Role of Optometry in Vision 2020

Bifocal spectacles make a difference in Jamaica

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... of this amount found its way back to help those most in need.

Conclusion

It should not be necessary for any child to struggle in school, to learn with an uncorrected refractive error. Nor should any older person be called upon to spend thirty or forty years without glasses, to see to read or sew or to manage a job. Optometry and the optical industry in its broadest sense should be able to find the financial resources to give this simplest gift of sight.

Preventable blindness is one of our most tragic and wasteful global problems. Optometry is an essential part of the team that will eliminate this tragedy, by understanding global eyecare needs and delivering effective and sustainable vision care to people in need, thereby ensuring their fundamental right to sight.

References


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Assessments for Ophthalmologists

These two tests of theoretical knowledge, consisting of multiple choice questions, are held in the candidate’s own country

Basic Science

A three-hour paper to include relevant questions on

General Anatomy
Neuro Anatomy
Ocular Anatomy
Physiology
Pathology
Pharmacology
Optics and Refraction

There will also be a one-hour question paper for those candidates retaking Optics and Refraction

Candidates must have passed the International Council’s Basic Science Assessment or an equivalent recognised Basic Science examination. Those who achieve pass standard or above will receive a certificate confirming the standard achieved. This certificate is now accepted as equivalent to the basic science section of the ophthalmology examinations of several countries.

Clinical Sciences

A four-hour paper to include relevant questions and illustrations on

General medicine
Ophthalmic pathology and intraocular tumours
Neuro-ophthalmology
Paediatric ophthalmology and strabismus
Orbit, eyelids and lacrimal system
External disease and cornea
Intraocular inflammation and uveitis
Glaucoma
Lens and cataract
Retina and vitreous

Both Assessments will be held on 3 April 2003. The closing date for applications is 31 January 2003

The Test Regulations, Syllabus and Candidate Guides giving details of the criteria for entry and the test fees, are available from:
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