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## Good Advice

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After the recent series of annual conference calls with the GP Lens Institute Advisory Committee - and the large number of excellent ideas for programs and resources that evolved from these calls, it became evident to me that this group of 90+ practitioners have not received the recognition they deserve. Many of the following individuals - who were either nominated by CLMA member laboratories or by advisory members - include some of the foremost leaders in the contact lens industry today but, to a person, are known for their expertise in GP lenses. These optometrists, opticians, and ophthalmologists include: Ami Abel, Ricky Alaniz, Keith Ames, Bruce Anderson, Mark Andre, Dick Baker, Joe Barr, Doug Becherer, Jane Beeman, Doug Benoit, Sonja Biddle, Doug Blackman, Jim Boucher, Craig Bowen, Diane Broe, Marlane Brown, Sara Butterworth, Steve Byrnes, Bob Campbell, Pat Caroline, Walter Choate, Ron Cuevas, Shelley Cutler, Rob Davis, John Deering, Mike DePaolis, Burt Dubow, Dick Ebling, Scott Edmonds, Bill

Edmondson, Bill Ehlers, Barry Eiden, Art Epstein, Zoraida Fiol-Silva, Jerome Garber, Rex Ghormley, Brad Giedd, Bob Grohe, Steve Harney, Jim Hartzell, Katherine Henning, Cary Herzberg, Shawna Hill, Milt Hom, Peter Kastl, Pat Keech, Jon Kendall, Scott Kenitz, Eric Knutson, Jeff Krohn, Cornel LeBlanc, Norman Leach, Lawrence Littlefield, Ken Lebow, Ken Maller, Robert Maynard, Tim McMahon, Joe Molinari, Jeff Morrison, Craig Norman, Gary Osias, Kaaryn Pederson, Neil Pence, B. W. Phillips, Tom Quinn, Marjorie Rah, Phyllis Rakow, Bob Reed, Renee Reeder, Sue Resnick, Lee Rigle, John Rinehart, Diane Robbins-Luce, Dave Rosenbloom, Bob Ryan, Louise Sciafani, Joe Shovlin, Joel Silbert, Jennifer Smythe, Jeff Sonsino, Mary Jo Stiegemeier, Lorretta Szcotka-Flynn, Roger Tabb, Ramsey Tanakatsubo, Libbi Tracy, Cheri Vincent-Riemer, Michael Ward, Barry Weiner, Frank Weinstock, Walt West, Eric White and Joe Yager.

These individuals have assisted the GP Lens Institute in many



ways including the following:

- 1) Participate in an annual conference call. Typically we will have a series of 6 - 8 phone conferences in the Spring or early Summer and most of our advisory members are kind enough to provide 90 minutes of their time to participate in one of these calls. As mentioned earlier, this is where most of the ideas and direction for future resources and programs derive from.
- 2) Participate in our monthly Online Symposia: Advisory Committee members are encouraged to join or participate as a faculty member for our monthly on line symposia which occur on [www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info) one Tuesday night per month (except December) from 8:00 - 9:30PM Central time.
- 3) Contribute to our Article Incentive Plan. Through our coordinator, Dr. Barbara Anan Kogan, many of our Advisory Committee members are either interviewed by Barbara for articles to be published in eye care journals or she assists in

their articles being published. Most of these ideas originate from the conference calls and Barbara meets with journal editors at several popular eye care symposia.

4) Answer questions posed by optometrists pertaining to challenging GP cases submitted to [gpli.info](http://gpli.info). This is becoming a more time-consuming task with the increasing number of questions coming into our website by practitioners. I want to thank everyone for assisting on these cases.

5) Serve as faculty for both the general program and the workshop programs for our optometry schools program and for our Annual Cornea and Contact Lens Residents Educational Program.

These are just a few of the areas for which I am appreciative for everything our Advisory Committee does on behalf of GP education. As it is our custom to rotate some new members off every two years and obtain recommendations of new potential members who have expertise in GP lenses, I encourage you to submit any recommendations directly to me at [Ebennett@UMSL.edu](mailto:Ebennett@UMSL.edu). It is our goal to have our Advisory Committee members and their contact information and areas of expertise on our websites. I know the GP Lens Institute could not progress without those individuals listed above and their ongoing efforts are deeply appreciated.



## CL & Cornea Residents

August 25-27, 2006  
UAB, Birmingham, AL

An exciting weekend is planned for 22 CL & Cornea Residents from all the USA based colleges of Optometry.

Beginning at 2:30 PM Friday, August 25, introductions and opening remarks will be provided by Ed Bennett, OD, MEd - Executive Director of the GP Lens Institute.

With innovative lectures such as "Fitting GP Multicurve Lenses" "Fitting GP Toric Lenses" "Fitting the Presbyopic Patient" "Fitting Keratoconus Patients" "Fitting Post Surgical Patients" and "Corneal Reshaping" by noted industry experts Dr. Ed Bennett, Dr. Keith Ames, Dr. Tom Quinn, Dr. Joe Benjamin,

Dr. Ami Abel and Craig Norman, FCLSA - each lecture will be followed by "hands on" workshops pertaining to the specialty lecture. Each resident will be given the opportunity to observe and participate in the fitting of GP specialty contact lens designs on actual patients that are enthusiastically wearing their GP contact lenses.

At the conclusion of the weekend, each Resident will be allowed to choose 3 GP diagnostic sets provided by CLMA participating member laboratories to be utilized in their private clinicals and practices upon receiving their advanced degrees.

The picture above is the gathering of 2005 CL & Cornea Residents and their GP Lens Institute's faculty who successfully completed their weekend of advanced learning, interaction with others in the

eyecare profession, hands on experience with specialty fitting with GP contact lenses and lots of enjoyment and fun!!!

A special thank you goes to the CLMA membership for providing this opportunity and also the diagnostic sets for each resident in attendance. We also want to acknowledge and thank the University of Alabama at Birmingham for offering their optometric facilities for this year's CL & Cornea Resident GP weekend.

### On Line Symposium Schedule

From the comforts of your own computer, please join the GP Lens Institute for our monthly on line symposia featuring relative topics on GP contact lenses. The second Tuesday of each month - except December - log onto our website [www.gpli.info](http://www.gpli.info) and take the link on the home page for joining the symposium. Each month, cases are provided by our guest faculty for the evening which are utilized to begin the discussions. The GPLI encourages all eyecare professionals to experience the interaction, learning and general sharing of practice management, fitting tips and a question and answer section. The on line symposia lasts for 1 ½ hours beginning at 9:00 PM EASTERN USA time.

Coming soon to a computer near you:

August 8: *Post Surgical GP Contact Lens Fitting and Problem-Solving*

Dr. Bruce Anderson & Dr. Robert Maynard

September 12: *Corneal Reshaping and Young People*

Dr. Marjorie Rah & Dr. Jeff Walline

### GP Fitting Tip

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Fit patients whose upper lid covers their upper corneal limbus with flat, large diameter GP lenses. Tucking the lens under the upper lid promotes stable lens positioning along the line of vision, provides lens movement even with partial blinks, and avoids the need to blink over the lens edge. This "lid attachment" approach enhances vision, physiology, and comfort!

### Parting Shots:

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**The only time the world beats a path to your door is if you're in the bathroom.**



### Grammie Pammie Picks

DVD - Spotlight On....Vision

In your exam room, run this 4-6 minute mini-documentary explaining the myths of vision and benefits of choosing GP contact lenses and why other eye care professionals recommend GP contact lenses as their lens of choice.

Rx for Success - the Presbyopic Tool Kit

*Check with your CLMA member company for availability and special offers.*

**P**ractice Management Tool for your practice....

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CD

Staff Training  
Fee Calculator  
Telephone expertise  
Vision Reading Card  
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