

Happy New Year

on January 17th 2017

Presents

UV, HEV, and Sunglasses

Speaker: David Burch



Location: Fratelli's Ristorante
1330 Wirt Rd
Houston, TX 77055
713-263-0022

Registration: 6:00 pm
Dinner: 6:30 pm
ABO Seminar: 7:30 pm

One Hour CE Credit

Cost: 2017 Annual Membership- \$80
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About Maui Jim

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About the Speaker



David Burch started in the wholesale lab business while completing his education in 1981. He completed his degree in Biology from San Diego State University in 1982. He joined Maui Jim in 2003 as a Lab Manager and in

2006 he started his current position as a Corporate Rx Training Manager to help promote the Rx program through continuing education seminars and onsite training. Approved as a ABO speaker with approved ABO accredited presentations. Certified as an optician by the American Board of Opticianry.



COAT is always looking for your valuable suggestions, questions, comments, ideas, thoughts, etc.,

Please do not hesitate to contact me via
 Email: coatpresident@yahoo.com
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We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting on Tuesday, January 17, 2016

Your COAT President
 Mustafa Asif,
 ABOC



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COAT CHRONICLES

By

Mustafa Asif

Hello COAT members and a very Happy New Year. I would like to wish everyone a very prosperous and healthy year ahead. We ended our last year with a great meeting in November that was sponsored by Europa Eyewear. We would like to thank Jill Burrowes and rest of her team for providing us with dinner and a night of learning.

Also in November, COAT sponsored the Eye Stroll For Vision, that was organized by Prevent Blindness Texas. The walk was held at the Houston Zoo. COAT Board was present at the walk and provided information about eye health and all new innovations in eye care.

One of our main goals as COAT leadership is to promote the profession of opticianry in the state of Texas. We are working with the Opticians Association of America to educate the local residents of the state. We have some excellent CE opportunities coming up this year, encourage your fellow opticians to attend COAT meetings and also if they are not one, ask them to become an annual member. We have to become opticians who provide a complete vision solution to our patients.

We have some wonderful events planned for the upcoming year. Look out for emails and also follow us on Facebook for all the announcements. This year will be the last year of this current COAT Board. We want you to step forward and take an active role in your professional association. See you guys at the meeting.

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My Little Buddy: The Prism Reference Point

By Johnna Dukes, ABOC

I love manual lensometry. If a fire were to suddenly threaten my boutique, I would grab my favorite vintage specs that belonged to my great-great aunt and my manual lensometer and then I would run for my life.

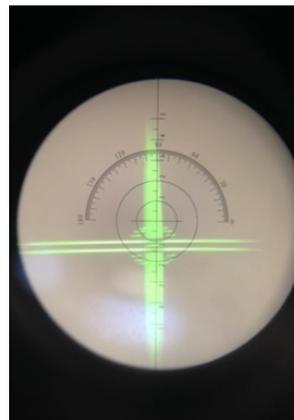
That being said and after speaking with many of my colleagues I understand that many opticians, both new to the game and those who've been in for a bit, want to discuss manual lensometry. They've got questions on many fronts; however, one of the questions I hear most frequently involves how to read prism, specifically with-in progressive addition lenses.

What is The PRP?

So, my first question is, do you know the muffin man? No, sorry. I mean, do you know my little buddy, the prism reference point? When I first asked this question, I was surprised by how many opticians weren't familiar with this term. Prism Reference Point, or PRP, is the point on a progressive lens that you will use in order to determine if any prism is present within the lens. You can find it on verification masks for all of your progressive lenses, or you can determine by the semi-visible markings on a PAL. You will find that the PRP lives right smack between the watermarks.

How to Use The PRP

So, you know what the PRP is, now, how to apply it. You will want to verify the prescription just like you normally would, checking the distance Rx where indicated based on the amount of drop between the fit point and the PRP; and then verifying the near Rx where indicated based on the corridor length of your particular PAL design. Next, you will want to set the stage on your manual lensometer such that the PRP is right in the middle of your reticle, then, look through your eyepiece, adjust the power drum until the image is clear and determine if the optical image you see is centered on the optical cross or if the image has now moved indicating the presence of prism. It's always a good idea to write down what you've found when verifying your findings at the PRP. (Of course the actual amount of power you see here will be neither the distance or near Rx as you now have some of the intermediate Rx present at the PRP, so don't worry about the Rx you find here, only the amount and direction of prism.)



Accounting for Prism Thinning

It is very common for there to be prism found at the PRP when it comes to verifying progressive lenses. This is because most labs will automatically add "prism thinning" or "equithinning prism" to progressive lenses in order to improve the aesthetics of the finished product. It is important to remember the rules of compounding and canceling prism.

The rules of compounding and canceling prism will help us to determine if the amount of prism found at the PRP is acceptable and within tolerance, or if we should reject the job. Remember that prism that is up and up, down and down, in and out will cancel each other out. Most equithinning prism will be found Base down in both lenses in the same amount in each lens, thus canceling the prismatic effect totally.

Conclusions

The PRP really is your buddy in this instance because it tells you exactly what you want to know. You get to disregard Rx entirely here and check only for amount of prism and direction of said prism. From there, look at the information you collected and determine if it what you found cancels or compounds and then determine if the job passes inspection. So, by looking at the prism reference point as a buddy rather than as an unsolvable equation, you'll see that mastering the process of finding prism in progressive addition lenses is actually kinda fun!

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November Highlights



Europa Manager, Jill Burrowes was the speaker at the meeting that was held at Studio Movie Grill in November. She kept the crowd captive with her presentation.

COAT President Mustafa Asif and Treasurer Bonnie Rosenbaum with the Europa Reps (Ladies from Left to Right) Crystal, Bonnie, Loretta and Jill.



Europa Reps Crystal and Loretta, brightened the night with their beautiful smiles. Thank You for all that you do for Texas Opticians specially in the Houston area. COAT appreciates all your hard work.

COAT President Mustafa Asif presenting Europa Manager Jill Burrowes with a Certificate of Appreciation at the end of the meeting. Thank You. We encourage all members to support our sponsors and learn about their products.



COAT Board L-R Cindy, Bonnie, Mustafa and Kim at the Eye Stroll For Vision Walk, held at the Houston Zoo.



ABO and NCLE Certification Renewal



All ABO and NCLE certifications are for three (3) years. Continuing education credits (CECs) must be earned within the three year certification period and may not be accumulated and carried over from one period to another. All CECs and renewal fees are due on or before your expiration date. If you fail to complete the requirements on time, you have a 4th year to complete them. During that year, your certification is suspended. This suspension year is not an extension, but will overlap into your next certification period.

Continuing Education Renewal Requirements:

- ABO Certified: Send in 12 ABO approved CECs (up to 3 may be NCLE approved) and the \$85 fee.
- NCLE Certified: Send in 18 NCLE approved CECs (up to 6 may be ABO approved) and the \$85 fee.
- ABO and NCLE Certified: Send in 21 CECs (9 ABO approved and 12 NCLE approved) plus the \$170 fee.

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- Spectacle related courses approved by ABO with an assigned course number.
- Advanced certification prerequisite courses (ABO or NCLE).

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- Contact lens related courses approved by NCLE with an assigned course number.
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- New ABO: You may submit proof of maintaining a valid state license if the state has a satisfactory provision for continuing education.
- New NCLE: You may submit proof of maintaining a valid state license if the license entitles you to fit contact lenses and the state has a satisfactory provision for continuing education.
- For Either: You may also retake and pass the exam for recertification instead of earning CECs, but only in the third or suspension year of your certification. You may not sit for the exam at any other time during your certification.

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ABO/NCLE - 6506 Loisdale Rd., Suite 209, Springfield, VA 22150, and include name, address and certificate number.

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Full Time Optician Needed – Northwest Houston

Private practice seeking a goal-oriented optician who is passionate about helping patients and enjoys supporting the daily challenges of a small team environment. The candidate should have at least (2) two years of optical experience including: 1) proper frame styling and lens product solutions based on patient's prescription and lifestyle needs 2) working knowledge of vision plans and 3) accurate trouble shooting/eyewear dispensing techniques.

Position requires: Outstanding sales and communication skills; Must be a self-starter, reliable and able to multi-task; ABOC and/or Lab experience a plus but not required to start.

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Interested applicants please submit resume and a cover letter to info@premier-vision.net and complete our application in office.

Location: Northwest Houston-Vintage Park (77070)

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Posted 12-11-16

Full Time Optician Needed - Cypress, Texas

Optician needed for busy Cypress optometric practice. This is a full time position with benefits including health insurance, 401K, bonus, disability, paid vacation. Saturdays are required. ABO certification would be a plus, but not required. ABO certification training given and test paid if not certified. Experienced opticians only, please. Must be people-person, outgoing, and achievement-driven. This is an excellent opportunity for the right candidate. Work with a team to create a high-tech, service-driven experience for our patients. Email resume to jobs@strongvisionctr.com or fax to 281-373-3089.

Posted 11-01-16

Full Time Optician Needed – Baytown, Texas

An established optometry office in Baytown is looking for an experienced optician with at least 1 year of experience in the optical field. This position will be full time, Monday through Friday with no weekends. Some of the job duties will include, frame styling, adjustments, file claims with vision insurance companies, inspect and verify glasses, and assist customers. Benefits include bonuses, holidays and paid vacation. Pay will be based on experience.

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