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RESIDENCY

The UC San Diego Ophthalmology Residency Training Program is a three-year program with a total of 12 resident physicians (four per year of training).

Our highly selective residency program receives over 400 applications per year from all over the country to fill four positions. It is known for its outstanding clinical and surgical training, as well as the value placed on scholarly activity and compassionate patient care. Our residents are among the brightest and most motivated, and continue to be high achievers during and after their training. As a result, graduating residents are regularly chosen for competitive post-residency Fellowship training in various subspecialties of Ophthalmology, such as Cornea,

Glaucoma, Ophthalmic Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery and Retina.

During their training residents learn, under the supervision of the renowned Shiley faculty, to care for patients from all walks of life and with every type of eye problem, from common to very rare eye conditions. In addition, with Departmental support, residents partake in the many cutting-edge research opportunities available in the UC San Diego Department of Ophthalmology and present their work at pre-eminent national meetings

such as the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Association for Research in Vision and Ophthalmology.

The UC San Diego Ophthalmology Residency Training Program was recently recognized by the national accrediting body, the Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education, with a commendation on the excellence of the Residency Program and its faculty.

Jeffrey E. Lee, M.D. is the Program Director for the Ophthalmology Residency Program and Assistant Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology. He is also the Clinical Service Chief of Ophthalmology at UC San Diego Hillcrest Medical Center where he serves a diverse group of patients with multiple medical issues. With elderly and indigent patients, Dr. Lee is committed to programs that bring quality vision care to underserved patients.

Dr. Lee is passionate about teaching residents, undergraduates and medical students and working with them to reach their maximum potential. Since becoming Program Director in 2012, the Program has added three more residents and now totals 12. They work at the Shiley Eye Center, the San Diego Veterans Affairs Medical Center, and UC San Diego Hillcrest Medical Center.

Dr. Lee noted, "I am honored to have been entrusted such a vital role in helping shape the future of such talented young ophthalmologists."

Dr. Lee earned his medical degree from UC San Diego and completed his residency at the Shiley Eye Center in 2009. He knows firsthand the competitive application "match" process, decision to pursue ophthalmology and then train as a resident.

"We are fortunate to have Dr. Lee mentoring our great team of residents. He combines his passion for patient care with lifelong learning," states Natalie A. Afshari, M.D., Professor of Ophthalmology and Director of Education at the Shiley Eye Center.



(above) Jeff Lee, M.D. with Residents.