

Mission Statement

The Flaum Eye Institute at the University of Rochester affiliated with SUNY State College of Optometry is committed to providing advanced training of optometry residents in ocular disease and primary care at the post-doctoral level. The strong didactic and clinical components of this program build on principles of continuous learning to provide a challenging and rewarding residency. Upon the completion of our program, residents will be prepared to excel at providing the highest level of optometric care in hospitals, private practices and educational institutions.

Goals and Objectives

Goal 1: To attract and select the most qualified candidates from the applicant pool

Objective 1.1: Program information will be communicated with all schools of optometry in the US and Canada at least once per year about the Flaum Eye Institute Residency program.

Objective 1.2: The program will be listed on the SUNY College of Optometry and the Flaum Eye Institute at the University of Rochester websites.

Objective 1.3: The program will be represented at minimum one major optometric conference annually.

Objective 1.4: Each candidate selected will apply through Optometric Residency Match (ORMatch), have graduated from an ACOE accredited College of Optometry, and have completed an interview with the Flaum Eye Institute Residency directors.

Goal 2: To provide advanced optometric clinical training in ocular disease and primary care through direct patient care in a hospital-based setting, observation of ophthalmology specialties, and rotations with medical specialties outside of eye care

Objective 2.1: Under the supervision of Flaum Eye Institute optometry faculty, the resident will participate in direct patient care in primthese conditions.

Objective 2.2: The resident will demonstrate proficiency in the performance and/or interpretation of diagnostic instruments such as automated perimetry, optical coherence tomography, and corneal topography.

Objective 2.3: The resident will demonstrate proficiency in the performance of advanced skills such gonioscopy, fundoscopy, and scleral depression.

Objective 2.4: The resident will have direct patient experience with the following optometric sub-specialty clinics: specialty contact lenses, low vision, refractive co-management, pediatrics. This may be tailored to the specific interests of the resident.

Objective 2.5: The resident will rotate through ophthalmology subspecialties such as Cataract (Comprehensive), Cornea, Oculoplastics, Glaucoma, Neuro-ophthalmology, Retina, and Uveitis.

Objective 2.6: The resident may spend time with medical specialists outside of eye care such as rheumatology, neurology, endocrinology.

Direct patient care will take place at the following locations:

Main campus

Flaum Eye Institute at the University of Rochester Medical Center

210 Crittenden Blvd

Rochester, NY 14642-1399

Goal 3: To provide a strong didactic

Goal 6: To improve the communication skills of the resident

Objective 6.1: The resident will demonstrate proficiency in co-managing patients with ophthalmology and communicating effectively with subspecialties, both in disease care and in pre and post-operative care.

Objective 6.2: The resident will communicate with specialties outside of eye care about mutual patients.

Objective 6.3: The resident will order and interpret proper diagnostic testing and labs for systemic conditions associated with presenting ocular findings.

Objective 6.4: The resident will demonstrate excellent patient communication skills with an emphasis on patient education, keeping in mind diversity equity, inclusion, and social determinants of health.

Goal 7: To provide the resident with proper facilities and resources to best serve their education

Objective 7.1: At each location, the resident will be provided with a fully equipped examination lane.

Objective 7.2: The resident will be provided a University of Rochester Medical Center laptop with eRecord access.

Some days will start with 7:00AM lectures.

The schedule will be broken into quarters.

- Rotations may include weekly or bi

Residents will be responsible for working with medical students and/or year 1 ophthalmology residents in routine eye care settings in addition to teaching ophthalmology residents refraction skills.