

Dear Mr. Patton,

I would like to share with you my estimation of optomap technology. Simply stated, after using it for 6 years, I cannot imagine practicing without it. I truly feel that out of everything I do in a comprehensive exam, the optomap provides the most important information. It helps me direct the exam and feel confident that I am providing the best possible care for my patients.

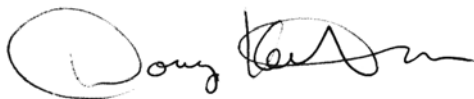
I am a cornea specialist but it remains essential that I conduct a complete exam which, of course, includes a thorough look at the retina. The ultra widefield optomap images allow me to quickly evaluate how to conduct the rest of the exam and provide documentation and a point of comparison visit-to-visit.

I have had the unfortunate experience of losing three friends to ocular melanoma. Each of them had been seen by several practitioners over the years. The sad truth is that it is not uncommon for such subtle pathology to be missed during a standard dilated fundus exam. This worries me greatly and is one of the reasons I rely on the detailed, ultra-widefield view of the retina obtained with optomap. With this technology I have greater peace of mind and feel confident that I will not miss something that needs to be examined more closely.

In addition, the ease-of-use of optomap technology meant that all my technicians adapted quickly. Also patient through-put increased allowing us to see more patients. However, the most important benefit is, it allows me to spend more time with each patient. Optomap is a tool that enables my patients to engage in their own exam to much higher degree; because, now they can really see and understand what is occurring in their eyes. For example, being able to instantly and clearly show someone a posterior vitreous floater helps them better understand the possibility and severity of a detachment. Optomap provides a tangible image that instantly conveys so much more than a time consuming clinical explanation.

Optomap is now as much a part of every exam as measuring intraocular pressure. The ability to see so far out into the periphery means earlier detection of sight and life threatening issues which translates into a higher probability of successful treatments. The advantages I enjoy from optomap should be enough to prompt any ophthalmologist to take the time to learn more about your technology. In my opinion this technology significantly enhances quality of care, and in these litigious times, certainly increases confidence and peace of mind.

Respectfully,



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