



Dr. Mark EltisDistrict 5 – Provincial Electoral District

Bio

With over seventeen years of experience, Dr. Mark Eltis has practiced Optometry in New York, California, and Toronto. He is a graduate of the University of Waterloo School of Optometry and has taught there for over a decade. Dr. Eltis is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a Diplomate of the American Board of Optometry. He is also a faculty member of the Academy of Ophthalmic Education.

Dr. Eltis has served as an examiner for national licensing assessment in both Canada and the US. He has presented and published internationally and has been sought as an expert on optometric issues for national television and print.

In 2013, having "demonstrated excellence in the care of patients with glaucoma through professional education and scientific investigation," Dr. Eltis was honored as a member of the Optometric Glaucoma Society.

Dr. Eltis is a reviewer for over a dozen journals and has also been appointed as an editorial board member for multiple publications. He has served on OAO working groups, consulted for academic institutions overseas and has been recognized as a subject matter expert for competency evaluations.

Dr. Eltis has served on the College's Discipline Committee. He is currently on the Quality Assurance Committee and acts as a College Coach for optometrists ordered to complete remediation programs. He also publishes a monthly column for PCON on glaucoma research. Most recently, Dr. Eltis has been elected to the Board of Directors of the Council for Healthy Eyes Canada.

If elected to College Council, here is how I propose to ensure public protection.

Protection of the public is best achieved when there is trust and open communication between the regulatory body and its members. Optometrists should perceive the College as a source of information rather than an institution to be feared. Transparency, accountability, and integrity are key to the guidance of the profession. The College should focus on upholding the standards of the profession but must avoid creating barriers to the optimal delivery of care. I hope to bring a fresh perspective to Council and create policies that work. I humbly request your support of my candidacy.