

BostonSight Holds Annual FitAcademy Retreat for Cornea and Contact Lens Residents and Fellows

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EINPresswire.com/ -- [BostonSight](#)[®], a nonprofit eye healthcare organization that advances the treatment of diseased and damaged corneas and

dry eyes held their annual [FitAcademy](#)[™] Retreat for Cornea and Contact Lens Residents and Fellows at New England College of Optometry (NECO) in Boston, September 13-14, 2024.



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This year marked the sixth iteration of FitAcademy, an educational retreat for cornea and contact lens residents and fellows at schools and colleges of optometry and accredited fellowship sites throughout the United States and Canada.

FitAcademy was held at NECO’s Clinical Training Center, where residents learned about scleral lens fitting and assessment, how to manage and co-manage a range of corneal and ocular surface disorders, including dry eye disease and keratoconus, managing the scleral lens patient Beyond the Fit[™] (a staple of FitAcademy programs), and

scleral lens application and removal techniques. FitAcademy’s intimate setting also provides residents and fellows a unique opportunity to collaborate with fellow clinicians, strengthening their professional connections as they begin their careers.

This year, 31 cornea and contact lens residents attended the event, which included hands-on wet lab training. Thanks to funding from BostonSight and support from sponsors, students attend FitAcademy for free.

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seen their continued support year after year and are pleased that they, too, see the value in providing scleral lens education to eye doctors seeking specialization in their careers.”

FitAcademy is led by Dr. Carrasquillo and taught by BostonSight staff Dr. Bitu Asghari, OD, FAAO, FSLs, Associate Director of Clinical Education; Dr. Chirag Patel, OD, FAAO, Associate Director of Innovative Technologies; Dr. Alan Kwok, OD, FAAO, FSLs, Director of PROSE® Network Clinical Relationships; and Dr. Daniel Brocks, MD, Chief Medical Officer and Cornea Specialist.

The renowned invited faculty include

Clark Chang, OD, MSA, MSc, FAAO of Wills Eye Hospital; Patricia Flores, OD, TMO, MSc, PhD, IACLE, FSLs, Executive Director at Centro de la Visión, Chile; Marta Garcia, OD, Associate Professor at Zaragoza University, Department of Applied Physics, Spain; Anita Gulmiri, OD, FAAO, FSLs, Senior Medical Ambassador, Tarsus Pharmaceuticals and Faculty at New England College of Optometry; Jennifer Liao, OD, FAAO, FSLs, Assistant Professor of Optometry at New England College of Optometry; and Priscilla Sotomayor, OD, FSLs, PROSE Fellow and Contact Lens Specialist at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute.



FitAcademy Class of 2024

Each year, invitations are sent to residency sites from BostonSight. Resident directors then determine if residents can attend. If you are a cornea and contact lens residency director and would like to be added to our invite list, please visit

<https://www.bostonsight.org/practitioners/education/fitacademy/>

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New England College of Optometry is a private, nonprofit, and internationally recognized optometry school. We prepare the next generation of eye care providers, educators, and innovators through rigorous curriculum, extensive clinical experiences, state-of-the-art facilities, and a strong support network. As an independent optometry school, we focus solely on optometry. Founded in 1894, NECO is the oldest continuously operating optometry school in the U.S. and has been advancing optometric education ever since.

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