, pellucid marginal degeneration)
- Following surgery (corneal transplant, refractive surgery, etc.)
- After ocular trauma
- Pediatric aphakia
- High myopia/hyperopia/astigmatism
- Corneal refractive therapy (orthokeratology)
- Cosmetic lenses due to scarring
- Prosthetic lenses for non-seeing eyes or after enucleation
- Patients who have been unsuccessful contact lens wearers, but who still want to wear lenses
- The staff includes doctors with experience

and expertise unsurpassed in the contact lens field in fitting specialty "hard-to-fit" patients.

### **Location**

The University Eye Center is centrally located in midtown Manhattan across the street from Bryant Park and several blocks from Times Square and Grand Central Station.

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