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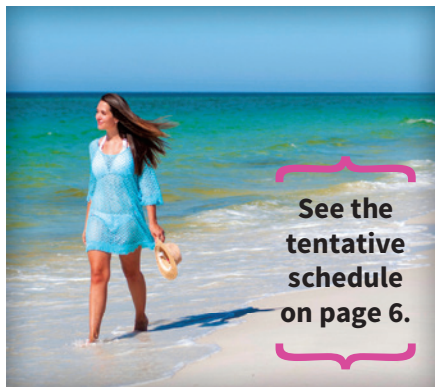
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GEORGIA OPTOMETRY**

# 118th Annual Summer Conference MIRAMAR BEACH, FL

THE GOA IS PROUD TO OFFER SOME OF THE BEST CONTINUING EDUCATION EVENTS IN THE SOUTHEAST. THIS YEAR, FOR OUR 118TH ANNUAL SUMMER CONFERENCE, WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT HOTEL EFFIE SANDESTIN IN MIRAMAR BEACH, FL.

Dr. Mark Dunbar and Dr. Jessica Steen will be headlining our speaker circuit along with lectures from our GOA Partners at Omni Eye Services, Georgia Retina and Thomas Eye Group. Aubrey Villines, GOA general counsel, will be closing out our education with his Georgia Laws and Rules lecture.

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## GOA Upcoming Events

**June 2-5, 2022**  
**Annual Summer Conference**  
Hotel Effie, Miramar Beach, FL

**October 21-23, 2022**  
**Annual Fall Conference**  
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# Preserve, Promote & Advance

**FRIENDS AND COLLEAGUES, AS MY PRESIDENCY WINDS DOWN, I REFLECT ON THE UPS AND DOWNS OF THE PAST YEAR. FIRST, IT HAS TRULY BEEN AN HONOR TO SERVE AS YOUR 2021-2022 GOA PRESIDENT. I'VE BEEN ABLE TO CONNECT WITH SO MANY GREAT COLLEAGUES THROUGHOUT THE MEMBERSHIP THAT ARE COMMITTED TO OUR PROFESSION.**

I have felt fortunate to play an active role in paving the way for the future by preserving, promoting, and advancing optometry in the state of Georgia.

Our largest threat this past legislative session came from unscrupulous contact lens companies trying to take patients out of our chairs. These outside entities were halted dead in their tracks earlier this year by our amazing legislative team, **preserving** our profession.

A great opportunity to demonstrate the value of in-person care unfolded while we were attending Optometry's Day at the Capitol in March. A senator approached and let us know that he had an eye issue — likely a corneal abrasion. I was able to triage and treat the issue on the spot and offer the senator much needed relief. We were able to provide live, emergent eyecare that truly **promoted** our profession at the Capitol. The recent "How an Optometrist Changed My Life" contest story also **promoted** optometry to the public. I encourage you to share your stories with GOA throughout the year to educate the public on the importance of optometric eye care services.

Finally, when I reflect on my term, I see it as a time with many **advancements** for the association. We were able to relaunch programs that were paused due to Covid — the GOA Leadership Academy, Young OD events, local district meetings, committee meetings, live CE — and the list goes on.

As the end of my term draws near, I'd like to thank the GOA Executive Committee: Dr. Jeanne Perrine, Dr. John Titak, Dr. Nacondus Gamble, Dr. Melonie Clemmons, Dr. Frank Winski and Dr. Nadine Forché. Also, a huge thanks to the entire board of Trustees, committee chairs/members for all your input and enthusiastic hard work.

Now, as we head into the summer conference, I would urge you all to check yourselves. Consider what you have done to preserve, promote and advance our profession in the last year, and how you plan to continue to do so in the future. I look forward to seeing you all soon at the beach!

## #PreservePromoteAdvance

Dr. Darrell Sorah  
**PRESIDENT**



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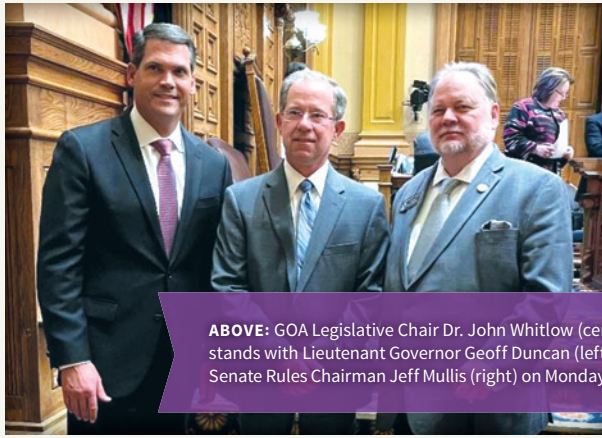


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**ABOVE:** GOA Legislative Chair Dr. John Whitlow (center) stands with Lieutenant Governor Geoff Duncan (left) and Senate Rules Chairman Jeff Mullis (right) on Monday, April 4.

## GOA Lobby Team

CONCLUDES 2022 **LEGISLATIVE SESSION**

**THE GEORGIA GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONCLUDED  
THE 2022 LEGISLATIVE SESSION ON APRIL 4.**

The GOA lobby team worked diligently to prevent unscrupulous contact lens companies from overturning the GOA's ban on online eye exams in the final days of the legislative session.

Thank you to everyone who contacted their legislators this session to educate them on the issues facing our profession. Additional thanks to GOA General Counsel Aubrey Villines, GOA Lobbyist Jeremy Collins, GOA President Dr. Darrell Sorah, House Minority Leader and GOA Member Dr. James Beverly, and GOA legislative Chair Dr. John Whitlow.

The GOA looks forward to strengthening our relationships with our friends in the Legislature as we prepare for the next legislative session.

## **YOUNG OD {RECAP}** Night AT THE Hawks



ON **THURSDAY, MARCH 31** THE GOA HOSTED THE YOUNG OD NIGHT AT THE HAWKS EVENT AT STATE FARM ARENA.

THE EVENT OFFERED YOUNG ODS THE OPPORTUNITY TO NETWORK, WATCH PREGAME WARMUPS, AND WATCH THE ATLANTA HAWKS FACE OFF AGAINST THE CLEVELAND CAVALIERS.

THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR YOUNG ODS WHO ATTENDED THE EVENT. WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE NEXT ONE!

# Thank you

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# “How an Optometrist

## CONTEST WINNER CELEBRATED LEADERS OF THE GEORGIA OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION RECENTLY CELEBRATED ANDREA CLARK OF DOUGLASVILLE, A PATIENT OF DR. MEHRDAD E. SAADAT OF TULMAN EYE GROUP, AS WINNER OF THE “HOW AN OPTOMETRIST CHANGED MY LIFE” 2021 CONTEST.

In her contest entry, Ms. Clark described how she was convinced that her headaches and vision problems were only aftereffects of her bout with COVID-19 and thought she just needed stronger contact lenses or a new prescription to stop those severe headaches.

Instead, thanks to a visit with her doctor of optometry, Dr. Saadat, she was saved from a possible stroke and a lifetime of pain when

vision in one eye along with experiencing the sensation of looking through a white filter, which seemed to affect both eyes.

A busy mom, employee and student, she lived with these issues for about three months before she had time to see an eye doctor.

“Each day in Georgia, thousands of people visit their doctor of optometry for routine care and alerted to medical conditions of which

they performed Visual Evoked Potential (VEP) and Electroretinography (ERG) testing.

At that second appointment he reviewed the test results with her, suggested that she have an MRI and referred her to a neurologist.

The third time Dr. Saadat spoke with her, he had a more direct conversation about his concerns and the need for Clark to get an MRI as soon as possible. They needed to eliminate the possibility of a lesion on her brain.

“I have to admit that I had some hesitation because I didn’t want to believe that my vision was bad because of anything growing on my brain,” Clark said. “I was here for a new contact lens prescription. I simply thought the suggestion of a major problem was rather



his actions led to the discovery of a lime-sized tumor on her pituitary gland. Clark, who works in talent acquisition and was pursuing a bachelor’s degree in human resource management online, was spending long hours in front of her laptop.

“I thought beating COVID-19 in July 2020 was one of the biggest challenges of my life,” Clark says. “Then, about two months after recovering from my bout with COVID, I started experiencing some of the worst headaches I had ever had and nothing seemed to make them go away. I couldn’t sleep because the pain was unbearable.”

Clark eventually started to have blurred

vision in one eye along with experiencing the sensation of looking through a white filter, which seemed to affect both eyes. A busy mom, employee and student, she lived with these issues for about three months before she had time to see an eye doctor. “Each day in Georgia, thousands of people visit their doctor of optometry for routine care and alerted to medical conditions of which they might not be aware,” said Dr. Darrell Sorah, president of the GOA. “Early manifestations of over 270 systemic and chronic health conditions such as diabetes, hypertension, high cholesterol, autoimmune disease and even cancers can be detected during a comprehensive exam. Dr. Saadat’s care of Ms. Clark showed once again the powerful impact that an in-person comprehensive eye exam can have on an individual’s life.”

During their first visit, Clark noticed Dr. Saadat growing more and more intrigued by the test results.

He asked her to come back the very next day for an urgent appointment during which

farfetched, to be honest.”

A few months passed and Clark’s vision and headaches seemed to get worse. She called Dr. Saadat’s office, aggravated that he wouldn’t prescribe new contact lenses to help her vision and headaches. Saadat again stressed that the MRI was necessary to complete a full analysis of the situation.

By mid-February 2021, Clark had gathered the funds for the co-pay and had the MRI. She remembers Dr. Saadat calling a few days later with very troubling news.

“When I heard his voice over the phone on a Saturday afternoon, I could sense that something was wrong. Before he explained



# Changed My Life”

by **Dan Curran**  
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the reason for his call, he uttered words that I will never forget. ‘Do you want to gather your family around first?’ My heart and stomach suddenly turned into one big knot.”

Thanks to Dr. Saadat’s persistence and drilling down into what the real issue was, the MRI revealed that Clark had a tumor, the size of a lime, 4.7cm, growing on her pituitary gland.

The tumor had started growing into other cavities in her brain as well and been pressing against her optic nerve, which is how Saadat had detected the issues.

“This was such a devastating diagnosis, I was dumbfounded that I had been carrying around this undiagnosed tumor for years,” she said.

Interestingly, the procedure also revealed a host of other medical issues resulting from the damaged pituitary gland.

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“This was like finding a major piece to the puzzle of my medical issues I had been battling for nearly 10 years,” Clark says.

Since the pituitary gland is often called the ‘master’ gland, it threw all sorts of things off in her body. In hindsight, she recognizes health issues were caused by the tumor literally taking command of the pituitary gland.

“Hormonal issues that I’ve had for most of my adult life — weight gain, menstrual irregularities, increased urination — are understood now that we know how impaired the pituitary gland was,” she stated.

Once it was found, Clark underwent a transsphenoidal extraction to remove the tumor. Her eyesight has returned to normal

with no further vision challenges.

“The excruciating headaches are now gone and I owe Dr. Saadat many thanks for pushing me to invest in my health,” Clark said. “Together with the neurology and endocrinology team my life was saved.” Her advice? “Most certainly, go see an optometrist, go to a practice, they dig deeper, they go further, they put you through rigorous testing to drill down to the problem.”

GOA President Dr. Darrell Sorah met with Dr. Saadat and Ms. Clark to present her with the contest grand prize, a new Apple iPad. Contest promotions reached more than 12,000 people via **Facebook.com/GeorgiaOptometricAssociation** helping people learn about the importance of optometry.

Recently, Fox5 Atlanta’s Medical Team profiled Ms. Clark and Dr. Saadat helping thousands more learn about the need for annual

comprehensive eye exams.

The contest and media interviews were coordinated for the GOA by our PR consultant, Dan Curran of Curran Public Relations, LLC.

Each fall, the Georgia Optometric Association conducts the contest to help the public learn about the importance of comprehensive eye exams and the role doctors of optometry play in protecting patients’ overall health.

Thanks to the many GOA members who encouraged patients to submit a contest entry. We look forward to seeing more entries this year!

If you have a patient with a similar story, contact Dan Curran at **770.658.9586** or **DanCurran@CurranPR.com**.



Save the Date!

## VSP Mobile Eye Clinic

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**  
**September 13-16, 2022**

GOA members are being asked to save the date and mark their calendars for the return of the VSP Mobile Eye Clinic September 13-16. In years past, several GOA members volunteered their time to make a difference in the lives of children whose families may not have been able to afford an eye exam or a new pair of eyeglasses. Many of the students had never had an eye exam before. Thanks to VSP Global, students who needed eyeglasses received them on that same day, usually in an hour. Volunteers should be comfortable working in a fast-paced, nontraditional clinic environment.

Garrett Davis of the GOA is coordinating this project with the assistance of Dan Curran of Curran PR, our public relations consultant. If you wish to express your interest in volunteering now, please send an email to [garrett@goaeyes.com](mailto:garrett@goaeyes.com).

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## GOA~PAC 365 HAVE YOU CONTRIBUTED IN 2022?

You might recall that in the beginning of 2022 the GOA Political Action Committee (PAC) asked you to contribute \$365 — the equivalent of one dollar a day — to the GOA-PAC. Have you given your contribution yet?

It is always important that we stand united together to protect and preserve the profession of optometry. As a legislated profession, there are threats to your practice status each year including the way you receive your licenses, disciplinary actions, scope of practice, access to patients and more. In order to help ensure our profession's future, it is important you contribute to GOA-PAC. Your contributions support candidates for office and current legislators who share our commitment to the future of optometry in Georgia.



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# SCHEDULE of CLASSES & EVENTS

## Thursday, June 2, 2022

- 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **GOA Board of Trustees Meeting**
- 10:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**
- 11:00 a.m. **Lunch**
- 11:15 a.m. **Welcome & Opening Remarks**  
Dr. Darrell Sorah, Jr., GOA President
- 11:30 a.m. – 1:10 p.m. **10 Hacks for OCT Interpretation in Retina and Glaucoma**  
(2hrs) COPE #74435-PD • **SPEAKER:** Mark T. Dunbar, OD, FAAO
- 1:25 p.m. – 1:55 p.m. **SPONSORED BY: Johnson & Johnson Vision (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)**
- 2:00 p.m. – 3:40 p.m. **The Glaucoma Puzzle: When the Pieces Don't Always Fit**  
(2hrs) COPE #77637-GL • **SPEAKER:** Mark T. Dunbar, OD, FAAO
- 3:40 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. **PM Refreshment/Break**
- 4:00 p.m. – 4:10 p.m. **SECO Update**
- 4:10 p.m. – 5:50 p.m. **Hot Topics in Retina**  
(2hrs) COPE #73273-PD • **SPEAKER:** Mark T. Dunbar, OD, FAAO
- 6:00 p.m. – 7:15 p.m. **GOA Welcome Reception • Bar/Hors d'oeuvres**
- 7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Board of Trustees Dinner**  
**HOSTED BY:** Johnson & Johnson Vision



## Friday, June 3, 2022

- 7:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**
- 7:30 a.m. – 9:10 a.m. **Therapeutic Innovations: The Game Changers**  
(2hrs) COPE #76052-PH • **SPEAKER:** Jessica Steen, OD
- 9:20 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. **AOA Update**
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **AM Refreshment Break**
- 10:00 a.m. – 10:50 a.m. **My Latest Favorite Cases**  
(1hr) COPE Approval Pending CE  
**SPEAKER:** Paul Ajamian, OD; Omni Eye Services of Atlanta
- 11:00 a.m. – 11:20 a.m. **Legislative Update**
- 11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m. **When Good Retinal Surgery Makes Glaucoma Go Bad**  
(1hr) COPE #76054-GL • **SPEAKER:** Jessica Steen, OD
- 12:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. **Exhibitor Set-Up**
- 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. **Exhibitor Reception & Family Fun Night • Bar/Hors d'oeuvres**



# GOA 118th ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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## Saturday, June 4, 2022

- 7:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Registration Desk Open**
- 7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast Buffet**
- 7:30 a.m. – 8:20 a.m. **Herpetic Eye Disease: From Acyclovir to Zoster**  
(1hr) COPE #77221-TD • **SPEAKER:** Jessica Steen, OD
- 8:30 a.m. – 9:20 a.m. **Practical Management of Ocular Pain**  
(1hr) COPE #78100-PH • **SPEAKER:** Jessica Steen, OD
- 9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. **Sponsored Presentation** (INFORMATIONAL ONLY)
- 9:45 a.m. – 10:15 a.m. **AM Refreshment Break**
- 10:10 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. **Topic TBD** • (1hr) COPE Accredited CE • **SPEAKER:** TBD
- 11:10 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. **If and When: Forming a Plan for Time-Sensitive Retina Referrals**  
(1hr) COPE APPROVAL PENDING  
**SPEAKER:** Alexander Bottini, MD, Georgia Retina
- 12:10 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. **Georgia Laws and Rules**  
(1hr) Non-COPE CE, GA State Board Approved CE  
**SPEAKER:** Aubrey Villines, GOA General Counsel
- 6:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. **President's Reception**
- 6:30 p.m. **Dinner Buffet Opens**
- 7:00 p.m. – 7:45 p.m. **Closing Presentation**  
Final remarks from **Dr. Darrell Sorah**; Officer Swearing In and  
Passing of the Gavel & Remarks from GOA President **Dr. John E. Titak**
- 7:45 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. **Closing Reception**

## Sunday, June 5, 2022

Meeting Adjourned



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# 2022 | 2023

## THE GOA NOMINATING COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES OFFICER CANDIDATES

The 2022 nominating committee, which consisted of Dr. Jeanne Perrine, Dr. Darrell Sorah, Dr. John Titak, Dr. Nacondus Gamble, Dr. Tom Spetalnick, Dr. Stuart Tasman, and Dr. Glenda Brown, have selected the following candidates as the nominees for GOA's 2022-2023 officers.



### **PRESIDENT: Dr. John E. Titak**

Dr. Titak attended Purdue University, receiving a bachelor's degree in biology. That was followed by earning his Doctorate of Optometry from the Indiana University School of Optometry. Upon graduation, he worked for Dr. Whitlord in Statesboro and then followed that by working with a multi-specialty group with several offices in east metro Atlanta. For the next 15 years he was a leaseholder at a commercial office south of Atlanta. Currently, he is a partner at Lake Oconee Eyecare in Greensboro. He has spent the last two years serving on the Board of Trustees of the Georgia Optometric Association. He currently resides in Avondale Estates with his wife and daughter.



### **PRESIDENT-ELECT: Dr. Nacondus Gamble**

Dr. Nacondus G. Gamble is a 2006 graduate of Salus University, formerly known as the Pennsylvania College of Optometry. She received a bachelor of science in chemistry and a bachelor of arts in biology from Columbia College. She is a member of the 2007 residency class in low vision from The Eye Institute. She moved to Georgia in 2008, and served in a private practice and a commercial practice for a few months. In 2009, she moved to her current position at Fort Stewart, Georgia. She is an active member of the GOA having served as trustee for districts 1 and 9 for the past eight years; co-chair of the Membership Committee; chair of the Wexler Scholarship; treasurer for the Georgia Optometric Foundation, and, as a member of the Corporate Committee and 2020 Credit Card Task Force. She is extremely active in her church and has participated in health programs designed to bring awareness of good eye health to her church and surrounding churches.



### **TREASURER: Dr. Nadine Humen Forché**

Dr. Nadine Humen Forché is a graduate with honors from the University of Pennsylvania where she received her bachelor of arts degree in Neurobiology. She was class valedictorian when she received her Doctorate in Optometry from the Ohio State University College of Optometry. She also completed her master's degree in Physiological Optics at the Graduate School at the Ohio State University for research on the effects of Alzheimer's Disease on the visual system the same year. She is a pre-optometry mentor for University of Georgia students. She is also the preceptor for optometry school externs from the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Optometry and the Ohio State University College of Optometry at Five Points Eye Care Center where she currently practices. Her hobbies include enjoying music, cooking, gardening, hiking, yoga and reading. She is a board member of Monsignor Donovan Catholic High School where her children graduated from in 2021. She is also the president of the board of trustees of Nuçi's Space, a non-profit health and resource center for musicians whose mission is to prevent suicide and advocate for those living with brain illness.



### **SECRETARY: Dr. Frank Winski**

Dr. Frank Winski is originally from Rochester, NY, but has called Atlanta home since graduating from the New England College of Optometry in 1989. He finished an ocular disease residency at Omni Eye Services of Atlanta in 1990 and is board certified by the American Board of Optometry. He joined Georgia Eye Associates in 1998. He enjoys the interaction with all of his patients but is especially interested in ocular disease and hard to fit contact lenses. He is past president of the Greater Atlanta Optometric Association and enjoys golfing, tennis, and spending time outdoors with his wife and three sons.





## New **WebMD** Feature on Dry Eye to Include GOA Member as Expert

WebMD, THE POPULAR ONLINE SOURCE FOR HEALTHCARE NEWS AND INFORMATION, WILL SOON POST A NEW FEATURE ON MEDICATION, TREATMENT AND LIFESTYLE TIPS FOR INDIVIDUALS DEALING WITH DRY EYE.

Dr. Lauren Dyak, director of the Woolfson Dry Eye Clinic, serves as the subject matter expert for this video feature. WebMD producers expect it to be posted online soon.

Dr. Dyak credited her ease at being interviewed to the media training she received as a member of the GOA Leadership Academy class of 2019.

The media training and WebMD interview were arranged for the GOA by Dan Curran, our PR consultant with Curran Public Relations, LLC. If you have a story that you think may help the public and increase consumer awareness of the profession of optometry, contact him at [DanCurran@CurranPR.com](mailto:DanCurran@CurranPR.com) or **770.658.9586**.

## Dr. Jeanne Perrine Awarded AOA Honor



*Dr. Jeanne Perrine, GOA immediate past president, was awarded the 2022 AOA Federal Advocacy Representative of the Year Award.*

**THE GOA CONGRATULATES  
HER ON THIS ACCOMPLISHMENT!**



## Changes ARE Coming FOR THE Medicaid Program IN Georgia

Two of the current managed care organizations have merged and this opens the door for a new managed care organization to participate. As an eye care professional, your focus is on patient health and practice growth. March<sup>®</sup> Vision Care, a part of UnitedHealthcare, shares the same commitment. March Vision Care is an eye care managed care platform rather than a traditional "vision plan" and that often provides optometry "carve out" plans that cover all services that are within the scope of optometry.

March is actively recruiting eye care providers for participation in this new Medicaid opportunity. Optometrists that are currently providing care for Medicaid plans or for those that wish to provide care for Medicaid participants should consider joining the March to maintain continuity of care to members that may switch plans. UnitedHealthcare Community Plan/March Vision Care are actively participating in the Request for Proposal process for the state to select the new managed care plan.

OPTOMETRIST INTERESTED IN APPLYING FOR PANEL MEMBERSHIP SHOULD SEND AN EMAIL TO [VISIONNOMINATIONS@UHC.COM](mailto:VISIONNOMINATIONS@UHC.COM).

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# GOA Classifieds

**FT, PT, Fill-In and Permanent  
OD Positions Available**

Vine Vision is seeking a FT OD. You might be surprised how good life is in rural GA! We have all of the equipment, all of the patients and all of the pay you are looking for! [drtaylor@vinevision.com](mailto:drtaylor@vinevision.com).

The largest multi-location private optometry practice in Houston County is expanding and looking for an energetic, compassionate doctor to join our strong team, full time or part time, and grow with us. Contact [Dr. Khoshooee@gmail.com](mailto:Dr.Khoshooee@gmail.com) to discuss.

Atlanta Eye Group is seeking a full-time OD to join our growing group of Lenscrafters practices. We are offering a robust starting package including but not limited to signing bonus, daily bonuses, PTO, health benefits and CE allowance. New grads encouraged to apply. For more information email us at [office@AtlantaEyeGroup.com](mailto:office@AtlantaEyeGroup.com).

Atlanta Eye Group is seeking a permanent part-time Sunday and Monday OD to join our growing group of LensCrafters Practices. We offer Competitive pay. New grads encouraged to apply. Email us at [office@AtlantaEyeGroup.com](mailto:office@AtlantaEyeGroup.com).

Looking for fill-in coverage for June 16-19, 2022. We are located inside the LensCrafters in East Cobb and utilize RevEHR, Optomap, and the NIDEK 5100 refraction system. If interested, email [rlakhaniod@gmail.com](mailto:rlakhaniod@gmail.com) or text **512.797.4471**.

Marietta Eye Clinic is accepting applications for an OD to join our exceptional and prominent regional medical practice in Douglasville, GA! Qualifications: Seeking candidates with at least two years of experience. Successful completion of an optometry residency required. Send curriculum vitae and 3 professional references to [ceo@mariettaeye.com](mailto:ceo@mariettaeye.com).

Savannah area private practice looking for full time OD for our Richmond Hill location. Mon-Fri, with no nights or weekends. Generous compensation and benefits package. Practice full-scope optometry. Please visit our website [LowCountryEye.com](http://LowCountryEye.com). Send CV to [TimDHendricks@gmail.com](mailto:TimDHendricks@gmail.com).

Comprehensive Eye is looking to hire a temporary FT optometrist for our office inside the Costco Wholesale in Alpharetta. Ideally, we are looking for a short-term, temporary optometrist from May-September, but are willing to negotiate if you are looking for longer/shorter work. If interested, reach out to [cryzuk@comprehensiveeyeco.com](mailto:cryzuk@comprehensiveeyeco.com).

Marietta Eye Clinic is accepting applications for both FT and PT optometrists to join our exceptional and prominent regional medical practice! Qualifications: Seeking Candidates with at least two years of experience in a medical environment. Successful completion of an optometry residency required. We offer a competitive salary with bonus potential. Benefits are available with this position as well! Send your Curriculum vitae and 3 professional references to [ceo@mariettaeye.com](mailto:ceo@mariettaeye.com).

Looking for fill-in OD in Sandy Springs for May 26-27; June 22-24 and July 11-15. Hours are 9am-6pm; about 15-20 patients per day. Great tech does all pretesting! Any or all days would be great! Please email [gemmaipatel@gmail.com](mailto:gemmaipatel@gmail.com) for questions.

Seeking fill-in OD/PT for a practice in Dalton, GA. For 1-2 days/wk (Tues +/-or Wed). Please email [gcod@gmail.com](mailto:gcod@gmail.com) or call **706.217.2350**.

FT or PT available at established, multi-doctor practice. Locations in Hampton and Zebulon. Techs supplied and trained to use Autorefractor, Tonometer, and Retinal Camera. Flexible schedule AND competitive pay. Contact [info@EyeCanSeeEyewear.com](mailto:info@EyeCanSeeEyewear.com).

We are expanding! Our rockstar team is seeking to add a FT compassionate, driven doctor to our new upscale private practice in Marietta, GA. We offer the best of both worlds with full-scope optometry and high quality eyewear. Latest technology with the BEST patient experience. Supportive work culture and endless growth potential. Learn more by emailing [careers@reimboldeye.com](mailto:careers@reimboldeye.com).

Eye Specialists of Georgia is a well established OD/MD progressive practice with 3 locations on the Southside of Atlanta (Atlanta, Riverdale, and Peachtree City). We are looking to add 1 full-time optometrist to our patient-centric practice who desires to practice FULL SCOPE Optometry and pick up an Established Clinic Schedule. Our ideal candidate has a residency and/or experience working in an OD/MD practice. To learn more about this opportunity, please contact Ahmed Nassar, MD, Managing Partner at [arnassar@bellsouth.net](mailto:arnassar@bellsouth.net) or text/call me directly at **404.488.7244**. All inquiries are held highly confidential.

Practice with surgery center ISO FT or PT optometrist. Flexible schedule. 4 exam lanes. 100% medical and no vision insurance. Onsite optical — cash only. Bethlehem, GA < 40 min from Atlanta. Send CV to [eyevertical1@yahoo.com](mailto:eyevertical1@yahoo.com) or call **770.820.6126**.

Smokey Powell Center of the Georgia Academy for the Blind is searching for a Low Vision Optometrist (licensed in Georgia) to conduct low vision clinics for students in Georgia. The position requires traveling to 5 locations for 2-day clinics in various parts of the state. For further information, please contact Mrs. Murray at [zmurray@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:zmurray@doe.k12.ga.us). Next school year clinics will be Gilmer, Muscogee, Okefenokee, Southwest Georgia RESA, and Chatham Counties.

Looking for a PT doctor to work Fridays and one Saturday/mo. Great staff support, Rev EHR, and optos imaging. Contact Tristan **312.502.1202**.

Athens Family Vision is seeking a FT or PT OD. M-F 8:30-5:00. Full scope optometry, utilizing state of the art equipment and veteran ophthalmic technicians. High compensation with a benefit package available. Email [afvc40@hotmail.com](mailto:afvc40@hotmail.com).

Established, busy Fayetteville practice looking for fill-in coverage on weekdays as soon as this month. No particular days needed at this time, anything can help. Less than 30 minutes from downtown Atlanta. Full tech staff, OPTOMAP, OPD, Digital Refraction. High base rate plus quantity bonuses. Call or text **770.605.6999** for inquiries or email [lezajeyecare@bellsouth.net](mailto:lezajeyecare@bellsouth.net).

Sunday OD needed. Hours 12-5. \$600 per day. Buford in the Mall of Georgia. Contact Dr. Bruce Reid at **770.313.5067**.

Beautiful Evans, Georgia is calling YOU! One of the last few independent optometric practices left needs an OD (FT/PT). Leave Atlanta! Let's face it, you're too old to go clubbing. Come enjoy better cost of living, good school districts, and good family fun! Inquire at [mbroome@od.sco.edu](mailto:mbroome@od.sco.edu).

FT position available with well established private practice in Augusta, GA. Tippet Eye Care is searching for an enthusiastic optometrist to join our team. Offering competitive pay, quarterly bonuses, two locations, no weekends, well trained team and the latest technology available. Opportunity for buy in available. Contact [timothy@tippeteyecare.net](mailto:timothy@tippeteyecare.net).

Private, multi-location practice seeking FT OD to join our team of 15 ODs and 1 MD. We offer a competitive salary plus uncapped bonus potential. Additional benefits include a paid vacation, CE, dues, professional liability, holiday pay, scrub allowance, and signing bonus. New grads welcome. Please send CV to [michelle@depoeeyecenter.com](mailto:michelle@depoeeyecenter.com).

Looking for OD fill-in on May 31-June 3rd and July 11-15th in Johns Creek. Nice optical/new equipment. Only two patients per hour. Contact Brian Schultz at **248.320.8059** or [brischultz@gmail.com](mailto:brischultz@gmail.com).

Dr. needed for Sunday coverage at LensCrafters in Morrow, 12pm to 4pm. Excellent tech support. Digital refraction, Optomap, no EHR. Please email [Aruns26@comcast.net](mailto:Aruns26@comcast.net) or call **678.925.0306**.

Multidocor, single location, 44+ year established practice is in search of a new OD to join our team. PT (negotiable) or FT (5 days per week) and full schedule to hit the ground running. Residency trained is a bonus. Full-scope optometry. Base Salary PLUS bonus on production. All membership dues, DEA, license, malpractice insurance, and other fees necessary for practice are covered. Contact [Mesaadatod@gmail.com](mailto:Mesaadatod@gmail.com) or [Administrator@tulmaneyegroup.com](mailto:Administrator@tulmaneyegroup.com), or text to **770.310.1198**.

\$600/day. 4 days/week. No weekends. Fairburn, GA. 6 week maternity leave fill-in with opportunity for full-time hire after contract ends. Email [djackson@drjacksoneye.com](mailto:djackson@drjacksoneye.com) if interested.

Private, locally-owned primary care optometric group is seeking a FT associate with pathology residency training, for a growing practice. Southeast Eye Group has served Hiawassee and the surrounding area for over 25 years. We're committed to comprehensive patient centered medical and refractive care to all populations. Offices are open Monday-Friday. Closed weekends and holidays. Contact Chris Morris, [cmorris@provisiongroup.com](mailto:cmorris@provisiongroup.com).

Unique practice opportunity providing inpatient eyecare in nursing, subacute and rehab centers in Georgia. FT or PT average over \$1000/day. Equipment and training provided. Special need in Middle and South Georgia. Call Mark Dickinson at **404.218.4912** or email [MDickinson2020@aol.com](mailto:MDickinson2020@aol.com).

PT OD needed for established corporate practice in Dallas, GA. We practice care in a Multidisciplinary Health Clinic. FT tech support available. Email [keeshakhamptonodpc@gmail.com](mailto:keeshakhamptonodpc@gmail.com) or call **678.360.1438**.

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Seeking fun, fashionable, PT/potential FT OD for our fast growing upscale optical boutique in Savannah. Interested in experiencing a delightful working environment before committing? We are looking for a fill-in rockstar in May 20-27th and June 30th-July 8th Paying \$575/day for fill-in. Email [info@forsighteye.net](mailto:info@forsighteye.net) to schedule a visit to ForSight!

Seeking FT or PT for a busy practice in Peachtree City. High compensation with bonus available. Benefits package available for FT employees. Come work with our highly trained staff to complement your patient care. Email your CV to [PTCEYEEXAM@gmail.com](mailto:PTCEYEEXAM@gmail.com).

Seeking OD coverage while associate is on maternity leave. April 2022-July 2022 for 2 days/wk + 1 Saturday/mo. Private full-scope practice in Roswell. If interested, please contact [tfowler8@gmail.com](mailto:tfowler8@gmail.com).

Fill-in OD needed for private practice in Marietta from March 8-11. Eyefinity EHR used on iPads. Excellent compensation. Please email [eyedoc@eastcobbeyecenter.com](mailto:eyedoc@eastcobbeyecenter.com).

## Non-OD Positions

Busy OD/MD practice in Dunwoody is looking for a front office person and technician. Experience is a plus. Starting salary \$20-\$25 an hour. Email [marianna@zeyewear.com](mailto:marianna@zeyewear.com) or call **404.398.1178**.

Private optometry practice with locations in Hiawassee and Blairsville, GA is seeking an experienced optician to join our team. Southeast Eye Group offers offer's competitive pay, paid time off, health benefits, and monthly bonus opportunities. This position is full-time with growth opportunities. Contact Laura at [lpittman@provisiongroup.com](mailto:lpittman@provisiongroup.com).

OD Tech/Admin needed for private office. Tech/Admin duties, scheduling appointments, and verifying insurances. Send email to [drfishe2@gmail.com](mailto:drfishe2@gmail.com).

## ODs Seeking Opportunities

OD Available for fill-in work Monday-Friday near Sandy Springs, GA. Contact Michael Spiegel at **847.638.1416** or [drmspiegel@yahoo.com](mailto:drmspiegel@yahoo.com).

Experienced OD, \$2mil/\$4mil PLI, seeks PT or fill-in work. Prefer North Atlanta to North GA mountains but will discuss all locations. Tom Cossick, **678.475.1596**, leave message, please no texts.

## Optometric Equipment For Sale or Seeking

Used Zeiss Matrix 800 for sale! See here for the model info [med-shop.zeiss.com/Ophthalmology/Glaucoma/Perimetry/Humphrey-Matrix-800-zid266002-1136-161](http://med-shop.zeiss.com/Ophthalmology/Glaucoma/Perimetry/Humphrey-Matrix-800-zid266002-1136-161). MAKE ME AN OFFER I CAN'T REFUSE AND IT'S YOURS! Call or text to **770.331.3926**.

Burton chair/stand/lane 6K OBO, autorefractor, puff tenometer, misc equipment. Please email us at [optometryinc2020@gmail.com](mailto:optometryinc2020@gmail.com) for additional information.

## For Sale — Practice

Well-established office annual gross income \$500K+ net \$160K located near Lake Hartwell, lake Richard Russell, and Clarks Hill. We Have wonderful hunting and fishing. 4+ and 5 star golf courses all within a 15 minute drive. Office is equipped with Zeiss OCT, Zeiss Matrix visual fields, drsplus center vue retinal camera, autorefractor and three fully-equipped examination rooms (one is handicapped). This office practices full scope Optometry. This office will insure your future. Call **706.988.1351** for more info.

See patients two days a week. Do you want to own a practice that grosses over \$300K per year and live in the mountains? Let's talk. Reach out to [donrobbinsga@gmail.com](mailto:donrobbinsga@gmail.com).

Private practice for sale in Washington, Wilkes County Georgia. Located one hour east of Athens and one hour north of Augusta. Asking \$33k with owner financing. Gross of \$400k in 2021. Net about 25%. Large office with five exam rooms and support staff of six. Doctor desires to retire, open to working part-time during transition. Great equipment. Heavy medical practice. Two OMD coming into office two to three days a month. No BS. Either call Dr. George Perez or text at **770.568.0967** for details.

18 year old private practice for sale in Roswell. Gross sales of \$390K per year. Positive cash flow. Upscale, stand alone commercial building with large established patient base and beautiful optical area. Contact **770.841.1616** for more information.

Practice for sale with owner financing available. \$129K. Large patient base with solid revenue. 40+ years in practice (same location). In 2020, the practice generated \$277K in revenue. Profitable with Dr. only seeing patients three days a week. Huge growth potential. Please contact [jmarsh@bristolgroupatl.com](mailto:jmarsh@bristolgroupatl.com)/404.436.1071 for additional information.

# notes

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[www.sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/37](http://www.sos.ga.gov/index.php/licensing/plb/37).

If you've been interviewed by television, radio or newspaper, gotten married, moved your office, had a baby, received an honor, taken a trip, attended a conference, written a paper, given a lecture, retired, taken in a partner, done anything worthwhile that might be of interest to your fellow optometrists, please send information to the GOA office for publication in *The GOA Newsletter*.