Patient Care Services
Your vision.
Our passion.

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University Eye Center (UEC) is the patient care facility of the State University of New York (SUNY) College of Optometry. At the UEC, a staff of doctors, residents and eye care specialists utilizes state-of-the-art equipment to prevent and treat an unparalleled array of eye disease and vision problems.

About the College
Founded in 1971, the SUNY College of Optometry has a reputation for educating outstanding optometrists and conducting groundbreaking research related to vision science.

A high-caliber faculty of more than 150 health care providers and researchers oversees approximately 300 students enrolled in the highly competitive, four-year O.D. program. The College’s renowned Residency Program and Graduate Center for Vision Research attract post-graduate residents and researchers from around the world. Students, researchers and doctors work together with the common goals of improving patients’ lives, enhancing public health through education and advancing the field of vision science.
With more than 75,000 patient visits annually, the UEC is one of the largest outpatient vision clinics in the country. Because the UEC is a clinical teaching facility, patients benefit from the latest diagnostic technology and treatment methods and are treated by experts who are leaders in their field.

The UEC is committed to providing high-quality eye and vision care to underserved communities in New York and throughout the world. Outreach programs bring eye care to patients who might not otherwise have access to it.

Located in midtown Manhattan, the UEC is housed in a historic 18-story building directly across from Bryant Park. It’s easily accessible by public transportation. The UEC accepts most insurance plans in the New York metro area.
Primary eye care includes a comprehensive vision and eye health examination. This exam can detect a wide range of problems affecting vision such as blurred vision or eye discomfort. The exam includes tests for glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration and the ocular effects of many general health disorders such as diabetes and high blood pressure, as well as effects of medications. Computerized equipment is used to supplement the personalized care you receive from our clinicians.

The Pediatrics Unit provides comprehensive vision care to children five to 11 years of age. Children receive a complete visual examination for nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, lazy eye, crossed-eyes, learning-related vision problems and eye diseases.

The Children with Special Needs Unit serves the visual needs of children with physical and behavioral challenges up to the age of 18. A regular vision examination using typical techniques might not be possible for a child who has difficulty sitting still, controlling neck muscles or communicating verbally. Our optometrists are experts in alternative testing methods and work closely with other professionals such as occupational, physical and speech therapists, in addition to early intervention programs, to meet the treatment needs of these children.

The Infants Vision Unit serves the visual needs of children from birth to four years of age. Specialized testing techniques help us to diagnose, treat and prevent vision problems before they become serious.

In the Learning Disabilities Unit, a multi-disciplinary staff of optometrists and psychologists utilizes a combination of optometric, psychological and...
educational testing procedures to evaluate children and adults with learning problems. A complete psychoeducational or neuropsychological evaluation can help parents, families and teachers find the specific services a child needs in order to manage a learning disability. This unit works closely with schools and other agencies to coordinate patient treatment.

The Ocular Disease and Special Testing Service (ODSTS) is a multi-disciplinary outpatient service providing advanced care for patients with diseases of the eye and visual system. The Service is staffed by expert optometrists, ophthalmologists, a neurologist and nurses. Individual specialty units are available for cataract, cornea, pediatrics, ocular plastics, retina, glaucoma and neuro-ocular disease. Special testing in the form of high-tech imaging, electrophysiological testing, fluorescein angiography and a number of other procedures are utilized to provide comprehensive care.

The Laser Eye Institute offers the Bausch and Lomb Zyoptix Laser specifically created for LASIK procedures. Most patients undergoing treatment obtain excellent visual clarity. Our qualified team of ophthalmologists and optometrists has been specially trained and certified to use the latest Bausch and Lomb laser and together have performed thousands of successful procedures.
Experts in our Low Vision Rehabilitation Service help patients with vision impairment caused by eye disease or trauma to maximize remaining sight. Patients are trained in the use of the latest, most effective optical, electronic and/or computer based magnification systems.

Specialists in our Vision Therapy Service diagnose and treat patients who have functional vision disorders such as amblyopia (lazy eye), strabismus (turned eye), poor eye-hand coordination, focusing problems, perceptual difficulties and eye movement disorders.

The Raymond J. Greenwald Rehabilitation Center serves individuals who have visual limitations related to neurological disorders or traumatic brain injury and stroke. The Center’s staff provides care enhanced by collaboration with allied professionals throughout the metropolitan area.

The Specialty Contact Lens Service at the UEC works with patients seeking contact lenses for the correction of refractive errors and keratoconus and prosthetic eye care services. Patients seen in this service typically have a high degree of nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, presbyopia or keratoconus. Specialized services provide lenses for disfigured eyes, aphakic patients, infants and for patients needing tinted or special form lenses for cosmetic or therapeutic applications.
Open to everyone, University Eyewear offers a wide selection of frames including the latest designer eyewear. Progressive lenses, special lenses for computer use, Polaroid lenses for sun or polycarbonate lenses for sports use are routinely fit based on visual and occupational needs. An optometric intern works in conjunction with a member of the professional staff of New York State licensed opticians to assist patients with selecting appropriate frames and lenses.

An on-site, full-service laboratory fabricates roughly 80% of the ordered glasses while more unusual prescriptions may be sent to an outside lab. Having our lab on site ensures that quality is carefully monitored and every pair of glasses is made precisely according to the doctor’s prescription and ANSI standards.

Accepted Insurance Plans

Aetna/U.S. Health Care  
Affinity Health Plan  
Block Vision  
Cigna  
Davis Vision  
Empire Blue Cross/Shield  
Empire Plan (NYS)  
Fidelis  
Guildnet  
GHI  
Healthfirst  
Healthnet  
Healthplus  
HIP of New York  
Medicaid  
Medicare  
Metroplus  
Multiplan  
Neighborhood Health  
NVA  
Oxford  
United Healthcare  
Visiting Nurse Services  
VSP  
1199  
Wellcare

If your insurance plan is not listed, please call us to confirm participation at (212) 938-4001.
UEC Online
For more in-depth information about our specialty services, doctors, staff and facilities as well as vision health-related resources, visit our website, www.UniversityEyeCenter.org.

Scheduling an Appointment
You can request an appointment online at www.UniversityEyeCenter.org or by calling (212) 938-4001.

Getting to the University Eye Center
33 West 42nd Street, New York, NY 10036

By subway
1 4 5 6 7 B D f and q to 42nd St

By bus
MTA buses, M42 (cross-town) and M104 (Upper West Side), stop nearby. Express commuter buses provide uptown service on Madison and Sixth Avenues and downtown service on Fifth Avenue.

The Port Authority Bus Terminal, Penn Station and Grand Central Terminal are all within a 10-minute walk of the University Eye Center.