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INTERNATIONAL JOINT COMMISSION ON ALLIED HEALTH PERSONNEL IN OPHTHALMOLOGY®

MEET THE HEROES OF OPHTHALMIC CARE

CELEBRATE YOUR AOP TEAM

JOIN US: NOVEMBER 2-8, 2026



17TH ANNUAL ALLIED OPHTHALMIC PERSONNEL WEEK





OPHTHALMIC HEROES

BREAKING NEWS!
THE SAVINGS CONTINUE!
The Clinic CE Subscription sale has been EXTENDED through November 8, 2026! Help your eye care heroes power up with continuing education.

CLINIC CE SUBSCRIPTIONS ONLY $515

This AOP Week, we're celebrating the skilled professionals whose expertise, dedication, and compassion help make exceptional ophthalmic care possible. As their roles evolve, these everyday **heroes** make a difference throughout the practice.
The International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO®) promotes AOP Week to recognize their contributions and shine a spotlight on career opportunities in eye care.

CELEBRATE YOUR HEROES. POWER UP THEIR POTENTIAL!
Give your team the recognition they deserve and opportunities to build their skills and advance their careers.

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EVERY GREAT OPHTHALMIC TEAM HAS ITS HEROES.

SUPER HERO

AOP Week is the perfect opportunity to recognize the everyday heroes who make a difference in your office and in your patients' lives. Make this year special with a celebration your whole team can enjoy! Share stories, best practices, or interesting case studies to strengthen your AOP community. Surprise your staff with a decorated break room and special snacks. Have lunch or breakfast catered. Upgrade the office coffee for a day or the whole week. Remember, small gestures can make a big impact.



STRIKE A SUPERHERO POSE:
Set up a superhero-themed selfie station with capes, masks, and comic-book signs. Share team photos using #WELOVEAOP and #HEROESOFEYECARE.

SHOW US YOUR EYE CARE HEROES:
Submit photos of your AOP team in action—supporting colleagues, learning new skills, caring for patients, or celebrating together. Follow your clinic's privacy and photo-permission policies when taking and sharing photos.



SUPER THANKS FOR SUPER PEOPLE:
Invite patients, ophthalmologists, and coworkers to write appreciation notes recognizing an AOP who made a difference. Read them aloud during a team meeting or deliver them in special envelopes.

HELP YOUR HEROES RECHARGE:
Give your team time to refuel with stretching, mindfulness, a healthy breakfast, or a protected break. Even heroes need time to rest and recharge!

SUIT UP FOR AOP WEEK:
Choose a day for staff to wear superhero-themed shirts, accessories, or team colors. Keep attire appropriate for patient care.

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STEPS TO AOP WEEK SUCCESS

- Get approval from your doctor or clinic manager to observe AOP Week with planned outreach activities.
- Recruit a committee of co-workers to brainstorm ideas and then narrow them down to the best two or three.
- Determine a budget for planned activites.
- Break down each activity into tasks so everyone knows what has to be done.
- Take photos of your celebration for follow-up media coverage or for posting online, and share with IJCAHPO. (see next page)
- Evaluate results, what worked and what did not, and keep record of both to assist in future planning.
- Send thank you notes to media and others who helped make your celebration a success.







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A SUPER-SIZED CONGRATULATIONS TO LAST YEAR'S PHOTO CONTEST WINNER!

Rockyview General Hospital Eye Clinic
Calgary, AB

THINK YOUR TEAM HAS WHAT IT TAKES TO BE OUR NEXT PHOTO CONTEST CHAMPION?

Snap photos of your AOP Week celebrations and submit them to IJCAHPO by December 31, 2026.

Our winning entry will receive a SUPER swag bag packed with IJCAHPO goodies!

SNAP IT! SHARE IT! WIN IT!
Your team could be our next AOP Week superstar!

Submit photos to: photos@jcahpo.org



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USE THE FOLLOWING SIGNS TO CELEBRATE YOUR AOPS



HEROES AT WORK!

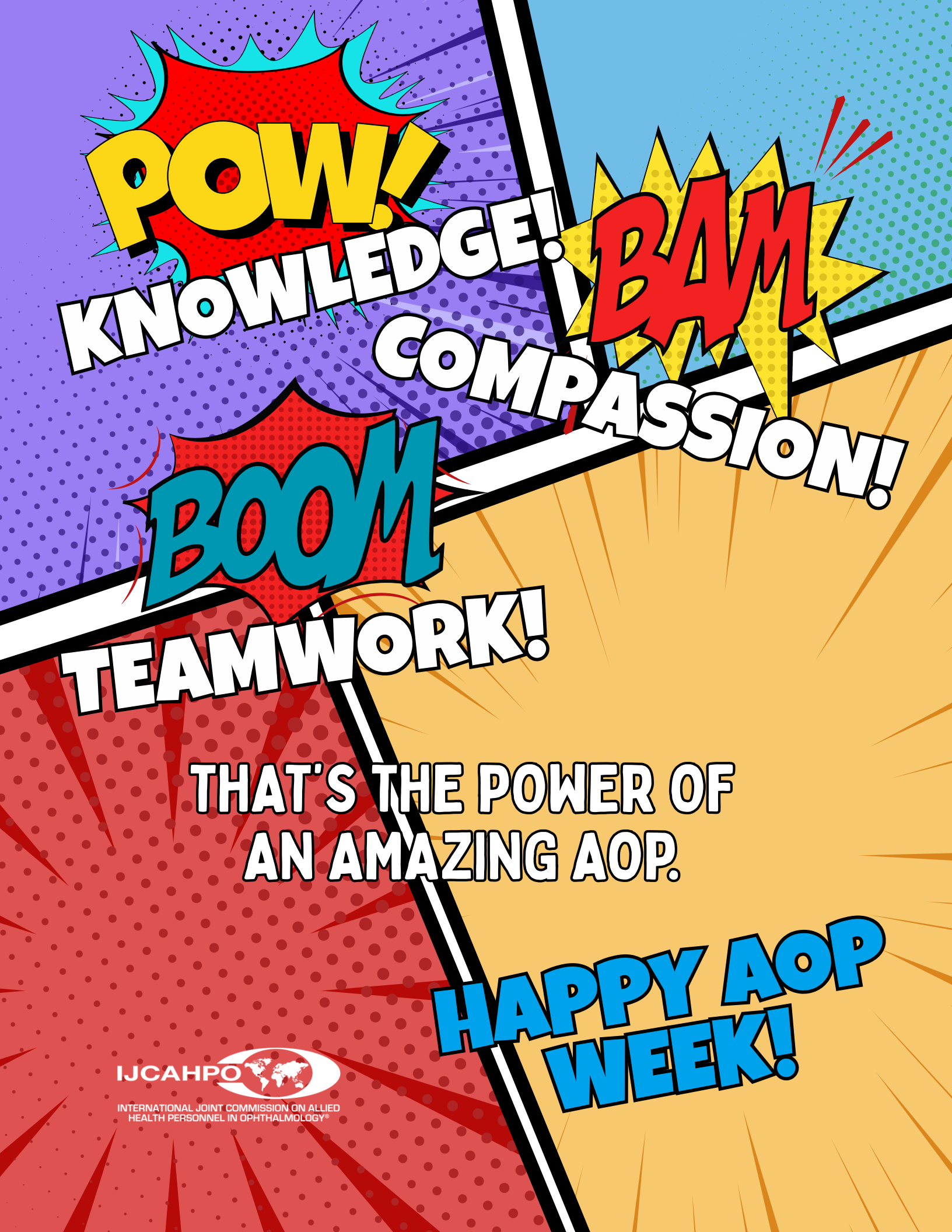


NO CAPE REQUIRED.
JUST KNOWLEDGE,
SKILL, COMPASSION
AND MAYBE CAFFEINE.

HAPPY AOP WEEK!

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POW!
KNOWLEDGE!
BAM
COMPASSION!
BOOM
TEAMWORK!
THAT'S THE POWER OF
AN AMAZING AOP.
HAPPY AOP
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WE CELEBRATE YOU DURING AOP WEEK!





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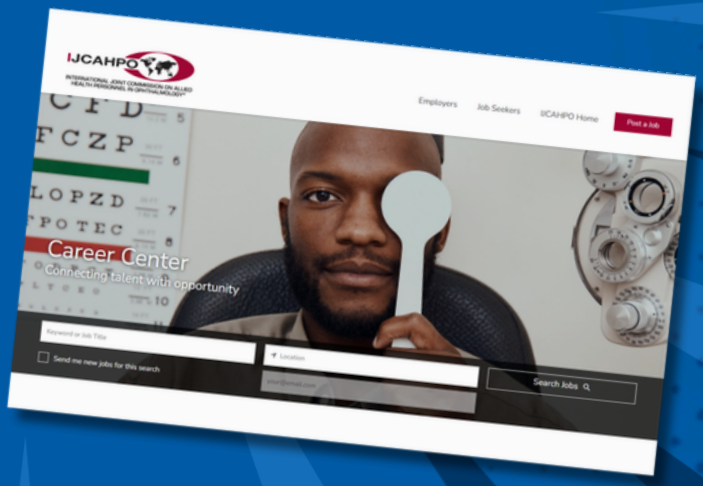


RECRUIT WHERE OPHTHALMIC PROFESSIONALS LOOK FIRST

IJCAHPO CAREER CENTER

Unlike large, general job sites that serve every industry, the IJCAHPO Career Center is dedicated exclusively to ophthalmic professionals. Every job posting reaches candidates who are actively pursuing careers in eye care, resulting in more qualified applicants and a more efficient hiring process.

When your goal is to hire skilled ophthalmic personnel, a specialized career center delivers greater value than a broad job aggregator by connecting you directly with professionals you want to reach.



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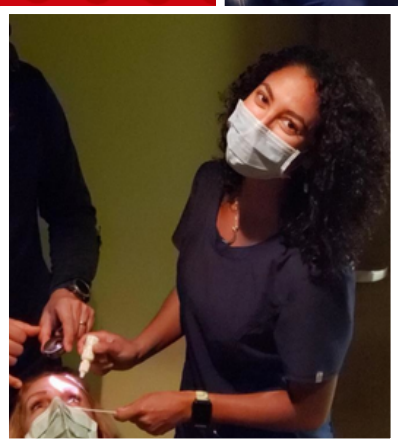
EVERY HERO HAS AN ORIGIN STORY





HELP RECRUIT THE NEXT GENERATION OF OPHTHALMIC HEROES!

AOP Week is the perfect time to celebrate your team—and inspire someone new to join the ophthalmic profession!



Share Discover Eye Careers with students, job seekers, patients, community partners, and anyone who may be looking for a rewarding healthcare career. The site introduces visitors to careers as ophthalmic medical technicians and provides information about training, wages and benefits, financial assistance, career profiles, and job opportunities.



Every ophthalmic hero has an origin story. Help someone start theirs.

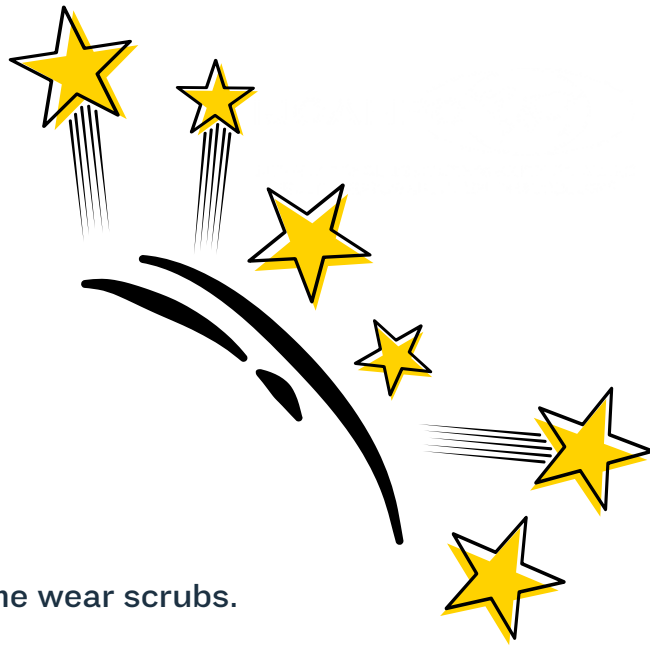
Visit DiscoverEyeCareers.org to learn more.

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SAMPLE PRESS RELEASE



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
[Date]

OUR SUPERPOWER? OUR TEAM!

[CITY, STATE] — Not all heroes wear capes. Some wear scrubs.

This Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) Week, [Clinic Name] is celebrating the skilled professionals who help deliver exceptional ophthalmic care every day.

Working alongside ophthalmologists, AOPs perform essential roles throughout the patient experience from gathering medical histories and performing diagnostic testing to assisting with procedures, educating patients, and providing reassurance and support.

This year's "Heroes of Eye Care" theme recognizes the knowledge, compassion, teamwork, and dedication AOPs bring to their patients and practices.

Meet Our Ophthalmic Heroes
[Add two or three sentences about your AOP team and how your clinic is celebrating them. Example: "Our clinic is proud to have [number] AOPs serving patients throughout [communities]. During AOP Week, we will celebrate our team with [activity]."]
"[Add a brief quote from an AOP about why they chose ophthalmology or what they love about their profession]," said [AOP Name, Credentials/Title].
[Clinic Name] invites patients and community members to join us in thanking the ophthalmic heroes whose skills and dedication make a difference for patients every day.
About [Clinic Name]
[One or two sentences about the clinic, communities served, and services.]
Learn more at [website].

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Mailing Address (Print): _____

Date: _____

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I hereby certify that I am the parent or legal guardian (circle one) of the individual who executed the foregoing Release. Acting both for myself individually and on behalf of said individual, I consent to the execution of the foregoing irrevocable Consent and Release by said individual and the grant of the rights made therein.

Signature of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Printed Name of Parent/Legal Guardian: _____

Relationship to Minor: _____

Date: _____

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PUBLICITY FORM

Tell us how you celebrated Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP) Week.

Contact Name: _____ Position: _____

Physician/Supervisor Name: _____

Business Name: _____

Business Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Category (Choose one):

- ☐ Ophthalmic Clinic
- ☐ Ophthalmic Training Program
- ☐ Ophthalmic Association
- ☐ Other _____

The information you provide will allow us to share your stories and pictures with the ophthalmic community!

In the area below, please provide details on how you celebrated AOP Week. Tell us about any activities or events you held and their successes. Please include any sample materials or photos of the events and/or celebratory activities you participated in. Make sure to also include a photo release (provided) for each person in the picture so we can share your images in print and through our digital channels during AOP Week and in the future.

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Send this form to IJCAHPO, 2025 Woodlane Drive, St. Paul, MN 55125-2998
You may also e-mail this form and any supporting materials to photos@jcahpo.org
NOTE: Pictures, supporting materials, and content will not be returned.



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