



Service Category: Clinical initiative

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This program is able to accommodate 4-8 students per session

Description:

Our mission is to promote eye health and awareness among the large medically underserved population of Metro-Detroit due to the high prevalence of diabetes and glaucoma. Early detection and adequate health literacy have been shown to improve outcomes for patients with glaucoma. Thus throughout the year we host several vision screenings in an effort to safety net for this high-risk population. Student volunteers learn to obtain relevant eye health history, and perform a basic eye exam, including visual acuity, visual field, and glaucoma testing. A physician does not supervise our screenings, but we refer any serious cases encountered for more detailed examination by an optometrist/ophthalmologist.

Available Days: Wednesdays and Saturdays between 9 and noon

Activities for Medical Students:

Opportunity to communicate health education information to clients/patients.

Conduct a health screening.

Special Projects: Meet the Match event