

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA CORNEA FELLOWSHIP**  
**SCOPE OF PRACTICE**  
**DIRECTOR OF PROGRAM: CRAIG BERGER, M.D.**

This document pertains to fellow rotations at Tampa General Hospital, James A. Haley Veterans Administration Hospital, USF Eye Institute and Moffitt Cancer Center. This program is part of the fellowship training program in Cornea at the University of South Florida. All ACGME and JCAHO guidelines pertaining to graduate medical education apply to this rotation.

In keeping with ACGME and JCAHO guidelines, the faculty and program director are responsible for providing fellows with direct experience in progressive responsibility for patient management. All patient care at Tampa General Hospital, James A. Haley Veterans Administration Hospital, USF Eye Institute and Moffitt Cancer Center provided by fellows will be provided under direct or indirect faculty supervision. Supervision must be documented in the medical record in accordance with the Department of Ophthalmology at the University of South Florida compliance guidelines.

Activities performed **without direct supervision** require access to the supervisory physician for communication and physical access **within 30 minutes**. Activities performed with direct supervision require presence of the supervisory physician. Residents are authorized to perform any activity assigned while under direct supervision. **Final interpretation of all diagnostic and therapeutic studies requires direct supervision.** Fellows at each postgraduate year of training, while not limited to the following activities, are specifically allowed to do these without direct supervision. This document may be modified by the program director based on additions to the training program.

**PGY 5**

*WITHOUT Direct Supervision*

*Fellows Shall:*

- 1) *Do pertinent history and physical examination & develop diagnostic and therapeutic plans for:*
  - a. *Ambulatory*
  - b. *Hospitalized patients with unknown or newly diagnosed corneal problems*
- 2) *Provide ongoing care for ambulatory patients with corneal disorders*
- 3) *Examine patients with all available eye equipment*
  - a.
- 2) *Perform*
  - a. *Punctal plug placement (temporary and permanent)*
  - b. *Punctal cauterization*
  - c. *Anterior stromal puncture*
  - d. *Apply surgical glue to cornea*
  - e. *Subconjunctival injections*
  - f. *Culture corneal ulcers*
  - g. *Contact lens fitting*
- 4) *Prepare informal and formal educational seminars for residents, subspecialty fellows and faculty on cornea topics*
- 5) *Interpret and in some cases perform common diagnostic tests such as corneal pachymetry, topography, specular microscopy, rigid gas permeable contact lens over-refraction*

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*WITH Direct Supervision*

*Residents Shall:*

- 1) *Perform cornea transplant*  
Descemet's Stripping Automated Endothelial Keratoplasty (DSAEK)  
Penetrating Keratoplasty
- 2) *Perform pterygium excision*
- 3) *Perform cornea refractive surgery*
  - a. *PRK*
  - b. *LASIK*
- 4) *Perform amniotic membrane transplant*



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*Signature:* Director of Program

Date: 10/29/10