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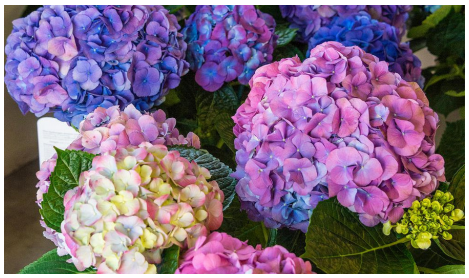

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Doctors,

What an exciting couple of months we've had! From Legislative Day in April, followed by our hugely successful Ocular Symposium. June 6th is our last meeting before we break for the Summer. This will be a 2 hour COA approved CE course given by the current residents at the Fresno VA and our Gold Sponsor, Dr. Chad Reder from Valley Eye Institute. We will then break for the Summer months and return in the fall with more CE meetings, including a half day, 4 hour CE event which we hope to have ready for you by October 5th, so mark your calendars.

We will be bridging the gap once again this summer with a huge social event in July put on by our Gold Sponsor, Johnson & Johnson. Lindsey Amaro has been extremely supportive to our society, even offering her own personal time to help at our events. This Summer we will be strapping on our bowling shoes and hitting the lanes at Bowlero on July 24th, so make sure to clear your evening and plan to join us!

On another somber note, many of you may have already received a letter regarding Dr. Brian Cavallaro, President of the Board at Eye-Q, our platinum sponsor. As of the writing of this message, Dr. Cavallaro continues to be surrounded by family and friends as he rests at home. I paid a visit to Dr. Cavallaro about a week ago at his home and, although his body is weakened, his spirit remains strong. He is content and prepared for whatever comes next. When I joined Eye-Q over five years ago, I worked directly along side Dr. Cavallaro, doing his pre and post op exams. This experience was invaluable and helped shape the way I think and practice to this day. I will forever be indebted to Dr. Cavallaro for his knowledge, compassion and patience as he helped shepherd me into the practitioner that I am today. I ask that you may all keep Dr. Brian Cavallaro and his family in your thoughts and in your prayers. Thank you.

Michael Mendoza, OD
President of the CCOS

COMMUNICATIONS MESSAGE

Hi CCOS,

Happy May! Time sure flies. School will be getting out in the next few weeks, and soon we'll be seeing kids in our offices at all hours of the day. Be sure to remind them to wear their sunglasses outdoors, no matter how invincible they may feel at their age. Studies have demonstrated that there is a correlation between the summer months and slowing of myopic progression, so I'm hoping for quick refractions that are stable to last year's numbers.

In the event of progressing myopia in a child, we have recently implemented low-dose atropine for myopia control at FMLR EyeCare. Feel free to refer patients to us if you are not already treating this in your practice, and you think they are good candidates that would benefit. We are happy to help everyone we can, as I personally know how much an inconvenience high myopia can be, in addition to the risks for other devastating ocular sequelae.

Thank you to all of our members for your readership; feel free to shoot me comments or an email just saying hi!

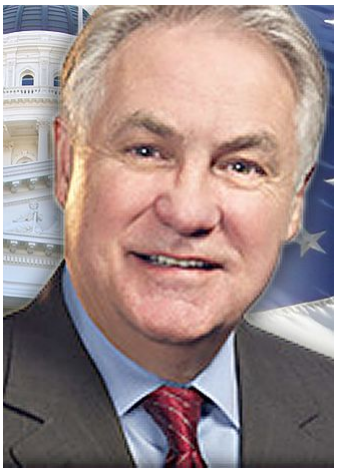
Your friendly neighborhood
communications assistant,
Pearl Thai

News from Assemblyman

Jim Patterson

On Friday, May 10. Dr. Recalde and Dr. Newsome met with Assemblyman Jim Patterson to ask for restoration of MediCal eyewear benefits for adults. Mr. Patterson is a member of the Budget Sub-committee for health. As you are all aware adult optical benefits was cut from the State budget during the recession in 2008. COA has been asking State leaders to restore this funding since the economy has recovered.

Good news: Mr. Patterson will support and vote for the restoration of adult optical benefits in this years budget.



PRESIDENTIAL PEARLS

Dear colleague,

It's important to me that all COA members are aware of the significant benefits and services available to you as part of your COA membership. Throughout the next year I'll highlight these impressive benefits in emails called Presidential Pearls - quick insight from me to you.

Your membership in our COA provides so much, let's make sure you're getting the most out of it.

- Ron

Ronald G. Seger, OD, FAAO
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HERE'S WHAT YOU CAN EXPECT IN PRESIDENTIAL PEARLS:

QUICK

Presidential Pearls will highlight COA member benefits and services and will take thirty seconds or less to read.

CONNECT

Action steps to implement and utilize highlighted COA member benefits will be clear, concise and easy to follow.

VALUE

COA member benefits and services are designed with your specific needs in mind and can enhance your life and career.

THANK YOU FOR BEING A MEMBER OF OUR COA.

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HISTORIC ACHIEVEMENT

Last year, with the passage of AB-443, COA expanded the scope of practice for every optometrist in California.

This incredible achievement gives CA ODs the ability to administer specific vaccines to patients over 18 after receiving training and certification.

YOU HAVE AN EARLY OPPORTUNITY TO CAPITALIZE ON OUR GAINS

In partnership with certification providers, COA is your connection to immunization certification!

COA DID THIS FOR YOU.

It's YOUR time to reap the benefits!

From the California State Board of Optometry – Immunizations by Optometrists

There has been a great deal of interest in the implementation of Assembly Bill 443 (Salas, Chapter 549, Statutes of 2017), which would allow a TPA-Certified Optometrist to administer immunizations if the optometrist meets certain requirements and applies for certification from the Board.

At present, the Board is not accepting applications, course completion certificates or payments for the immunization certification.
Immunization applications and payments sent to the Board will not be processed and will be returned to the licensee. The Board is not allowed to accept these until regulation implementing AB 443 becomes law (anticipated Spring of 2020).

The procedure for the immunization certification is currently undergoing the regulatory rulemaking process. The Board approved text (describing the certification procedure) and a draft application form at the April 5, 2019 meeting, but this was the first step in the process and not the final approval. The final regulation, including the actual text and application form, will be made by the Office of Administrative Law (OAL), not the Board. Licensees who have taken or are enrolled for a course in immunizations meeting all necessary requirements are advised to maintain completion certifications for submission to the Board in Spring 2020. The proposed regulation does allow any course taken after October 1, 2018 to be retroactively accepted. However, OAL makes the final decision and may make changes to retroactive acceptance or other parts of the procedure submitted by the Board.

If you have any questions, please email the Board: optometry@dca.ca.gov
California State Board of Optometry
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Sacramento, CA 95834
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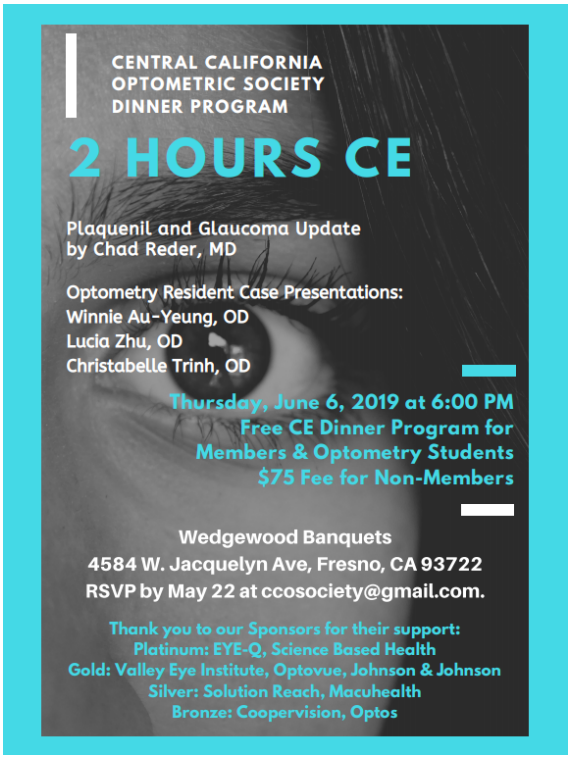
UPCOMING EVENTS



BOWLERO WITH JOHNSON&JOHNSON

Wednesday, July 24, 6:30-9:00pm

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Posted May 2019

Bilingual Spanish/English Optometric Director

Community Health Center in Santa Ana is seeking a full time optometric director for our mobile homeless, mobile school and stationary optometry clinics. We are looking for an optometrist with several years of experience with a strong commitment for serving low income, homeless and uninsured patients. We offer a competitive salary and benefits. If interested please contact Sam Hahn at shahn@servethepeoplechc.org or telephone (949)338-9340.

Serve the People is a nonprofit federally Qualified Health Center that provides medical, dental, vision, mental health and substance abuse services to low income, uninsured and homeless patients in Central and Northern Orange County. We have a stationary optometry clinic in Santa Ana and a mobile vision vehicle that we use for weekly clinics at schools and homeless shelters.

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Posted March 2019

Dr. Kevin Kummerfeld has an opening for a Optometrist to work in his clinic in Dushanbe, Tajikistan this summer. Dr. Kummerfeld has a private Ophthalmology Clinic in the capital city of Tajikistan for eye care and training of local physicians. One of the MDs is going on a sabbatical this summer and he will need some help in the clinic. Dr. Kummerfeld worked at the Eye Medical Clinic here in Fresno and provided many hours of CE to the OD's here in the area. He will need assistance in doing regular examinations, especially pediatric, as well as assisting in the training of local physicians in eye treatment.
For further information you may contact him directly at skkummerfeld@fastmail.fm or me at rhandlyos@gmail.com. My cell is 559-213-7525.

Ralph Handly, OD

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Posted March 2019

EYE-Q Vision Care is regarded as one of the leading eye care centers in Central California. We are committed to excellence because our patients turn to us for the best eye care treatment available. Our team of ophthalmologists, optometrists, and professional support staff handle all aspects of eye and vision care from general exams to complex surgeries. Founded in 1956, we provide excellent learning opportunities, a team of outstanding coworkers, and exceptional compensation and benefits.

We are seeking a PEDIATRIC OPTOMETRIST to work with our established team. If you are a qualified Optometrist who has the following qualifications, we would like to meet you:

- Board Certified in California (or able to obtain)
- Residency with pediatric emphasis is preferred, but not required
- Highly skilled in comprehensive eye care exams and pre-testing
- Friendly and professional as to provide excellent care to our adult and pediatric patients.
- Detail oriented with knowledge of EHR
- Bi-lingual in English and Spanish
- Knowledge of NextGen a plus

Our Team, Facility & Services:

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- Full back office support
- Excellent compensation, benefits and retention programs.

We are an Equal Opportunity Employer.
Please forward resume with credentials to *Kimberly Hauxhurst at Khauxhurst@eyeqvc.com* to be considered for this position. We look forward to meeting you!

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Optometry Equipment for Sale (Posted December 2018)

Dr. Dennis Chinn is selling his Fashion Display Unit frame boards. Contact Dr. Chinn's office if you are interested. Contact information is dennischinnod@gmail.com, 559-224-8302. His office is located at 5151 N. Palm.

Practice for Sale in Morro Bay, CA (Posted November 2018)

"Plug and Play in Morro Bay"
Our established community practice of over forty years is a dream opportunity for anyone looking for a turn-key operation in the heart of Morro Bay, a beautiful, easygoing beach town twenty minutes from San Luis Obispo. The practice grosses over $550K annually on part-time doctor hours. Top-notch building and equipment include an Optos Daytona retinal camera, an RTVue OCT, Revolution software and a large inventory of current, stylish frames. Our capable staff are excited to come to work every day.

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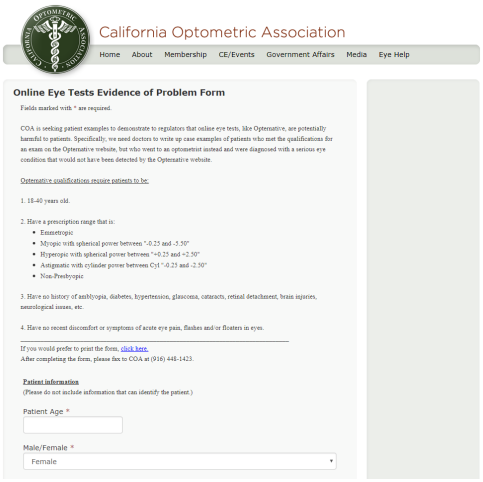
Online Vision Tests

Help COA Raise Awareness about the Dangers of Online Vision Tests

REPORT PATIENT EXAMPLES OF SERIOUS EYE CONDITIONS THAT WOULD HAVE BEEN MISSED BY ONLINE EYE TESTS



Click Here to Report

Several companies, such as Opternative, market online "vision tests" directly to consumers for the purpose of obtaining an eye glass or contact lens prescription. This technology allows patients to self-administer a series of visual tests and pay for an eyeglass prescription signed by an "optometrist" or "ophthalmologist."

The Federal Drug Administration issued a warning to Opternative in 2017 demanding cessation of marketing its online product. Opternative continues to operate under apparent violation of federal law.

Furthermore, Opternative has partnered with 1-800-Contacts to enable patients to obtain contact lenses without an in-person exam. This new technology promises consumers convenience and affordability but also raises concerns for patient safety.

As primary eye care providers, we are on the front line and have numerous examples of how this online technology can do our patients a serious injustice. We know this can range from missing contact lens related problems such as fitting issues or corneal damage to sight threatening problems like glaucoma or retinal detachments -- or even life-threatening diagnoses such as uncontrolled diabetes, malignant hypertension or tumors.

COA is collecting examples of such cases to fully inform regulators about the dangers of online vision tests. To report your own case, click on the button above.

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