BIRMINGHAM VA MEDICAL CENTER
ABOUT BIRMINGHAM VA MEDICAL CENTER

- 313-bed acute tertiary care facility located in the historic Southside district of the city
- Provides acute tertiary medical and surgical care to veterans of Alabama and surrounding states

- Our Mission: To provide Quality Care for America's Heroes
OUR VETERAN POPULATION

-A veteran is anyone who has served in the active-duty military

-The majority of patients are adult males but the number of female veterans is increasing

-Patient ages range from 20-90+

-Various patients have served in the Vietnam War, Peacekeeping Missions (Lebanon, Grenada, Panama, Kosovo), Afghanistan/Iraq (OEF/OIF/OND) and Korea

-Many of our patients have multiple comorbidities such as hypertension, diabetes, hyperlipidemia
OUR CLINIC
ROTATION DETAILS

- 4 externs per each 12-16 week rotation
- 40-hour work week
- Federal Holidays!
- Primary Preceptors: Dr. Mills and Dr. Tidmore
- Providing primary eye care for a large diverse population of veterans
OUR DOCTORS

Dr. Mills
Externship Program

Dr. Tidmore

Dr. Martinez
Residency Director

Dr. Snow
Chief of Optometry Section
BVAMC

Not pictured:

Dr. Frazier
Dr. Graves

Dr. Maharrey
Dr. Stevens
Dr. Perkins
EXTERNSHIP PROGRAM DIRECTORS

Dr. Mills
- Graduated from UABSO in 2012
- Completed residency in Low Vision Rehabilitation and Geriatric Optometry at BVAMC
- Staff OD at BVAMC since 2013

Dr. Tidmore
- Graduated from UABSO in 2000
- Completed residency in Ocular Disease at TVAMC
- Staff OD at BVAMC since 2002
OUR CLINIC

-The optometry clinic is a fully equipped, 8-lane clinic

-Optometry Service - 1st Floor
-Optometry Service - 2nd Floor
-Low Vision Clinic - 7th Floor
MORE ROTATION DETAILS

- Externs perform their own work-ups and eye exams
- Our opticians assist patients in ordering their glasses and in necessary repairs
- We do not offer contact lens services or pediatric care
OUR EQUIPMENT

- 2 Humphrey visual field units
- Fundus/Anterior segment cameras
- Cirrus OCT
COMMONLY SEEN CONDITIONS

- Diabetic retinopathy
- Hypertensive retinopathy
- Glaucoma
- AMD
- Artery/Vein Occlusions
- Cataract
- Diplopia
- Etc.
- Computerized Patient Record System (CPRS)
- Easy access to labs, imaging, medications, and notes from other VA clinics (such as primary care, neurology, mental health, radiology, oncology, etc.)
- Access to exam notes from any VA in the country
ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A BVAMC EXTERNSHIP?

- If you are interested in systemic and ocular disease, the VA is a great place to gain more experience.

- We look forward to seeing you in our clinic!
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Thank you!
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