

ILLINOIS OPTOMETRIC ASSOCIATION

CHITTICK EYE CARE

BOARD MEMBER FEATURE:

Ryan Witt, O.D.

Medical Director-Chittick Eye Care

PROFILE

Dr. Witt grew up in Rantoul, IL., and attended the Illinois College of Optometry (Class of 2014). He began to research and pursue a career in optometry in eighth grade, influenced by a great experience at the eye doctor when he was young. Thrilled to return to the area where he grew up, Dr. Witt's practice serves his hometown and surrounding communities. He loves his job because "There is no day like the last! Whether it is helping someone see the world better, treating their acute eye conditions, or managing long-term issues, we get to impact people's lives for the better."

PATIENT CARE

"Eye exams are not just about glasses and contact lenses. It is about preventative medicine to help keep you seeing well for years to come. Many conditions can be managed successfully when found early. In addition, routine eye exams can show many underlying health issues the patient may not know they have."

UNUSUAL OR SURPRISING DIAGNOSES

"Optometry has a unique ability to detect many issues patients are unaware of…no day is like another. I have detected anemic patients, controlled hypertension, diabetes, brain tumor, stroke, idiopathic intercranial hypertension, and of course all of the eye issues such as glaucoma, macular degeneration, and more."

ADVICE FOR NEW OPTOMETRISTS

"You have joined a great profession! The opportunities that exist are endless. Embrace the full scope of your education to help people see clearly, manage their chronic conditions, and be there to support any urgent needs they may have. Welcome technology and incorporate it into your patient care. Finally, be involved in your profession- you can make a difference!"

HOBBIES

In his spare time, you will find Dr. Witt cheering on the Fighting Illini, working in his yard, or working on a home improvement or woodworking project.