

Candidate Profile #3: Mandip Gill

Biography

I graduated from the University of Western Ontario in 2003 with an HBSc in Kinesiology and Biology. I then received my Doctor of Optometry from the Illinois College of Optometry in 2007 and my Residency Certificate in Primary Care from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (now Salus University) in 2008. During this time, I co-authored two accepted poster presentations at the SECO Conference in 2008 (Pigment dispersion syndrome and pigmentary glaucoma in African Americans: A new approach to an old understanding; and Acute onset blurred vision leads to diagnosis of recurrent retrobulbar optic neuritis, multiple sclerosis, vascular retinopathy, and suprasellar mass) . I also was invited to speak at various local Pennsylvania optometry meetings in order to present cases that I had managed. Since returning to Ontario in 2008, I have been practicing primary care optometry in the Brampton, Mississauga, and Oakville area. Though mostly practicing in a side by side setting, I have undertaken the endeavor of opening my own dispensing practice, the doors of which have opened in the past two weeks. I have volunteered regularly with KIP (formely FEAT), an organization that aids children with incarcerated parents. This includes participating in the 2012 holiday dinner (in which customized gift packages were provided to children based on their wish lists), annually sponsoring up to 10 families and curating gift bundles for each child and delivering them throughout the GTA, as well as providing focused grocery sponsorship to a singular family for a one year period.

An experience where you contributed to protecting the public interest

I have served on the College of Optometrists of Ontario IRCC in the 2023 year. During this time, I've cooperated with other optometrists and public members in sharing thoughts and opinions to come to consensus decisions on various public complaints. At times, individuals had differing opinions and in each of these times, I've strived to encourage input from my colleagues while ensuring that any decision made coincides with college guidelines and emphasizes the interests of the public at large.

CV

PROFESSIONAL GOALS

To deliver primary optometric and advanced ocular disease care in a challenging clinical environment and engage in clinical education.

HIGHLIGHT OF QUALIFICATIONS

- ☐ Five years of theoretical and practical academic experience combined with four years of professional experience in optometry and extensive experience in supervising and providing guidance to students delivering primary and ocular disease care.
- ☐ Extensive experience in delivering primary optometric care and ocular disease care to diverse patient base with a strong focus on senior and pediatric populations in various settings including but not limited to: hospitals, optical exam rooms, private practices, eye institutes, nursing homes, colleges & universities and emergency care facilities.
- ☐ Demonstrated dedication to providing quality care and a positive experience for all patients by undertaking thorough examinations, followups and referrals as required.

EDUCATION

Residency Certificate – Primary Care & Ocular Disease (2008)

Salus University (Pennsylvania College of Optometry) - Philadelphia, PA

Doctor of Optometry (2007)

Illinois College of Optometry - Chicago, IL

Honours Bachelors of Kinesiology (2003) & Honours Bachelors of Science (2003)

University of Western Ontario - London, ON

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Optometrist

EyeExpress, Ontario

2010 - Present

- Sole Optometrist delivering comprehensive eye examination to all age ranges and undertaking follow-ups and/or referrals as required.
- Responsible for large distribution of pediatric examinations requiring proficiency in binocular anomaly diagnosis and treatment.
- Handle notable ocular disease cases included longstanding misdiagnosed Posner-Schlossman syndrome and severe angle recession glaucoma with iridodialysis.

Optometrist

On Site Optometry, Ontario

2008 - Present

- Responsible for delivering eye exams at city nursing homes to cater to the elderly population.
- Focus examinations on innovative skills for mobile eye examinations with challenging patients.
- Extensive management and treatment of many age related ocular conditions including wet ARMD, cataracts, and optic neuropathy.

Associate Optometrist

Tracy Wong & Associates, Ontario

2008 - 2010

- Delivered primary optometric care and comprehensive eye examinations.
- Focused primarily on senior patients and pediatric exams.
- Frequently diagnosed and handled ARMD, glaucoma, cataracts, and retinal vascular occlusions.

Resident Optometrist

The Eye Institute, Philadelphia
2007-2008

- Directly responsible for patient care and treatment and obtained advanced clinical experience in primary care, anterior segment, glaucoma, and retinal disease services.
- Supervised integrated student teams and responsible for providing clinical education and in-depth evaluations in both patient and clinical laboratory settings.
- Continuously managed complex cases ranging from severe emergency cases to long term treatment of ocular disease.

Ocular Disease Clinician – Externship Experience

Newington VA Hospital, Connecticut
2006 - 2007

- Engaged in complex case co-management with attending optometrists for patients presenting with various ocular diseases.
- Demonstrated proficiency in performing various diagnostic tests such as HRT, Humphrey Visual Field, and OCT.

Primary Care Clinician

Detroit VAMC, Detroit
2006 - 2007

- Delivered optometric care to focused patient base (in largely African American population) and treated presentation of glaucoma, retinal vascular disease, and anterior segment inflammatory disease.
- Performed and interpreted fluorescein angiograms.
- Identified and treated variety of traumatic ocular cases and long term ocular diseases.
- Observed ocular surgeries with resident ophthalmologist.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Academic Lecture

Retrobulbar Optic Neuritis and Multiple Sclerosis

Drafted and delivered case presentation and literary review lecture on how to clinically diagnose, treat, and follow cases of retro bulbar optic neuritis and the subsequent linkage to multiple sclerosis. Presentation included discussion of clinical features, patient demographics, and an in depth discussion into the Optic Neuritis Treatment Trials up to the latest 15 year follow up reports.

Academic Lecture

Group Lecture: Montgomery/Bucks County Optometric Society

Developed and delivered group lecture covering such topics as central retinal artery occlusions, chiari malformations, pigmentary glaucoma, optic neuritis, and ocular ischemic syndrome. Lecture time was included as official CE credits for Pennsylvania optometrists.

SECO Conference Poster 2008

Acute onset blurred vision leads to diagnosis of recurrent retro bulbar optic neuritis, multiple sclerosis, vascular retinopathy, and suprasellar mass

Conducted case review of a patient who presented in emergency service with sudden onset blurred vision that lead to a plethora of ocular signs resulting in various diagnoses. Undertook in depth discussion of proper patient care and management focusing on the optometric role in cases of retro bulbar optic neuritis.

SECO Conference Poster 2008

Pigment dispersion syndrome and pigmentary glaucoma in African Americans: A new approach to an old understanding

Delivered a slightly shifted approach in discussion of the prevalence of pigment dispersion in African Americans, pointing to new research involving genetic and clinical studies. Led and facilitated discussion on the ramifications of misdiagnosing POAG in blacks who actually have pigmentary glaucoma in terms of treatment and ultimate outcome.