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Clinic Software Gets New User Interface

Compulink Healthcare Solutions is updating the user interface for Eyecare Advantage, its optometry-specific all-in-one EHR and practice management solution. New colors and font and button styles are more pleasing to the eye and new pop-up menus make system navigation easier and more efficient.

Powered by artificial intelligence, Advantage uses real-time data to drive efficiencies across the entire practice to maximize doctor time with patients and drive better financial results. It automates administrative tasks and covers all aspects of workflow including optical, mobile-based patient engagement, patient portal, e-prescribing, billing and revenue cycle management.

Optometry Student Bowl Goes Off-site to Rock On

All the fun and hoopla were back for the 28th annual AOSA Optometry Student Bowl, held June 20, 2019, at The Pageant, an iconic concert hall in the heart of Delmar Loop in St. Louis. More than 850 fans watched as students from 25 schools and colleges of optometry competed in the fast-paced test of optometric knowledge presented each year by Essilor at Optometry's Meeting. This year's winner of the Ventura Cup? Illinois College of Optometry! The college, represented by Nora Kuby, also received $1,000, diagnostic lenses from Volk Optical and a portable slit lamp from Keeler.

Second place went to the University of Waterloo School of Optometry & Vision Science, represented by Jen Duimering. Two schools — the University of California Berkeley College of Optometry, represented

by Lucas Wilson, and The Ohio State University College of Optometry, represented by Brianna Farley — tied for third. Check out who won the other awards at this ECPU page.

Project Foresight Scholarship Winners Announced

The challenge for students who entered this year's Project Foresight optometry scholarship competition: propose a unique practice idea that's applicable to the Walmart/Sam's Club vision of quality, affordable, accessible healthcare for everyone, present it via written essay or video, and defend its viability. Noelle Schmitter-Schrier from Southern College of Optometry was up to the challenge, winning the grand prize of a $5,000 scholarship and traveling trophy. Runner-up Sarah Hileman from Midwestern University Arizona College of Optometry, proving she was also up for the challenge, received a $2,500 scholarship.

Walmart and Sam's Club Health and Wellness plans to hold the Project Foresight competition again next year.

Rev360 Names Chief Financial Officer

Rev360, the company behind RevolutionEHR and a suite of eyecare practice and advancement solutions, hired John Fowle as Chief Financial Officer. Fowle has led the financial operations of both high-growth companies and multinational enterprises. He has held senior positions with Panasonic and GE Healthcare and most recently worked with Welltok, a provider of technology solutions that connect consumers with personalized health improvement resources. Fowle is responsible for Rev360's financial and accounting functions and will support its business expansion. Visit Rev360 to learn more.

New Test May Aid Earlier Glaucoma Diagnosis

Diopsys Inc. launched the Diopsys ffERG/Flash Plus Photopic Negative Response (PhNR) vision test, a new full-field electroretinography (ffERG) protocol designed to detect early signs of glaucoma. The new test provides doctors with objective information about the function of retinal ganglion cells (RGCs) and their axons, which may be used for earlier disease detection and decision-making on the timing of treatment initiation.

The Diopsys pattern electroretinography (PERG) test also provides objective information about RGC function, but the Diopsys ffERG/Flash Plus PhNR has several testing advantages, including enabling testing in a lit room with no refraction. For more information, visit the Diopsys website.

OCT Platform to Include Epithelial Thickness Mapping

The FDA granted Zeiss 510(k) clearance to expand the capabilities of its CIRRUS HD-OCT platform to include Epithelial Thickness Mapping (ETM). ETM helps eye doctors detect and monitor subtle corneal changes associated with various pathologies and more thoroughly evaluate refractive surgery patients pre- and post-op.

A quick (less than one second) non-contact scan produces a detailed 9-mm map of epithelial thickness. Click here to learn more.