

Candidate: Dr. Ema Hazra



District

Greater Toronto Area

Biography

I graduated from the University of Waterloo, where I spent my time involved with organizations such as the Canadian Association of Optometry Students, and the American Optometric Student Association, with the goal of equipping students with the knowledge and experience to become advocates for the future of the profession. I would love to follow through on this kind of work with the College, helping to guide the profession in exceeding professional and ethical standards. I have been practicing in Toronto in a private clinic for the last four years, and feel lucky enough to have fostered many meaningful doctor-patient relationships in this time, helping me gain insight into the intersectionality of behaviour, lifestyle, systemic health and well-being with ocular health. I am reminded of evolving public health needs on a daily basis, and am especially passionate about myopia control and how this will undoubtedly change clinical standards. Having obtained Good Clinical Practice certification, I also participate as a study site sub-investigator in contact lens clinical studies with the Centre for Ocular Research and Investigation. Since having been a student, I have volunteered to conduct vision screenings and comprehensive eye exams to children in underserved communities of Toronto, and to athletes with Special Olympics Ontario. As a volunteer committee member with the College, I am currently serving on the Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee, and the Discipline Committee. I have been grateful for the opportunity thus far to see just how much is done to protect the public.

An experience where you contributed to protecting the public interest

I will work to foster a sense of trust where the public can be certain their protection is at the forefront. An evidence-based approach can be applied to assess current measures - e.g. bulletins, practice coaching - and their effectiveness in remediating members, and in addressing recurring complaints. I will work on upstream approaches e.g. sharing data on most commonly

cited forms of misconduct with those in entry-to-practice, to address gaps proactively. The public is further protected via care aligned with evidence-based medicine; as such I hope to re-engage the Ministry on updating TPA regulations.

CV

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Passionate about improving health and well-being for patients through delivering quality eye care and education on ocular health beyond 20/20 vision. Particular interest in myopia control, ocular surface disease, and specialty contact lenses.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Optometrist, Spadina Optometry, Toronto, ON, M5V 3E7. July 2018 - Present

Clinical Teaching Assistant, University of Waterloo School of Optometry, Waterloo ON.
Taught clinical techniques and supervised use of TPAs in pre-clinic. Jan 2018 - April 2018

Optometric Extern, Eye Associates of Pinellas, Pinellas Park FL, USA

Interdisciplinary training in ocular disease and therapeutics alongside ophthalmologists specializing in the treatment and management of glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, cataract, retinal vascular occlusions, and oculoplastics. May 2017 - Sept 2017

ACTIVITIES

Volunteer: Inquiries, Complaints and Reports Committee; Discipline Committee, College of Optometrists of Ontario. Jan 2022 - Present

Community Outreach Volunteer, C.W. Jeffreys Collegiate Institute

Facilitated comprehensive eye exams in support of underserved communities
Sept 2017 - Present

Vision Screening Volunteer, Special Olympics Ontario

Facilitate sports vision screenings for student athletes and Special Olympics athletes
Sept 2014 - Present

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Good Clinical Practice Certification, The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA). Jan 2022

Ocular Allergy Training Program, Johnson & Johnson Vision. Jan 2022

Hoya Miyosmart: Myopia Management Training Program. Aug 2020

The Art and Science of Optometric Care: A Behavioural Perspective, Optometric Extension Program Foundation (OEPF). June 2020

Onefit Scleral Lens Workshop, Blanchard. Nov 2019

MiSight: Myopia Management Certification, Coopervision. Sept 2019

EDUCATION

Doctor of Optometry, University of Waterloo, School of Optometry and Vision Science

Honours Science and Business Co-op - Biochemistry, University of Waterloo