



### **Ophthalmologists**

#### **What They Do:**

- Ophthalmologists are medical doctors who specialize in all aspects of eye health. They provide primary eye care services including eye exams and prescribe medications and perform surgical procedures, such as laser surgery and lens replacement.
- Using both surgical and non-invasive techniques, ophthalmologists diagnose and manage eye diseases, conditions, and disorders, and treat and repair eye injuries.



### **Opticians**

#### **What They Do:**

- They fit eyeglasses and contact lenses, following prescriptions written by optometrists or ophthalmologists.
- They measure patients' eyes, recommend eyeglass frames and lenses based on the patient's needs and can reshape eyeglass frames to fit properly. When licensed to do so, opticians also can fit contact lenses.



### **Optometrists**

#### **What They Do:**

- Provide routine, primary vision care.
- They examine eyes to detect vision problems such as nearsightedness, farsightedness and astigmatism, and diagnose eye diseases such as glaucoma. They also test patients' depth and color perception, as well as their ability to focus and coordinate eye function.
- They prescribe eyeglasses and contact lenses, and in some states administer and prescribe medications to help diagnose vision problems and treat certain eye disease.



### **Orthoptist**

#### **What They Do:**

- Screening children for any defects in vision or eye movements.
- Carrying out tests to assess the nature of squint and binocular vision problems.
- Help choosing and overseeing the best treatment for squint and lazy eyes.
- Writing up diagnoses and progress reports.