Elena Vasquez

Medical Optometrist

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SUMMARY

Medical Optometrist with 6 years of ocular disease experience, including a residency and 4 years in an ophthalmology group. Manages glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy and dry eye, and provides pre- and post-operative care for cataract and refractive surgery. Brings sound clinical judgment and accurate ICD-10 coding to a high-volume medical schedule.

EDUCATION

Doctor of Optometry (OD) 05/2020

Marshall B. Ketchum University Fullerton, CA

Optometry

EXPERIENCE

Medical Optometrist 08/2022 - Present

Desert Sky Eye Institute Phoenix, AZ

Optometrist in a 7-surgeon ophthalmology group with cataract, retina, cornea and glaucoma services.

- Manage 25 medical eye visits a day, from glaucoma checks and uveitis follow-ups to acute red eye and corneal ulcers.
- Deliver pre- and post-operative care for **600+** cataract and refractive surgery patients each year.
- Interpret OCT, visual field testing and fundus photos to stage glaucoma and diabetic retinopathy for 1,100 patients.
- Code visits with ICD-10 and CPT, holding the medical claim denial rate under 3% for two straight years.

Optometrist 07/2021 - 07/2022

Mesa Vision Partners Mesa, AZ

Associate doctor in a primary and medical eye care practice with 2 locations.

- Treated corneal abrasions, red eye and dry eye in 15 same-day urgent slots added to the weekly schedule.
- Screened 800 diabetic patients for retinopathy and sent findings to primary care offices within 2 days.
- Added gonioscopy for every glaucoma suspect, finding 22 narrow-angle patients referred for laser treatment.
- Prescribed topical and oral medications for about 40 ocular disease patients a month under Arizona rules.

Ocular Disease Resident 07/2020 - 06/2021

Southwest Eye Health Center Tucson, AZ

12-month residency in ocular disease across glaucoma, retina and cornea clinics.

- Completed 2,400 patient encounters with attending ophthalmologists and optometrists.
- Rotated through glaucoma, retina and cornea clinics, performing 150 punctal plug and foreign body procedures.
- Presented 3 neuro-ophthalmic case reports at the regional residents' conference.

SKILLS

Ocular Disease • Glaucoma • Diabetic Retinopathy • OCT • Visual Field Testing • Gonioscopy
Pre- and Post-Operative Care • ICD-10 Coding • Medical Optometry • Clinical Judgment

CERTIFICATES

Arizona Optometry License
Arizona State Board of Optometry
07/2020

Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry (FAAO)
American Academy of Optometry
10/2023