



WHAT IS THE OHIO AMBLYOPE REGISTRY?



The Ohio Amblyope Registry (OAR) is the first and only statewide program in the United States designed to serve the needs of children with amblyopia, commonly known as “Lazy Eye”, their families and eye doctors. Amblyopia is decreased vision in one or both eyes. Up to 3% of kids are affected.

The Ohio Amblyope Registry provides free eye patches for the treatment of amblyopia, free literature about amblyopia and causes, as well as other important services to help families of children with amblyopia. All services are free of charge (restricted to Ohio residents only). The Ohio Amblyope Registry is part of the Save Our Sight program.

The Amblyope News is the newsletter for the Ohio Amblyope Registry (OAR). It is designed to highlight the services and resources available through the OAR.

OPTOMETRISTS, OPHTHALMOLOGISTS, OPTICIANS, OCULARISTS..... “O” MY!!

It takes a village to care for someone’s eyes and vision. There are various eye care professionals who all play an important role in someone’s eye and vision care. Most of them start with the letter “O” so it can get confusing! Here are some brief descriptions to help us better understand the differences.

Optometrist: An optometrist is an eye doctor who provides primary and general eye and vision care. They prescribe glasses, contact lenses and visual aids for visually impaired. They also evaluate the health of the eyes and treat eye infections and minor inflammation. They also initiate amblyopia (lazy eye) therapy for children who have one eye that is stronger than the other. An optometrist will have “O.D.” after their name.

Ophthalmologist: An ophthalmologist is an eye doctor who can diagnose and treat all diseases of the eye and they are trained and skilled in performing many types of eye surgery. They also treat amblyopia and sometimes need to do eye muscle surgery to help with vision development. An ophthalmologist will have “M.D” or “D.O.” after their name.

Optician: An optician works in the optical (or eyeglasses) shop. They fit you into and help you order glasses and other vision correction aids. They also are experienced in adjusting, repairing or replacing your glasses.

Ocularist: An ocularist is someone who makes and fits artificial (prosthetic) eyes for those who have lost an eye due to trauma or illness.

Hopefully this helps distinguish all of the “O” professionals in eye and vision care. Although their roles and training are unique, they are all necessary and specialized for certain eye and vision problems.

-Kari Cardiff, O.D. (Optometrist)

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In the winter, I love to build _____ (noun, plural) and have _____ (adjective) snowball fights with my friends. One day, I put on my _____ (color) hat and went outside to play in the _____ (adjective) snow. I found a magical _____ (noun) that led me to a secret _____ (adjective) cave.

Inside the cave, I discovered a treasure chest full of _____ (noun, plural). I was so _____ (emotion) that I decided to share it with all my friends. We had a _____ (adjective) party with _____ (food), and we danced to _____ (adjective) music. The snowflakes fell, and it was the most _____ (superlative adjective) day ever.

I hope you enjoy filling in the blanks and creating your own fun winter adventure story!



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