JULIAN MERCER

OPTOMETRIST

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Doctor of Optometry with 8+ years of comprehensive eye care, including a VA residency in ocular disease. Diagnoses and manages glaucoma, diabetic eye disease, and dry eye, and fits specialty contact lenses. Sees 22 to 26 patients a day and co-manages surgical patients with ophthalmology.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Staff Optometrist Jul 2021 - Present
Kaiser Permanente, San Jose, CA

- Perform comprehensive eye exams for 22 to 26 patients a day, including dilated fundus exams, OCT, and visual fields.
- Co-manage over 400 glaucoma suspects and patients, tracking progression with OCT and setting treatment targets with ophthalmology.
- Raised diabetic retinopathy screening completion among assigned patients from 78% to 90% by flagging overdue exams during every visit.
- Diagnose and treat ocular infections, dry eye, and allergic conjunctivitis under California therapeutic privileges.
- Refer urgent cases such as retinal tears to the retina clinic the same day, with documented follow-up.
- Train optometry students from the Berkeley and Marshall B. Ketchum University programs during externships.
- Perform pre- and post-operative care for cataract patients co-managed with ophthalmology, with no missed follow-up visits last year.

Optometrist Jul 2019 - Jun 2021
Costco Wholesale, Sunnyvale, CA

- Provided comprehensive and contact lens exams in a retail setting, fitting multifocal and astigmatic lenses with a refit rate below 6%.
- Introduced myopia management for children with orthokeratology and low-dose atropine consultations, starting 35 patients in the first year.
- Reviewed frame and lens options with patients and cooperated with opticians to cut remake rates.
- Managed same-day urgent care visits for red eye and foreign bodies, with timely referrals when needed.
- Completed monthly peer chart reviews for the regional optometry group and used the findings to tighten documentation.

Optometry Resident, Ocular Disease and Low Vision Jul 2018 - Jun 2019
VA Palo Alto Health Care System, Palo Alto, CA

- Completed a one-year residency seeing veterans with diabetes, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and low vision needs.
- Managed ocular emergencies in the eye clinic and coordinated care with ophthalmology and primary care.
- Presented a case on hydroxychloroquine retinopathy screening to the clinic staff.

CORE SKILLS

Comprehensive eye exams | Glaucoma management | Diabetic eye disease | OCT interpretation | Visual field testing | Dry eye treatment | Specialty contact lenses | Myopia management | Ocular emergencies | Therapeutic pharmaceutical agents | Co-management with ophthalmology | Epic | Patient education | Student teaching

EDUCATION

Doctor of Optometry, University of California, Berkeley School of Optometry, Berkeley, CA

CERTIFICATIONS

Optometrist License (TPA and Glaucoma Certified), California State Board of Optometry | National Board of Examiners in Optometry (NBEO) Parts I-III | BLS for Healthcare Providers