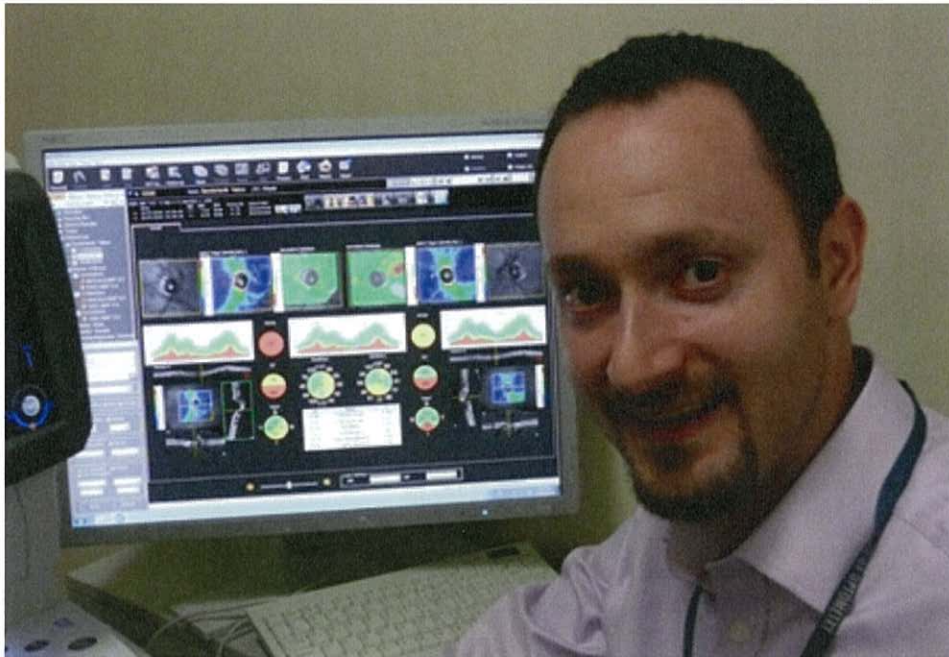


ACO Advanced Glaucoma Course

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The Australian College of Optometry (ACO) has expanded its post-graduate level courses with the launch of a six month course on glaucoma management. The Advanced Certificate in Glaucoma (ACO ACG) course will enable optometrists in Australia and New Zealand to undertake higher level study in the glaucoma area.

Speaking of the certificate course, Leanne Nguyen the College's Lead Optometrist, Ocular Disease and Hospital Services and Site Co-ordinator, Glaucoma Initial Treatment Study said, "Optometrists are well-placed to work closely with our colleagues in ophthalmology and general medical practice to facilitate optimal outcomes for patients. This certificate will build on existing knowledge to increase connections and confidence to improve clinical care."

The certificate will feature self-paced learning supported by online lectures, e-learning materials, demonstration videos and on-line discussion forums. Local clinical placements with ophthalmologists and interaction with colleagues will strengthen networks to ensure patients are receiving the highest level of care. Under the guidance of an expert advisory committee, the course will be presented by ophthalmologists, university lecturers and experienced optometrists.

Jolanda de Jong, ACO General Manager of Professional Development said, "Continuous learning is imperative to quality clinical care. Undertaking an advanced certificate contributes to skills-based career development. This grows competence and increases performance capacity for both individuals and practices," she said.

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