

Welcome to the Optometric Education Consultants Nashville Music City Fall Classic 2020

Welcome to our second Nashville conference. The philosophy of The Optometric Education Consultants (OEC) is to help optometrists enhance care of their patients through timely, clinically pertinent, and highly interactive education. OEC assembles top clinical educators to deliver high-quality COPE-approved continuing education in a relaxed, comfortable setting. Many conferences have been cancelled or have gone virtual, and we are honored you have chosen to spend this time with us.

Perhaps, like many of you, this is your first live conference within this new culture we now reside in, and we want you to feel comfortable. Countless hours have been spent by the hotel staff and OEC to create a safe environment that is conducive to learning. Some of these items include checking temperatures daily and asking anyone who registers 100.3 or higher to sit out for the day (with a refund of course). The wearing of masks, hand sanitizer stations, fixed seating for the weekend, and social distancing measures for meals and the exhibit hall are just a few of the steps taken to ensure your safety and comfort. This does require some additional effort on your part as well, and we appreciate your cooperation.

We could not offer the pricing, meals and guest speakers without our exhibitors and ask you to take some time to visit with them during breaks. Several gift cards will be awarded to those who participate in our touchless game. In lieu of BINGO cards, we ask you to use your cell phone and take a picture of the unique QR code that each exhibitor will provide. This information is electronically recorded, and those that visit **all** of our business partners then become eligible for the drawing.

Schedules are developed with your comfort in mind, so you have time to learn, interact with exhibitors and, very importantly, relax and enjoy yourself. Regardless of the location, our conferences are always COPE and Florida CE Broker approved. Should you need additional hours consider our webinar schedule. Below are just some of our upcoming webinars:

COURSE TITLE	DATE
Opioid Choices and Issues for Patient and Practitioner	Sunday, November 22, 2020
Mistakes to Avoid in Glaucoma Management	Sunday, November 29, 2020
Prevention of Medical Errors	Tuesday, December 1, 2020
Florida Jurisprudence	Wednesday, December 2, 2020
Human Trafficking	Thursday, December 3, 2020
Conversations in Optic Nerve and Retinal Vascular Disease	Sunday, December 6, 2020
Rules and Exceptions in Neuro-Ophthalmic Disease	Sunday, December 13, 2020
HIV and AIDS: What Every Optometrist Needs to Know	Tuesday, December 15, 2020
Neuro-Ophthalmic Disease Update	Thursday, December 17, 2020
Challenging and Controversial Topics in Glaucoma	Sunday, December 20, 2020

The website is: <https://www.optometricedu.com/webinars/>

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Greg, Joe, and Vanessa

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Friday, November 13, 2020		
6:45 am – 7:30 am	Registration and Breakfast	CE Credit Hours
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Innovation and Information Industry Partner Talk Dompe	No CE credit
8:00 am – 9:40 am	Clinical Decisions in Retina Mark Dunbar, OD	2 hrs. CEE
9:40 am -10:10 am	Introductions and Break with Sponsors	
10:10 am – 11:50 am	Glaucoma Gauntlet: Managing the Challenging Cases Joseph Sowka, OD, Greg Caldwell, OD, Mark Dunbar, OD	2 hrs. CEE
11:50 am – 1:10 pm	Break with Sponsors & Lunch Talks Novartis Biotissue	
1:10 pm – 2:50 pm	AMD A-to-OCT-to-RI-to-Z Greg Caldwell, OD	2 hrs. CEE
2:50 pm – 3:20 pm	Introductions and Break with Sponsors	
3:20 pm - 4:10 pm	10 Hacks for OCT Interpretation in Glaucoma Mark Dunbar, OD	1 hr.
4:10 pm – 5:00 pm	Hands on Prokera Workshop – Insertion & Everything You Need to Know Presented complementary by BioTissue	No CE credit
Saturday, November 14, 2020		
7:00 am – 7:30 am	Registration and Breakfast	CE Credit Hours
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Innovation and Information Industry Partner Talk Maculogix	No CE credit
8:00 am – 9:40 am	Anterior and Posterior Segment Case Presentations - Enough Pearls to Make a Necklace Greg Caldwell, OD	2 hrs. CEE
9:40 am – 10:00 am	Break with Sponsors	
10:00 am – 11:40 am	Ocular Emergencies: A Week of Walk-Ins Lori Vollmer, OD	2 hrs. CEE
11:40 am – 1:00 pm	Break with Sponsors & Lunch Talks B+L	
1:00 pm – 2:40 pm	Rules and Exceptions to the Rules in Neuro-Ophthalmic Disease Joseph Sowka, OD	2 hrs. CEE
2:40 pm – 3:00 pm	Break with Sponsors Exhibit Hall Closes	

3:00 pm – 3:50 pm	OCT-Angiography What You Need to Know with this New Technology Greg Caldwell, OD	1 hr.
Sunday, November 15, 2020		
7:00am – 7:30 am	Check-In, & Breakfast	
7:30 am - 8:00 am	Innovation and Information Industry Partner Talk Glaukos	No CE credit
8:00am -9:40am	Visual Dysfunction Following Acquired Brain Injury - What to Expect Heather McBryar, OD	2 hrs. CEE
9:40 am – 9:50 am	Break (split room)	
9:50 am-11:30 am <i>Concurrent</i>	The Effectiveness of Low Vision Rehabilitation Improving Daily Living and Quality of Life Heather McBryar, OD	2 hrs. CEE
9:50 am-11:30 am <i>Concurrent</i>	Prevention of Medical Errors Joseph Sowka OD	2 hrs.
11:30 am- 1:10 pm <i>Concurrent</i>	Opioid Prescribing Issues for Patient and Practitioner Greg Caldwell, OD	2 hrs. CEE
11:30 am- 1:10 pm <i>Concurrent</i>	Florida Jurisprudence Joseph Sowka, OD	2 hrs.

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†Pooled analysis of Phase 3 clinical studies. **Study 1:** 29% LOTEMAX® SM (N=171) vs 9% vehicle (N=172). **Study 2:** 31% LOTEMAX® SM (N=200) vs 20% vehicle (N=199); $P < 0.05$ for all.

‡Pooled analysis of Phase 3 clinical studies. **Study 1:** 73% LOTEMAX® SM (N=171) vs 48% vehicle (N=172). **Study 2:** 76% LOTEMAX® SM (N=200) vs 50% vehicle (N=199); $P < 0.05$ for all.

Indication

LOTEMAX® SM (loteprednol etabonate ophthalmic gel) 0.38% is a corticosteroid indicated for the treatment of post-operative inflammation and pain following ocular surgery.

Important Safety Information

- LOTEMAX® SM, as with other ophthalmic corticosteroids, is contraindicated in most viral diseases of the cornea and conjunctiva including epithelial herpes simplex keratitis (dendritic keratitis), vaccinia, and varicella, and also in mycobacterial infection of the eye and fungal diseases of ocular structures.
- Prolonged use of corticosteroids may result in glaucoma with damage to the optic nerve, defects in visual acuity and fields of vision. Steroids should be used with caution in the presence of glaucoma. If LOTEMAX® SM is used for 10 days or longer, IOP should be monitored.
- Use of corticosteroids may result in posterior subcapsular cataract formation.

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Important Safety Information (cont.)

- The use of steroids after cataract surgery may delay healing and increase the incidence of bleb formation. In those with diseases causing thinning of the cornea or sclera, perforations have been known to occur with the use of topical steroids. The initial prescription and renewal of the medication order should be made by a physician only after examination of the patient with the aid of magnification such as slit lamp biomicroscopy and, where appropriate, fluorescein staining.
- Prolonged use of corticosteroids may suppress the host response and thus increase the hazard of secondary ocular infections. In acute purulent conditions, steroids may mask infection or enhance existing infections.
- Employment of a corticosteroid medication in the treatment of patients with a history of herpes simplex requires great caution. Use of ocular steroids may prolong the course and may exacerbate the severity of many viral infections of the eye (including herpes simplex).
- Fungal infections of the cornea are particularly prone to develop coincidentally with long-term local steroid application. Fungus invasion must be considered in any persistent corneal ulceration where a steroid has been used or is in use. Fungal cultures should be taken when appropriate.
- Contact lenses should not be worn when the eyes are inflamed.
- There were no treatment-emergent adverse drug reactions that occurred in more than 1% of subjects in the three times daily group compared to vehicle.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Please see brief summary of Prescribing Information on adjacent page.

References: 1. LOTEMAX SM Prescribing Information. Bausch & Lomb Incorporated. 2. Data on file. Bausch & Lomb Incorporated. 3. Cavet ME, Glogowski S, Lowe ER, Phillips E. Rheological properties, dissolution kinetics, and ocular pharmacokinetics of loteprednol etabonate (submicron) ophthalmic gel 0.38%. *J Ocul Pharmacol Ther.* 2019. doi: 10.1089/jop.2019.35(5):291-300.

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BRIEF SUMMARY OF PRESCRIBING INFORMATION

This Brief Summary does not include all the information needed to use LOTEMAX[®] SM safely and effectively. See full prescribing information for LOTEMAX[®] SM.

LOTEMAX[®] SM (loteprednol etabonate ophthalmic gel) 0.38%
For topical ophthalmic use
Initial U.S. Approval: 1998

INDICATIONS AND USAGE

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DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Invert closed bottle and shake once to fill tip before instilling drops. Apply one drop of LOTEMAX[®] SM into the conjunctival sac of the affected eye three times daily beginning the day after surgery and continuing throughout the first 2 weeks of the post-operative period.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

LOTEMAX[®] SM, as with other ophthalmic corticosteroids, is contraindicated in most viral diseases of the cornea and conjunctiva including epithelial herpes simplex keratitis (dendritic keratitis), vaccinia, and varicella, in mycobacterial infection of the eye and fungal diseases of ocular structures.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

Intraocular Pressure (IOP) Increase: Prolonged use of corticosteroids may result in glaucoma with damage to the optic nerve, defects in visual acuity and fields of vision. Steroids should be used with caution in the presence of glaucoma. If this product is used for 10 days or longer, intraocular pressure should be monitored.

Cataracts: Use of corticosteroids may result in posterior subcapsular cataract formation.

Delayed Healing: The use of steroids after cataract surgery may delay healing and increase the incidence of bleb formation. In those diseases causing thinning of the cornea or sclera, perforations have been known to occur with the use of topical steroids. The initial prescription and renewal of the medication order should be made by a physician only after examination of the patient with the aid of magnification such as slit lamp biomicroscopy and, where appropriate, fluorescein staining.

Bacterial Infections: Prolonged use of corticosteroids may suppress the host response and thus increase the hazard of secondary ocular infections. In acute purulent conditions of the eye, steroids may mask infection or enhance existing infection.

Viral infections: Employment of a corticosteroid medication in the treatment of patients with a history of herpes simplex requires great caution. Use of ocular steroids may prolong the course and may exacerbate the severity of many viral infections of the eye (including herpes simplex).

Fungal Infections: Fungal infections of the cornea are particularly prone to develop coincidentally with long-term local steroid application. Fungus invasion must be considered in any persistent corneal ulceration where a steroid has been used or is in use. Fungal cultures should be taken when appropriate.

Contact Lens Wear: Contact lenses should not be worn when the eyes are inflamed.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Because clinical trials are conducted under widely varying conditions, adverse reaction rates observed in the clinical trials of a drug cannot be directly compared to rates in the clinical trials of another drug and may not reflect the rates observed in practice. Adverse reactions associated with ophthalmic steroids include elevated intraocular pressure, which may be associated with infrequent optic nerve damage, visual acuity and field defects, posterior subcapsular cataract formation, delayed wound healing and secondary ocular infection from pathogens including herpes simplex, and perforation of the globe where there is thinning of the cornea or sclera. There were no treatment-emergent adverse drug reactions that occurred in more than 1% of subjects in the three times daily group compared to vehicle.

USE IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS

Pregnancy: Risk Summary: There are no adequate and well controlled studies with loteprednol etabonate in pregnant women. Loteprednol etabonate produced teratogenicity at clinically relevant doses in the rabbit and rat when administered orally during pregnancy. Loteprednol etabonate

produced malformations when administered orally to pregnant rabbits at doses 4.2 times the recommended human ophthalmic dose (RHOD) and to pregnant rats at doses 106 times the RHOD. In pregnant rats receiving oral doses of loteprednol etabonate during the period equivalent to the last trimester of pregnancy through lactation in humans, survival of offspring was reduced at doses 10.6 times the RHOD. Maternal toxicity was observed in rats at doses 1066 times the RHOD, and a maternal no observed adverse effect level (NOAEL) was established at 106 times the RHOD. The background risk of major birth defects and miscarriage for the indicated population is unknown. However, the background risk in the U.S. general population of major birth defects is 2 to 4%, and of miscarriage is 15 to 20%, of clinically recognized pregnancies. Data: *Animal Data.* Embryofetal studies were conducted in pregnant rabbits administered loteprednol etabonate by oral gavage on gestation days 6 to 18, to target the period of organogenesis. Loteprednol etabonate produced fetal malformations at 0.1 mg/kg (4.2 times the recommended human ophthalmic dose (RHOD) based on body surface area, assuming 100% absorption). Spina bifida (including meningocele) was observed at 0.1 mg/kg, and exencephaly and craniofacial malformations were observed at 0.4 mg/kg (17 times the RHOD). At 3 mg/kg (128 times the RHOD), loteprednol etabonate was associated with increased incidences of abnormal left common carotid artery, limb flexures, umbilical hernia, scoliosis, and delayed ossification. Abortion and embryofetal lethality (resorption) occurred at 6 mg/kg (256 times the RHOD). A NOAEL for developmental toxicity was not established in this study. The NOAEL for maternal toxicity in rabbits was 3 mg/kg/day. Embryofetal studies were conducted in pregnant rats administered loteprednol etabonate by oral gavage on gestation days 6 to 15, to target the period of organogenesis. Loteprednol etabonate produced fetal malformations, including absent innominate artery at 5 mg/kg (106 times the RHOD); and cleft palate, agnathia, cardiovascular defects, umbilical hernia, decreased fetal body weight and decreased skeletal ossification at 50 mg/kg (1066 times the RHOD). Embryofetal lethality (resorption) was observed at 100 mg/kg (2133 times the RHOD). The NOAEL for developmental toxicity in rats was 0.5 mg/kg (10.6 times the RHOD). Loteprednol etabonate was maternally toxic (reduced body weight gain) at 50 mg/kg/day. The NOAEL for maternal toxicity was 5 mg/kg. A peri/postnatal study was conducted in rats administered loteprednol etabonate by oral gavage from gestation day 15 (start of fetal period) to postnatal day 21 (the end of lactation period). At 0.5 mg/kg (10.6 times the clinical dose), reduced survival was observed in live-born offspring. Doses \geq 5 mg/kg (106 times the RHOD) caused umbilical hernia/incomplete gastrointestinal tract. Doses \geq 50 mg/kg (1066 times the RHOD) produced maternal toxicity (reduced body weight gain, death), decreased number of live-born offspring, decreased birth weight, and delays in postnatal development. A developmental NOAEL was not established in this study. The NOAEL for maternal toxicity was 5 mg/kg. **Lactation:** There are no data on the presence of loteprednol etabonate in human milk, the effects on the breastfed infant, or the effects on milk production. The developmental and health benefits of breastfeeding should be considered, along with the mother's clinical need for LOTEMAX[®] SM and any potential adverse effects on the breastfed infant from LOTEMAX[®] SM. **Pediatric Use:** Safety and effectiveness of LOTEMAX[®] SM in pediatric patients have not been established. **Geriatric Use:** No overall differences in safety and effectiveness have been observed between elderly and younger patients.

NONCLINICAL TOXICOLOGY

Carcinogenesis, Mutagenesis, Impairment of Fertility: Long-term animal studies have not been conducted to evaluate the carcinogenic potential of loteprednol etabonate. Loteprednol etabonate was not genotoxic *in vitro* in the Ames test, the mouse lymphoma tk assay, or in the chromosomal aberration test in human lymphocytes, or *in vivo* in the mouse micronucleus assay. Treatment of male and female rats with 25 mg/kg/day of loteprednol etabonate (533 times the RHOD based on body surface area, assuming 100% absorption) prior to and during mating caused preimplantation loss and decreased the number of live fetuses/live births. The NOAEL for fertility in rats was 5 mg/kg/day (106 times the RHOD).

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Ulcerative keratitis can occur. Patients should be monitored for resolution of epithelial defects.

The most common ocular adverse reaction was corneal opacity (haze). Other ocular side effects include punctate keratitis, corneal striae, dry eye, corneal epithelium defect, eye pain, light sensitivity, reduced visual acuity, and blurred vision.

These are not all of the side effects of the corneal collagen cross-linking treatment. For more information, go to www.livingwithkeratoconus.com to obtain the FDA-approved product labeling.

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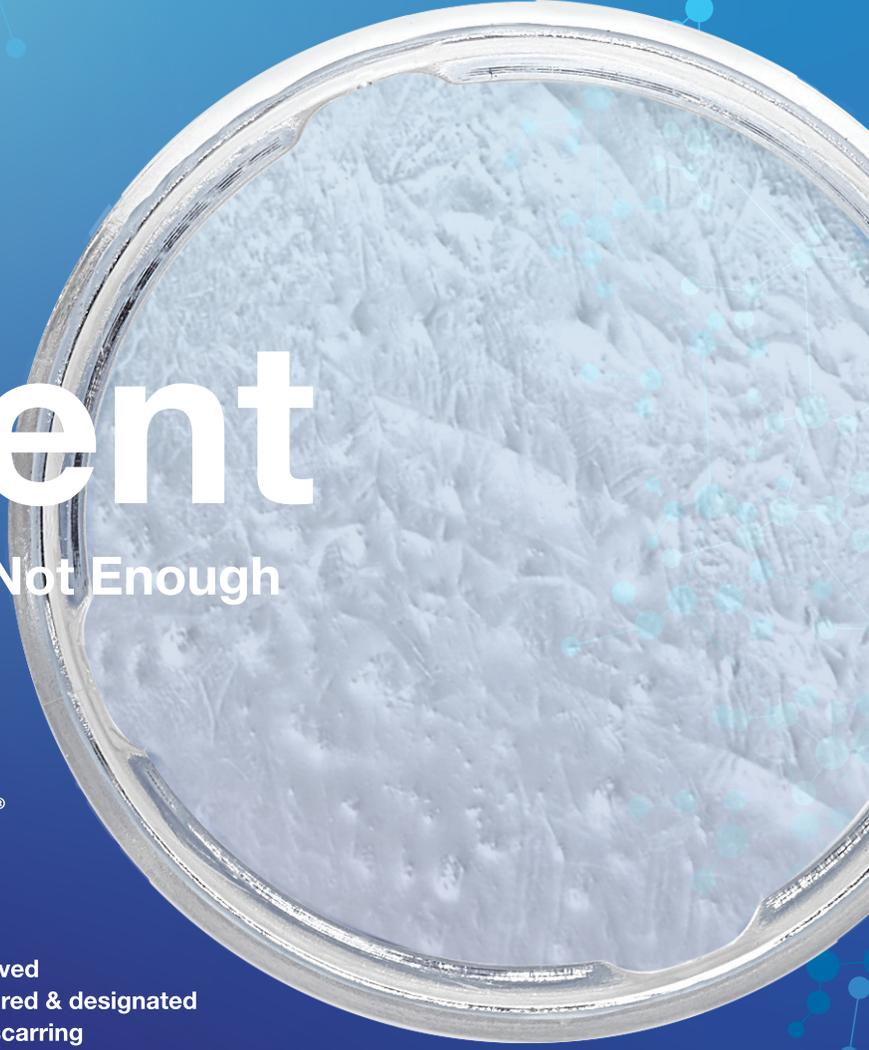
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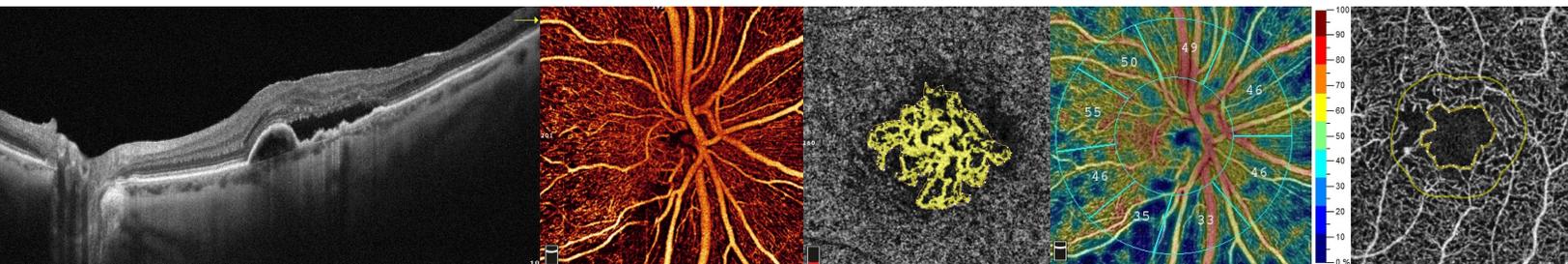
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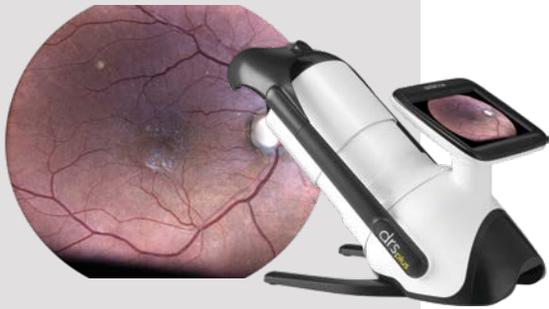
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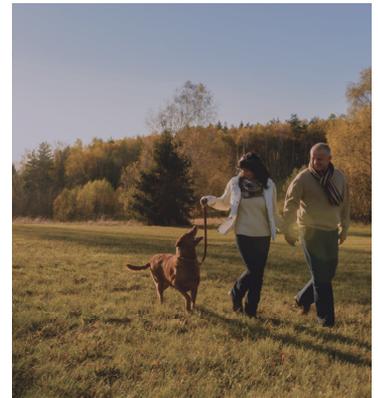
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Speaker : Paul Karpecki, OD

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SPEAKERS

Greg Caldwell, O.D., FAAO



Dr. Greg Caldwell, is a 1995 graduate of the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. He completed a one-year residency in primary care and ocular disease at the Eye Institute of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and Board Certified by the American Board of Optometry.

In addition to working with Doctors of Optometry as an ocular disease consultant, he is a highly respected lecturer. Dr. Caldwell lectures several times throughout the year to his colleagues. He has given over 300 lectures in numerous U.S. cities and in over 12 countries. Dr. Caldwell has been a participant in multiple FDA investigations.

Dr. Caldwell is a current member and past President of the Board of Directors for the Pennsylvania Optometric Association (POA). He currently chairs Third Party Committee of the POA and is the Board Chair of the Pennsylvania Optometric Political Action Committee. He is member of the State Government Committee for the American Optometric Association. He served 3 years on the Board of Trustees for the American Optometric Association. Currently, he is a member of the President's Council for the American Academy of Optometry (AAO).

Locally, Dr. Caldwell is the President of the Blair/Clearfield Association for the Blind and Visually-Impaired.

Dr. Caldwell has received many awards and in 2015 was awarded the Albert Fitch Memorial Alumnus of the Year from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry at Salus University.

Mark Dunbar, O.D., FAAO



Dr. Mark Dunbar has been a member of the optometric staff at the University of Miami's Bascom Palmer Eye Institute for over 30 years and currently serves as the Director of Optometric Services. He is also Co-Chairman of the Conference Advisory Board for Vision Expo.

Dr Dunbar is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and is a founding member of both the Optometric Glaucoma Society (OGS) and the Optometric Retina Society (ORS). Dr. Dunbar also serves on the Editorial Boards for *Review of Optometry* where he writes the monthly column "The Retina Quiz. "

Heather McBryar, O.D., FCOVD, Diplomate, American Board of Optometry



Dr. Heather McBryar graduated with honors from Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry. She is a Fellow of the College of Optometrists in Vision Development (COVD), a candidate for Fellowship in the Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation Association (NORA), and a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry (ABO).

Dr. McBryar has hospital privileges at Siskin Hospital for Physical Rehabilitation and is a co-founder of the Chattanooga Area Low Vision Network. She has lectured extensively on the topics of neuro-optometric rehabilitation and low vision. Southeast Vision Rehabilitation is a performance center of NIH/NEI funded Johns Hopkins research study: Comparative Studies of Low Vision Rehabilitative Outcome Measures.

Joseph Sowka, O.D., FAAO, Diplomate



Dr. Joseph Sowka is an attending optometric physician at Center for Sight in Sarasota, Florida, a large medical-surgical practice where he focuses on glaucoma management and neuro-ophthalmic disease. He was formerly Professor of Optometry at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry for 28 years where he served as Chief of The Advanced Care Service and Director of the Glaucoma Service at the College's Eye Institute. He was the Program Coordinator and Supervisor for the Ocular Disease Residency. Dr. Sowka is a founding member of both the Optometric Glaucoma Society and Optometric Retina Society. He is also the Founder and Chair of the Neuro-Ophthalmic Disorders in Optometry Special Interest Group for the American Academy of Optometry. Dr. Sowka is a Glaucoma Diplomate of the American Academy of Optometry. He is a partner and co-owner of Optometric Education Consultants.

Lori Vollmer, O.D., MS, FAAO



Dr. Lori Vollmer earned her undergraduate degree in Biology from the University of South Florida in 1990. She graduated with honors and distinction from Nova Southeastern University, College of Optometry in 2002. She completed a residency in ocular disease at the Aran Eye Associates in Miami, Florida in July 2003. She completed a Masters' of Science in Nutrition from the Nova Southeastern University College of Osteopathic Medicine in 2018 with an emphasis in Sports Nutrition.

Dr. Vollmer currently works at Center for Sight in Sarasota Florida where she provides comprehensive eyecare in a medical/surgical setting. Prior to joining Center for Sight, she worked in academia at Nova Southeastern University for 16 years holding the rank of Professor where she served as an Attending Physician in the Primary Care Clinic as well as the Diabetes and Macula Clinic. She served in college administration as the Director of Residency Programs for the College of Optometry for 13 years mentoring and supervising residents. Her classroom teaching experience included a course in Nutrition and Ocular Health as well as guest lectures in anterior and posterior segment ocular disease.

Dr. Vollmer has several published articles in optometric journals and has delivered numerous continuing education lectures nationally and internationally in ocular disease, trauma, medical and surgical management and nutrition. She also serves as a reviewer for optometric journal publications.

Dr. Vollmer is a Fellow in the American Academy of Optometry, Fellow in the Optometric Retina Society, member of the Optometric Wellness and Nutrition Society, member of the American Optometric Association and member of the Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (FAND).

Dr. Vollmer served on the Board of the Broward County Optometric Association for over 10 years and is a Past President of the BCOA. Dr. Vollmer also serves as a team chair consultant for the Accreditation Council on Optometric Education (ACOE).