



# The Observer

SUMMER 2010

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## Omni Eye Services: The Eye Doctor's Eye Doctor

Since Omni's humble beginnings almost 25 years ago our professionals have been selected to care for countless optometrists, their family members and friends. Our staff thanks you for entrusting us with this most important responsibility. We do remind you, however, that the same high quality care and excellent results that you have experienced for yourself, your family and friends are consistently delivered to your other referred patients. The fact of the matter is that for many complex eye conditions requiring surgery, your patients have the best chance of a successful outcome under the care of the same doctors you trust for you and your family. Your patients are entrusting you to recommend a surgeon to provide the best chances for a positive outcome. The same surgeon providing care to you and your family and friends seems like the obvious choice. Your obligation is to provide your patients with your opinion of the best choice, not necessarily the closest or most convenient option. We hope you consider Omni as your first and best choice for your patients.

### Dr. Fox Cares For One of Omni's Own

Ms. Maria Lovizio, Omni's Director of Clinical Services, made the decision to pursue refractive surgery with the help of Omni's chief of corneal and refractive surgery, Dr. Martin Fox. Up until recently, Maria had been apprehensive about refractive surgery. However, witnessing first hand the increased level of safety and outcomes achievable utilizing modern technology, she decided to proceed with laser vision correction. The Omni owned and managed New Jersey Center for Cornea and Refractive Surgery has been up and running for the past six months. Our laser suite is one of the first in



the tri-state area to be equipped with the Star S4 IR Excimer Laser, as well as the iFS Advanced Femtosecond Laser. This combination of laser

platforms allows the patient and surgeon to have access to the ultimate in laser vision correction. Custom ablations coupled with IntraLase bladeless flap creation allows for an extended range of correction of up to 10.00 diopters of myopia in some instances. Using this technique, safety and predictability have improved over conventional microkeratome procedures. Additionally, the incidence of halo and glare complaints have been reduced in patients being treated with this combination of lasers.



Previously a 5.00 diopter myope, Maria now enjoys uncorrected vision of 20/15. Postoperatively she experienced nothing more than a slight foreign body sensation. She was able to return to normal activities within a day of her procedure, and has been nothing short of amazed with the quality of her vision. Thank you Dr. Fox for another newsworthy result! Remember, Dr. Fox is available in our West Orange center to provide consultations for your patients interested in laser vision correction, implantable collamer lenses, Intacts, as well as those in need of medical corneal evaluations.

### Dr. Randolph Brooks Represented New Jersey Optometrists Well

All of us here at Omni would like to thank Dr. Randolph Brooks for his extraordinary work this past year as AOA president. Dr. Brook's presidency was a landmark for many reasons. For one, Dr. Brooks represented the first AOA president to hail from New Jersey which certainly makes us all proud. Additionally, during his presidency he was our leader representing optometry and assisting in navigating our profession through our country's healthcare reform. Thanks to the hard work of Dr. Brooks and the AOA, the Harkin Amendment was included in this reform. The Harkin Amendment prohibits provider discrimination and ensures patients will have access to you the optometrist, the primary eye care professional.

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Dr. Brooks has been a long time supporter of Omni for which we thank him, but more importantly, we thank him for his sacrifice and resolve in leading optometry through this unprecedented time within our profession.

**Omni Optometrists at AOA Meeting**

The American Optometric Association’s annual meeting held this year in Orlando, Florida is where the AOA conducts business, establishes policy and elects officers. The Board of Trustees consists of eleven members – six Trustees, the President, the President-Elect, the Vice-President, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Immediate Past President. Dr. Christopher Quinn, Omni’s President and New Jersey founder, has served as trustee representing the interests of optometry on a national level for the past two years. Additionally, Dr. Michael Veliky and Dr. William Marcolini took time from their busy schedules to represent New Jersey optometrists as members of the House of Delegates. As a practice, Omni Eye Services is completely committed to optometry not only on a state level but on the national level as well. Thank you for supporting our group so we may continue to support and advance the profession of optometry.

**Retinal Observation**

A 54 year old male presents with the complaint of a “dark spot” in the vision of his right eye. His symptoms were sudden and painless and began two months prior. His

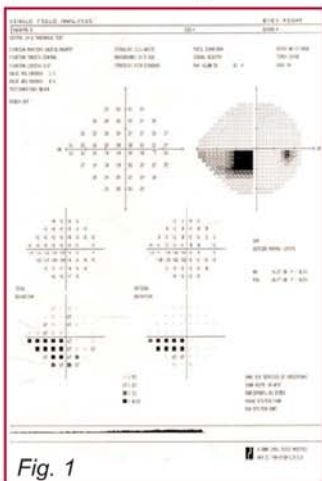


Fig. 1

medical history was significant for depression which was controlled medically. His ocular history was non-contributory.

Entering acuity measured 20/20 in each eye. Pupils were normal without

an afferent defect. Motilities were full. Threshold visual field testing (Fig. 1) showed an inferior nasal loss in the right eye. The left eye’s visual field was normal. Slit lamp examination was normal and intraocular pressure measured 14mmHg in each eye.

Dilated fundus examination of the right eye revealed a flat, pink optic nerve head with a C/D of 0.1. The macular region was normal with a sharp foveal reflex. The vasculature was of normal caliber, however, there was an embolus within the lumen of the

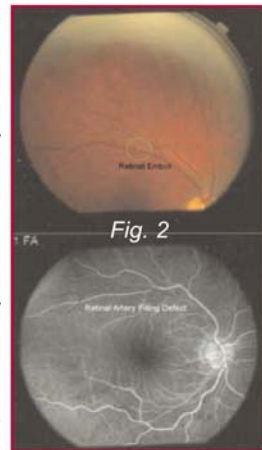


Fig. 2

superior temporal branch of the retinal artery. The examination of the left eye was normal. Fundus photos and fluorescein angiogram clearly shows the emboli with the corresponding filling defect of the artery (Fig. 2).

Whether associated with visual symptoms or not, the detection of retinal emboli is a significant clinical finding. These emboli have a strong association with concomitant systemic cardiovascular disease. Patients should undergo a thorough medical evaluation including carotid artery ultrasonography, as well as echocardiography. It has been suggested that there is a four to five fold increase in stroke mortality rate in patients with retinal emboli. Risk of death due to cardiovascular disease is also higher in this patient population. As primary eye care providers, optometrist are likely to be one of the first providers to discover these emboli and have the important responsibility of making sure these patients get the proper medical attention.

**Omni Spring Symposium Makes History**

Over 250 active optometrists from all reaches

of New Jersey attended this year's Spring Symposium at Mayfair Farms in West Orange. This is no question the largest group of attendees to ever attend our spring conference. This year we continued with our quick fire format featuring all of our fellowship trained specialists. The variety of topics delivered in short clinically relevant presentations has proven once again to capture the attention while at the same time allowing attendees to experience a broad range of topics. An excellently prepared packet of handouts served as a supplement for later review, and serves as a reference. The education continued throughout lunch at more intimate tables, each featuring one of our highly trained staff members.

Thank you to all those in attendance for making this event such a success. We hope you departed with additional clinical knowledge to better care for your patients. We also hope you reconfirmed Omni Eye Services as the leader in specialty medical and surgical eye care, as well as the provider of optometric education.



### Farewell 2009/2010 Residents

Only a previous Omni optometric resident can relate to the tremendous achievement it is to complete our program. Residents work with us for a full twelve months and are completely immersed in the field of ocular disease diagnosis and management. Year after year it is fascinating to observe as our resident's confidence and knowledge base grow as they progress through the program. This year's group was particularly extraordinary. Their commitment, work ethic and knowledge were unsurpassed. We will miss Dr. Ryan Doran, Dr. Lori Napolitano, and Dr. Aaron Ledford, and wish them nothing but success and continued growth in the future. They can feel confident that they

will always be part of the Omni family. We bid you farewell and thank you for all of your hard work.

### Staff Spotlight

This quarter we recognize Christina N. Drennen of our billing department for her great accomplishments in and out of the work place. Christina has been employed with Omni Eye Service for six years as a Billing Specialist.



After graduating high school, Christina began her career in the healthcare field. She started as a Front Desk and Medical Records Representative at Newark Community Health Centers, Inc. After three years, she was promoted to the billing department and her career was born.

Although life situations always seemed to get in the way, perseverance and determination allowed her to stand strong through it all. Her life goal was to complete her education – not only for herself, but to also set an example for her son to follow. She enrolled in Berkeley College's Associate Degree Program, majoring in Healthcare Administration Medical Billing and Coding. On April 30th of this year, Christina proudly walked across the stage at the Meadowlands, graduating with her Associates Applied Science Degree.

Christina lives by the wise words of Booker T. Washington, "Success is measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." She is a true inspiration. We are proud to have such an asset in our company and congratulate Christina on her immense accomplishments.

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