About WAO

The Wisconsin Academy of Ophthalmology (WAO), is a professional medical society comprised of Wisconsin ophthalmologists. The mission of the Wisconsin Academy of Ophthalmology is to promote quality eye care for the citizens of Wisconsin by providing its members with resources including professional education, legislative advocacy, and membership services to enhance the practice of ophthalmology in Wisconsin.

Understanding Ophthalmology

Ophthalmology is a branch of medicine specializing in the anatomy, function and diseases of the eye.

An ophthalmologist is a medical doctor (MD) or a doctor of osteopathic medicine (DO) who specializes in eye and vision care. Ophthalmologists are trained to perform eye exams, diagnose and treat disease, prescribe medications and write prescriptions for eyeglasses and contact lenses. Ophthalmologists are the only eye care providers trained and licensed in Wisconsin to perform eye laser procedures and eye surgery.

Important Issues

The profession of ophthalmology has always been both technologically innovative and dependent on technology. Increasingly there are opportunities in telemedicine and artificial intelligence to advance ophthalmic care and subsequently improve patient care. We are monitoring any legislation that might limit access to telehealth for Wisconsin residents.

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