



World Council of Optometry, Alcon, and IACLE Partner to Advance Dry Eye Education

ST. LOUIS (August 17, 2026) The World Council of Optometry (WCO) and Alcon dry eye initiative is partnering with the [International Association of Contact Lens Educators](#) (IACLE) to help university instructors easily access the program's range of digital learning tools including the [WCO Alcon Dry Eye Wheel](#) and the [Dry Eye Management Map](#). IACLE members can gain direct access from the IACLE Teaching Online Platform (IACLETOP) learning management system.

IACLE has over 1,100 members in 86 countries, spanning more than 600 academic institutions.

The recently released new version of the [WCO Alcon Dry Eye Wheel](#) is updated with the latest recommendations from the recently published Tear Film & Ocular Surface Society Dry Eye Workshop III (TFOS DEWS III) report. The interactive wheel helps eye care professionals (ECPs) worldwide support patients with dry eye using the three steps of mitigation, measurement, and management.

The complementary [Dry Eye Management Map](#) is an online interactive tool designed to assist ECPs, educators and students navigate dry eye disease management in an evidence-based way. Both of these digital resources are available in a selection of languages, including Arabic, Chinese, French and Spanish, with more to follow.

“We are grateful to have an incredible partner in IACLE to help us spread the word about these resources,” said Cindy Tromans, BSc (Hons), PhD, FEAOO, president of WCO. “Dry eye disease is a growing issue worldwide, so it’s critical that educators easily be able to access the program tools and use them to educate the next generation of ECPs.”

“At Alcon, we are committed to helping eye care professionals better understand, identify and manage dry eye disease through practical, evidence-based education,” said Carla Mack, OD, MBA, FAAO, FBCLA, Global Head of Professional Education and Development, Alcon. “By expanding access to the WCO Alcon dry eye initiative through IACLE, we can help equip educators and students around the world with the latest tools that support consistent, patient-centered care today—and create new opportunities to advance dry eye education in the future.”

“IACLE’s involvement with the WCO Alcon Dry Eye Wheel allows its members to directly access this resource and share this with their students, helping the next generation of ECPs to be

patient care ready,” said Craig Woods, BSc (Hons), PhD, FAAO, FBCLA, Executive Manager of Educational Development, International Association for Contact Lens Educators.

Dry eye disease is a chronic condition, impacting the lives of those who suffer from it and its symptoms. Reports of this epidemic are rising in occurrence and correspond with factors such as increasing use of technology, environmental triggers, and an aging population.¹ Nearly 1.6 billion people around the world suffer from dry eye disease every day.²

For more information on the WCO and Alcon dry eye initiative, visit dryeye.worldcouncilofoptometry.info.

About the World Council of Optometry

The World Council of Optometry (WCO) is an international membership-based non-profit organization for individual optometrists, industry professionals and optometric organizations that envisions a world where optometry makes high quality eye health and vision care accessible to all people. Its mission is to facilitate the development of optometry around the world and support optometrists in promoting eye health and vision care as a human right through advocacy, education, policy development and humanitarian outreach. To learn more, please visit www.worldcouncilofoptometry.info or follow us on [LinkedIn](#), [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#).

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² Stapleton F, Alves M, Bunya VY, Jalbert I, Lekhanont K et al. (2017) TFOS DEWS II Epidemiology Report. Ocul Surf 15 (3): 334-365.