

What Does Today's Ophthalmic Photographer Do?
Results of the Board of Certification's Survey

The Board of Certification sent a survey to members of the OPS and Certified Retinal Angiographers (CRA) in December 2004. OPS members and CRA's returned 618 of the 1200 surveys sent, a 51.5 percent response. The following tables detail the responses of the first 600 respondents to the survey questions.

What is your primary employment responsibility? (Check one)

Ophthalmic Photographer	356	64.61%
Ophthalmic Technician	114	20.69%
Medical Photographer	7	1.27%
Manager	48	8.71%
Equipment vendor/service technician	5	0.91%
Information Technology/Systems Specialist	3	0.54%
Orthoptist	3	0.54%
Nurse	7	1.27%
Physician	8	1.45%
Other	0	0%

What are your Certifications/Credentials? (Check all that apply)

CRA	283	38.29%
COA	123	16.64%
COT	117	15.83%
COMT	26	3.52%

RN	13	1.76%
ROUB	9	1.22%
OD	2	.27%
DO	1	.14%

RBP	3	.41%
LPN	5	.68%

MD	10	1.35%
Other	147	19.89%

How many years experience do you have in ophthalmic photography? (Check one)

0-2	28	5.09%
2-6	74	13.45%
6-15	187	34%
>15	261	47.45%

What is your primary professional setting? (Check one)

Private Practice	365	52.22%
University Hospital	130	18.6%
Hospital	173	24.75%
Independent Contractor	31	4.43%
Other		.0%

PLEASE CHECK ALL THAT APPLY BY MARKING THE CIRCLE FOR FREQUENCY OF PERFORMANCE AND WHEN APPROPRIATE WHETHER FILM, DIGITAL OR BOTH

	Never		Seldom		Occasionally		Often		Routinely		Film		Digital		Both	
FUNDUS PHOTOGRAPHY																
MYDRIATIC	9	1.53%	15	2.55%	37	6.29%	47	7.99%	480	81.63%	140	23.81%	144	24.49%	287	48.81%
NON-MYDRIATIC	294	59.15%	112	22.54%	48	9.66%	14	2.82%	29	5.84%	49	9.86%	91	18.31%	61	12.27%
MONOCHROMATIC	148	30.45%	89	18.31%	70	14.40%	40	8.23%	139	28.60%	78	16.05%	135	27.78%	100	20.58%
FLUORESCIN ANGIOGRAPHY	14	2.38%	17	2.89%	39	6.62%	43	7.30%	476	80.81%	88	14.94%	219	37.18%	206	34.97%
ICG ANGIOGRAPHY	247	44.11%	87	15.54%	112	20.00%	46	8.21%	68	12.14%						
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FLUORESCIN	410	79.46%	24	4.65%	24	4.65%	10	1.94%	48	9.30%						
ICG	432	84.87%	23	4.52%	22	4.32%	9	1.77%	23	4.52%						
TOMOGRAPHY																
OCT																
-GLAUCOMA	260	48.15%	61	11.30%	81	15.00%	21	3.89%	117	21.67%						
-RETINA	211	38.50%	19	3.47%	49	8.94%	50	9.12%	219	39.96%						
HRT	375	71.98%	15	2.88%	40	7.68%	29	5.57%	62	11.90%						
GDX	426	83.37%	21	4.11%	13	2.54%	24	4.70%	27	5.28%						
RTA	485	97.19%	7	1.40%	1	0.20%	2	0.40%	4	0.80%						
TOPPS	479	97.16%	9	1.83%	1	0.20%	0	0.00%	4	0.81%						

CORNEAL TOPOGRAPHY	328	60.29%	39	7.17%	60	11.03%	53	9.74%	64	11.76%						
B-SCAN ULTRASONOGRAPHY	307	55.92%	49	8.93%	66	12.02%	57	10.38%	70	12.75%						
SLIT LAMP BIOMICROGRAPHY	233	43.07%	66	12.20%	87	16.08%	51	9.43%	104	19.22%	169	31.24%	79	14.60%	35	6.47%
SPECULAR MICROSCOPY																
CONTACT	421	81.75%	34	6.60%	30	5.83%	12	2.33%	18	3.50%	53	10.29%	18	3.50%	4	0.78%
NON-CONTACT	398	77.28%	31	6.02%	34	6.60%	21	4.08%	31	6.02%	24	4.66%	80	15.53%	2	0.39%
GONIOGRAPHY	343	66.47%	76	14.73%	60	11.63%	20	3.88%	17	3.29%	94	18.22%	47	9.11%	10	1.94%
EXTERNAL PHOTOGRAPHY	73	13.22%	120	21.74%	165	29.89%	75	13.59%	119	21.56%	149	26.99%	121	21.92%	110	19.93%
OPERATING ROOM PHOTOGRAPHY	344	63.47%	109	20.11%	63	11.62%	15	2.77%	11	2.03%	59	10.89%	60	11.07%	37	6.83%
GROSS SPECIMEN IMAGING	422	79.32%	76	14.29%	23	4.32%	6	1.13%	5	0.94%	27	5.08%	39	7.33%	26	4.89%
PHOTOMICROGRAPHY	472	90.08%	34	6.49%	13	2.48%	3	0.57%	2	0.38%	24	4.58%	16	3.05%	7	1.34%
VIDEOGRAPHY																
OPERATING ROOM	448	84.69%	37	6.99%	26	4.91%	3	0.57%	15	2.84%	19	3.59%	33	6.24%	16	3.02%
CLINICAL	438	84.07%	34	6.53%	32	6.14%	11	2.11%	6	1.15%	16	3.07%	39	7.49%	19	3.65%
EDITING	449	86.51%	25	4.82%	29	5.59%	7	1.35%	9	1.73%	3	0.58%	40	7.71%	19	3.66%
B & W FILM DARKROOM																
PROCESSING	248	45.34%	68	12.43%	71	12.98%	36	6.58%	124	22.67%						
PRINTING	299	55.27%	77	14.23%	63	11.65%	28	5.18%	74	13.68%						
COLOR FILM DARKROOM																
PROCESSING	454	84.23%	17	3.15%	20	3.71%	13	2.41%	35	6.49%						
PRINTING	500	93.11%	21	3.91%	6	1.12%	1	0.19%	9	1.68%						

TECHNOLOGIST SKILLS:																
PATIENT WORK- UP	138	25.60%	52	9.65%	93	17.25%	45	8.35%	211	39.15%						
VISUAL FIELDS	247	46.60%	66	12.45%	69	13.02%	41	7.74%	107	20.19%						
REFRACTOMETRY	309	58.86%	39	7.43%	45	8.57%	24	4.57%	108	20.57%						
A-SCANS	296	56.17%	43	8.16%	40	7.59%	26	4.93%	122	23.15%						
ELECTROPHYSIOL OGY	450	88.24%	20	3.92%	19	3.73%	6	1.18%	15	2.94%						
SURGICAL ASSISTING	348	67.18%	50	9.65%	45	8.69%	20	3.86%	55	10.62%						
MANAGEMENT:																
SUPERVISORY	161	30.38%	52	9.81%	75	14.15%	47	8.87%	195	36.79%						
INVENTORY	92	17.33%	39	7.34%	81	15.25%	75	14.12%	244	45.95%						
BUDGETING	244	47.01%	62	11.95%	63	12.14%	34	6.55%	116	22.35%						
EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	58	10.84%	49	9.16%	110	20.56%	85	15.89%	233	43.55%						