

Cornea and Contact Lenses and Ocular Disease Residency

Category: Cornea and Contact Lenses
Emphasis: Ocular Disease

Offering advanced competency in cornea and contact lens management and ocular disease through education, scholarship, and patient care.

- **Program Sites:** Illinois College of Optometry/ Illinois Eye Institute and Chicago Cornea Consultants
- **Coordinator:** Lindsay A. Sicks, OD
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- **Residency Director:** Christine Allison, OD
- **Number of Positions:** 2
- **Program Dates:** The residency is a 53-week program beginning the first week of July. This time frame ensures overlap with current residents to provide an orientation period.
- Accredited
- ACOE is the accrediting body: www.theACOE.org
- **ORMatch #15113**



Program Description

This accredited one-year program focuses on the diagnosis, treatment, and management of complex corneal, anterior segment, and contact lens-related conditions. The resident will gain experience in patient care and teaching. This unique residency offers clinical experience in both an educational center and private practice setting.

Clinical assignments include direct care and precepting responsibilities in the Cornea and Contact Lens Center for Clinical Excellence, the Center for Advanced Ophthalmic Care, and Urgent Eyecare Services at the Illinois Eye Institute, ICO's primary clinical teaching facility. Clinical work in a private practice setting includes primary care and contact lens care.

Throughout the program, particular emphasis is placed on the diagnosis and management of corneal and anterior segment pathology and the fitting of specialty contact lenses, including keratoconic, bifocal, toric, and post-operative fittings. Opportunities for research development and individualization of the program exist. This challenging program is designed to enable the resident to develop and cultivate advanced clinical competency in cornea and contact lens management and ocular disease.

Program Objectives/Design

The residency will enhance skills in the diagnosis and management of complex cornea and contact lens patients such as keratoconic, presbyopic, orthokeratology, astigmatic, post-surgical, anterior segment disease, dry eye, and urgent care needs. The resident will develop and enhance their diagnostic skills with advanced testing include corneal tomography, endothelial cell studies, corneal pachymetry, A/B-scan ultrasonography and anterior segment photography.

In a typical week, the resident is expected to spend at least 44 hours/week doing residency activities. The resident participates in the following activities (the times listed are approximations and are subject to change):

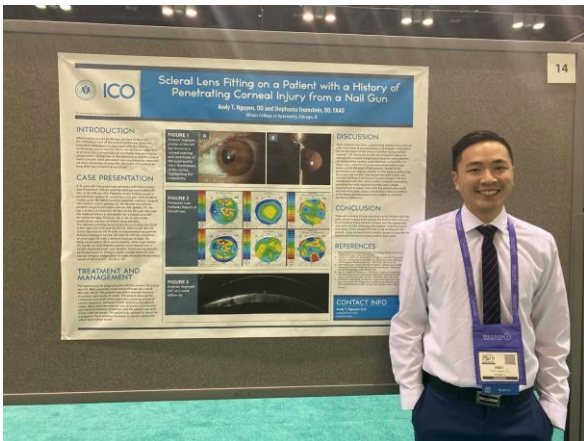
- Private practice: direct care (10 hours)
- Advanced care/urgent care: anterior segment (8 hours)
- Contact lenses: direct care, precepting (16 hours)
- Educational rounds (4 hours)
- Research development (4 hours)
- Consultation (2 hours)

Research Responsibilities

The resident is required to complete a literature review, research study or case report of publishable quality during the course of the residency. It is recommended that the project be presented at academic meetings or published in a refereed journal.

Educational Opportunities

The resident attends and participates in regularly scheduled conferences that take place at the Illinois College of Optometry. An on campus educational training session taught by education experts helps the resident develop skills as a clinical educator. In addition, this course aids the resident in the development of skills needed to give effective presentations. Attendance at the GPLI Resident Symposium is a required part of the program. The resident is allowed 5 days of educational leave for meetings such as the American Academy of Optometry, Global Specialty Lens Symposium, American Optometric Association and or other regional meetings.



Residency Supervision/ Evaluation Process

The faculty in each clinic supervises and advises the resident. Increasing autonomy develops as the residency progresses. The resident receives quarterly evaluations, in addition to general feedback from their supervisor. The area supervisor develops the resident's schedule on a quarterly basis. Grand Rounds presentations are given three times per year, and are evaluated by the entire faculty. A summary report is generated by the Residency Coordinator and is then forwarded to and discussed with the resident. The resident will meet on a weekly basis with the Residency Coordinator during the course of the year to provide guidance throughout the program and enhance the clinical experience. The resident is also asked to evaluate their residency experience at the completion of the program.

Salary

\$45,000 per year

Benefits

Group medical and dental insurance with prescription benefits; professional liability insurance for eye care provided at the Illinois Eye Institute and its affiliated clinics; group term life and disability insurance is provided. Additional benefits include: eleven (11) days of personal vacation, five (5) days academic leave, and additional holiday time off when the Illinois Eye Institute is closed.

Criteria for Completion

- Satisfactory completion of all learning objectives
- Attendance at all clinical assignments
- Attendance and participation at Faculty Conference/Grand Rounds Series and regularly scheduled conferences
- Attendance and participation in all required course work
- A written paper of publishable quality, completed by the end of the residency period

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