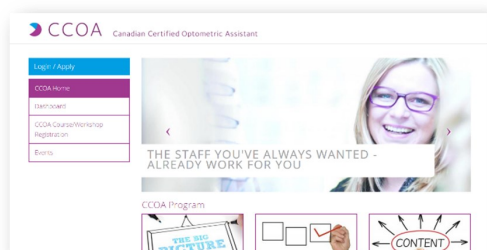


Information Update for Members

## NEW CCOA PROGRAM



For our members we continued to make improvements to the CCOA program and proudly rolled out a new offering with revamped modules as well as, new tools and supports for CCOA students.

## TALKING TO GOVERNMENT

CAO sent letters to the Council of the Federation provincial premiers, and Federal Health Minister, highlighting our request to have the Health Care Innovation Working Group study/consider/undertake a National

Framework for Action towards Preventing Avoidable Blindness and Promoting Vision Health. We also launched the CVM Grassroots site visit initiative, asking members to arrange a clinic/practice visit with their MPs.

## MEDIA

Our President, Barry Thienes gave a series of media interviews on a range of eye health topics. We are pleased to see that CAO is increasingly becoming the go to resources for the media on eye care and eye wear issues.

## NEW DATABASE

Our new data base was launched in this quarter allowing us to better customize service to our ODs and include service areas on the national Find A Doc.

## OD RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

We launched a new online CE offering for ODs and welcomed new Director of Research and Policy, Tracy Murphy. She is already working to develop new online continuing education courses and new CAO sections. CAO has also struck a national research committee and work is underway to develop national diabetes guidelines.

