

## OPHTHALMOLOGY IN THE EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

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LENGTH OF ELECTIVE:	2 weeks
PREREQUISITE:	Students applying to ophthalmology, completed core clerkships
NUMBER OF STUDENTS:	1
AVAILABLE:	12A
U.S. VISITING STUDENTS:	No
TYPE:	Clinical

***NOTE: ANY schedule changes involving ALL ophthalmology rotations must be authorized by Damarys Menendez (see above for contact information) before your schedule can be officially changed.***

### **Overview/Course Design:**

The two-week clinical elective in ophthalmology is geared toward 4<sup>th</sup> year/Phase 3 medical students with an interest in pursuing a career in ophthalmology to further their knowledge of the assessment and management of patients presenting acutely for eye care. Students will rotate through the emergency department at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute where they will shadow attendings and house staff. During the rotation, students are also welcome to attend weekly grand rounds and fluorescein conferences as well as daily resident lectures.

### **Goals/Objectives:**

Students will learn how to perform an eye exam and gain competence using ophthalmic instruments.

Upon completion of this elective our students will:

- a. Acquire the diagnostic skills to evaluate common eye conditions
- b. Possess the knowledge and skills necessary to manage common ocular problems and emergencies (conjunctivitis, superficial foreign body, chemical burns, trauma, etc.).
- c. Be able to identify ophthalmologic conditions that require lab testing, imaging, consultation, and referral.

**Location:** Bascom Palmer Eye Institute

**Participating Faculty:** Faculty from the Department of Ophthalmology at BPEI

**Prerequisite:** 4<sup>th</sup> year/Phase 3 University of Miami medical student pursuing a career in ophthalmology. Email to coordinator before signing up for course

**Expectations:** Students are **required** to:

- a. Complete assigned 12-hour shifts in the Bascom Palmer Emergency Department, **including night and weekend shifts**. An attendance sheet must be signed by the supervising physician/housestaff at the beginning and end of each shift (approximately 6 shifts over 2 weeks).
- b. Keep a patient log that will be submitted at the end of the rotation
- c. Complete an online course

**Student Evaluations and Grading:** The evaluation by the Program Director is based on your Patient Log, performance in the ED, attendance, and completion of an online course. The grade will be Pass/Fail.

**Report to:** A welcome email will be sent to you the week prior to the rotation with details.