RESIDENCY IN OCULAR DISEASE/ PRIMARY EYE CARE OPTOMETRY

At VA New Jersey Healthcare System

SUNY Optometry affiliate/ACOE accredited program

Program Curriculum-Resident Responsibilities

Clinical

I. The resident clinical rotations include the following:
   a. Each resident will rotate between the Lyons and East Orange campus seeing patients in
      a trimester fashion.
      For four months, the resident will spend two half days in the Low Vision clinic.
   b. 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)

III. The resident will rotate through ophthalmic specialty clinics while at the VA including, but not
     limited to:
     • Retina
     • Cornea
     • Surgery
     • Low vision
     • VISOR (Visually Impairment Services Outpatient Rehabilitation)

IV. The resident will order his/her own lab tests (at least 10) and consults to other practitioners.

V. The resident will perform and/or analyze imaging studies including, but not limited to, GDX/OCT
   /carotid dopplers/brain scans.

VI. The resident will rotate through medical specialty clinics while at the VA including, but not
    limited to:
    • Primary care
    • Cardiology
    • Radiology
    • Acute care
Didactic

I. SUNY Friday Program (required attendance):
   • Workshop on Public Speaking
   • Writing Workshop (two sessions)
   • Practice Management Workshop
   • Grand Rounds (35 hours)

Scholarly Activity

I. Minor presentation (20 minutes presentation) (Fall)
III. Major presentation (one hour COPE approved lecture) (March)
IV. Publishable quality paper (June)
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.

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 provide instruction on direct ophthalmoscopy to physician assistant and nurse practitioner students rotating through the Eye Clinic at Lyons.