

OPHTHAMOLOGY AND VISUAL SCIENCE

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ELECTIVE

Ophthalmology and Visual Science Clinical Elective This intensive two- or four-week elective consists of ten half-day sessions per week. Students observe in specialty clinics and ophthalmic surgery. More advanced students evaluate patients in a general ophthalmology clinic. Students are expected to participate in departmental conferences and review independent study material provided by the department. Subspecialty experience includes cornea and external eye disease, glaucoma, neuro-ophthalmology, oculoplastics, retinal disease, and strabismus. By the end of the elective, students should be able to recognize the four most common causes of profound blindness and be able to identify vision-threatening and non-vision-threatening causes of a red eye; perform an external eye exam; use an ophthalmoscope to identify the optic nerve and be able to describe it; and have some familiarity with the slit lamp. Students who do the four-week elective are expected to do a presentation on a topic in ophthalmology at the end of the rotation. Evaluation is based on clinic performance, the case discussions, and the presentation. Teaching settings include the Yale Eye Center, the Yale Health Center,

the West Haven VA Eye Clinic, and the Cornell Scott-Hill Health Center. Prerequisite: second-year ophthalmology module or equivalent.