OMNI and TLC Partner

Omni is pleased to announce that after a brief hiatus we are once again partnering with TLC to provide you with the incomparable refractive surgical care you have come to expect. We will operate from the West Orange office and you will have the choice of referring your patients to either Dr. Martin Fox or Dr. Mark Speaker. Joining us from TLC will be Victoria Capece who many of you already have the pleasure of knowing, along with surgical techs Chris Stanley & Sharon Visbeen. Victoria will continue as our refractive liaison so look for her to be visiting soon!

EYES ON OPTOMETRY

OMNI ODS DESCEND ON WASHINGTON: 2014 CONGRESSIONAL ADVOCACY CONFERENCE

Drs Christopher Quinn, Michael Veliky, George Veliky and William Marcolini took time out of their busy schedules to join hundreds of optometrists, optometry students, third-party experts and state leaders from across the country to attend this year’s congressional advocacy gathering in Washington D.C., all with one mission, to fight and win the coming third-party advocacy, state and federal battles that lie ahead. “The AOA continues to make the voice of optometry heard in our nation’s capital thanks to the willingness of member doctors and students to take the profession’s message directly to our lawmakers on Capitol Hill,” said AOA President Mitchell T.
Munson, O.D. “This year’s legislative priorities are focused on our continued commitment to gain equity in Medicaid, inclusion in the National Health Service Corp and defeating anti-optometry initiatives.” If you’re not already a member we urge you to join today and help support your profession.

ALL DAY CONFERENCE WELL ATTENDED:
OMNI’S ANNUAL SPRING SYMPOSIUM
What an amazing success! Over 275 optometrists attended this year’s annual Spring Symposium hosted by Omni Eye Services at The Grove in Pompton Plains, NJ. Attendees enjoyed a rapid fire continuing education delivered by our staff optometrists and ophthalmologists. An interactive question and answer feature was incorporated into some of the presentations allowing the audience to interact with the presenters. Special guest lecturer, Dr. Murray Fingeret, was featured and delivered an excellent discussion concerning modern glaucoma management. The symposium was also attended by multiple ophthalmic and optical companies allowing attendees the opportunity to network and learn about the latest products, services, pharmaceuticals, and equipment available. We would like information regarding our residency program.

THE OMNI STORK
Congratulations to Dr. Lauren Mullen who welcomed her second child Gavin John on June 4, 2014.
Who Else is Expecting? Dr. Carly Crapazano is expecting her second and Dr. Nadine Herman her first, both are having boys and are due in September. Also, staff member Joan Arango is expecting her first, a girl, in October.

NEW YORK CENTER RELOCATION:
AFTER 20 YEARS WE’VE MOVED
Our New York center has called 36 East 36th Street home for well over a decade. Due to our practice’s growth the decision has been made to relocate to a larger office. Our new home is located at 20 East 46th Street, New York, NY 10017. We feel the new center will offer your patients a more convenient location along with additional square footage to more effectively provide the advance care you have entrusted our practice with throughout the years. We thank you for your years of support and look forward to continuing to provide excellent care to you and your patients.

THANK YOU AND ALL THE BEST:
ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL RESIDENCY PROGRAM
Over the years optometrists’ deciding to continue their education by performing a year-long residency program has grown. Thousands apply each year for the approximately 300 available positions nationwide. We have taken pride and enjoyed educating these talented optometrists for decades. Drs. Munish Sharma, Harlin Sidhu, Hamsa Azar, and Jennifer Capstik did a phenomenal job this year and have added to our program’s proud history. Each have become proficient with our systems and adapted well to the complexities of our patient population. We bid this year’s group a fond fare well and wish them all the best. The staff here at Omni looks forward to following these fine optometrists throughout their successful careers. Thank you all for your excellent work!

Please contact Dr. George Veliky our Iselin Center Director if you would like information regarding our residency program.
CLINICAL CORNER:

Managing the injured cornea: Amnionic membranes

There are many tools and techniques available to optometrists in managing the patient with corneal compromise. Historically topical pharmaceutical agents, punctual plugs, bandage contact lenses and even autologus serums have proven successful in managing corneal diseases.

There are situations however when these traditional approaches do not prove effective. A new option that has been gaining popularity amongst many optometrists is the placement of sutureless amnionic membranes on the corneal to promote healing. The advantages of these membranes are multifactorial. Amnionic membranes represent donor tissue harvested post fetal delivery. Histologically, they are composed of an epithelial layer, a basement membrane, and a stromal matrix. These different layers have been found to have different properties that aid in wound healing. The epithelial component has a high concentration of growth factor stimulating epithelialization. The basement membrane promotes cell migration, strengthens adhesions and induces epithelial differentiation. Finally, the stromal matrix suppresses inflammation. Amnionic membranes also appear to inhibit angiogenesis, inhibit scarring, have anti microbial characteristics and provide patients improved comfort. These membranes have many applications. For example they may be utilized in the management of acute chemical and thermal burns, recurrent corneal erosions, non healing / neurotrophic defects, filamentary keratitis, microbial keratitis, nodular degeneration, and post PRK hazy.

Currently there are three amnionic membranes available, The Prokera, AmbioDisk, and the BioD Optix. The ProKera membrane is cryopreserved and must be stored -49 degrees Celsius to zero degrees Celsius and expires after one year. If stored at temperatures between -85 to –50 degrees Celsius, the device is good for two years. The device must be defrosted for approximately five minutes and be rinsed with saline prior to insertion. The patient is placed on antibiotic drops and the graft will dissolve over the course of seven to fourteen days. The AmbioDisk is a dehydrated tissue that can be stored at a controlled room temperature. The membrane is available in two varieties. The Ambio 2 has a thickness of 35 microns while the Ambio 5 has a 100+ micron thickness. The membrane expires approximately 5 years after receipt. The device is place dry on the cornea with the “IOP” nomenclature oriented down into the cornea. A Kontur Precision spherical contact lens that comes with the membrane is then place over the device. The BioD Optix is also a dehydrated membrane and has a shelf life of two years. It also uses a contact lens as an overlay but can be used with a contact lens of choice. It is available in two diameters 12 or 15mm with a thickness of 40-60 microns.

The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) has authorized payment policies for this procedure. CPT code 65778, Placement of amnionic membrane on the ocular surface for wound healing; self-retaining (suture or glue is not needed to achieve ocular surface retention) is the code that should be used when submitting for this service. This service code has a 10 day global period. Be sure to confirm payment policy with your local carriers for detailed submission information.
DID YOU KNOW that you could get upfront and personal while being on the cutting edge of your field? Earn two COPE approved CE credits with Dr. Douglas Grayson, as he lectures and gives a didactic on the FemtoLaser. For more information and to schedule a time to come into the ambulatory center please call Gail Law at (732) 510-2543.

Each CE runs for 2 hours with complimentary COPE credits provided and a delicious meal.

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Burton Wisotsky, M.D. — Sept. 12, Oct. 3, Nov. 7, Dec. 5

New Jersey
To Be Announced in the Fall