

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Clinical Externship, Huntsville, AL

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Dr. Brown's mini-CV

- BA, Psychology, Harding University, 1984
- OD, UABSO, 1990
- Residency in ocular disease, VisionAmerica of Nashville, 1991
- Fellow, American Academy of Optometry, 1993
- “Board Certification” pending (ha!), American Board of Certification in Medical Optometry
- Clinical Associate Professor, UABSO, 1993-present
- Authored a mess of articles that no one read except me and my mother; lectured “internationally,” i.e., in Atlanta and Destin

If choose this externship, you will:

- Be disabused of your naïve notion that treating glaucoma is “fun.”
- Learn to recognize “clinically significant macular edema”
- Overcome your phobia of topical steroids
- Learn to do an eye exam in 25 minutes as opposed to 2 hours
- Most likely take out a corneal foreign body (we use needles!)
- Care for a challenging clinical population with every systemic and ocular disease in the book
- Learn to use CPRS, the granddaddy of EMRs
- Be guaranteed lifelong professional success and happiness

You will NOT:

- Fit an RGP
- Do vision therapy
- Learn practice management strategies (other than “Finish by Four!”)
- Fit the latest fashion frames
- Be able to get away with sloppy thinking
- Sit around with nothing to do
- Be allowed to crash in my attic (housing not provided)
- Be treated like a lowly 3rd year student
- Leave without seeing more disease than you thought possible

The 50 cent tour: Main hallway...



Sub-waiting, dilation area...



Pretesting, dispensary...



Main exam lane...



Auxiliary lane, tech office...



Photography, OCT, VF...



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The Master's Cave...



Coming in 2013: New, larger clinic space and more high tech toys!



Bottom Line...

- A wise clinical sage once said, “You see what you’re looking for and you look for what you know” (or something like that)
- If you come to the Huntsville VA, you will learn *how* to look and *what* to look for—we don’t major in minors
- We offer an excellent option for anyone not planning on a residency, but still desiring an intense exposure to ocular and systemic disease (“a residency in a bottle”)
- It’s also a fine choice for those who *do* plan to do a residency (“preseason camp”)
- If you fit either of those categories (or anywhere in between), call, email or come check us out. Operators are standing by.