

New York's eye physicians are focused on the future of patient safety.



New York State Ophthalmological Society

What is an ophthalmologist?

An Ophthalmologist is a medical or osteopathic doctor who specializes in diagnosing and treating diseases of the eye including medical, surgical and vision care management. Ophthalmologists (Eye MDs) are extensively trained to provide the full spectrum of eye care services, from prescribing glasses and contact lenses to the use of a wide range of medications to complex and delicate eye surgery. Many Eye MDs are also involved in scientific research into the causes and cures for eye diseases and vision problems.

In addition to four years of medical school and one year of internship, every Eye MD spends a minimum of three years in residency (hospital-based education) in ophthalmology and many go on to fellowship subspecialty training. During that time, building on their years in medical school, eye physicians diagnose or treat thousands of patients with eye diseases and sight threatening conditions. Each Eye MD receives special training in all aspects of eye care including prevention, diagnosis, medical and surgical treatment of ophthalmic conditions.

What is NYSOS?

The New York State Ophthalmological Society (NYSOS) is a non-profit organization whose member Ophthalmologists promote the preservation of vision, the prevention of blindness and the effective utilization of scientific knowledge and medical capabilities for the benefit of all of New York State residents.

We ask for your support of these legislative bills that promote patient safety:

Save Our Sight - A.8760/S.4152

This bill proposes creation of a "Save Our Sight Fund" that would allow people applying for or renewing a driver's license to donate an additional dollar to a fund that will be established to operate vision care programs for the benefit of children.

These programs include a certification program that would teach those who serve children how to conduct vision screenings, creation of a database to help manage vision problems in children, establishment of a matching-grant program for children's protective eyewear, educational programs and creation of a vision care council to establish ways to detect vision problems, possible treatments and preventative care.

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