Teamwork

• We work together to provide the best possible care for our nation’s Veterans
• We work hard to see a lot of patients efficiently and well
• We are integrated into the hospital and serve as part of the veterans’ health care team
• Mostly outpatient care, some inpatient
Most of our outpatients are much like your grandfather: same age, concerns and health problems.
Patient Demographics

• Ages: 20 – 100 (Average Age: 60 years old)
• Gender: 95% Male
• Race: 60% Caucasian, 40% African American
• NO Pediatrics
• NO Contact Lens Fitting

Patient Encounters

• Routine Refractive (~25%)
• Ocular Disease (~70%)
• Binocular Vision (~5%)
THE BIG THREE
And Other Stuff...
Ancillary Testing
Externship

• Affiliations with UABSO (3 externs) and ICO (1 extern)
• Extern hours 7:30 am to 3:30 pm
• You will receive a packet of information from our Education Coordinator that you must complete and return at least 30 days before your rotation
• You must get fingerprinted at the facility before your rotation begins: packet can’t move forward until fingerprints in TVAMC system
We Want You!

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http://www.tuscaloosa.va.gov/Tuscaloosa/careers/Optometry_Residency_Overview.asp