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### JCAHPO Announces New President

**St. Paul, MN - August 10, 2015** - The [Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology \(JCAHPO®\)](#), the international education and certification nonprofit for allied ophthalmic personnel, is pleased to announce that ophthalmologist Eydie Miller-Ellis, MD was selected as JCAHPO's President on August 1, 2015. Dr. Miller-Ellis is the 24<sup>th</sup> President of the 46-year old organization.

"I am honored to serve as JCAHPO's President for the next two years, and look forward to leading the organization into a future that draws on, substantiates, and continues JCAHPO's history as a visionary in the field of allied ophthalmic health certification and education," said Dr. Miller-Ellis. "I am privileged to serve as the Chief Volunteer and strive to advance the standards set by my prestigious predecessors."

Dr. Miller-Ellis brings extraordinary leadership to JCAHPO. She is a national leader in both ophthalmological practice and education. Currently, Dr. Miller-Ellis serves as Professor of Clinical Ophthalmology and Director of the Glaucoma Service at the Scheie Eye Institute/University of Pennsylvania. She specializes in the diagnosis and medical/surgical management of complex glaucoma. Her research interests include medical and surgical interventions for glaucoma, and diagnostic techniques for evaluation of the disease.

JCAHPO Immediate Past President Karl Golnik, MD, noted, "I am pleased to 'hand the gavel' to Dr. Miller-Ellis. She has a great commitment to the education and the value of certification of our ophthalmic medical personnel, as well as a deep understanding of JCAHPO's mission and programs, having served as JCAHPO's Treasurer and on the Certification Committee."

Dr. Miller-Ellis succeeded Karl Golnik, MD, who served as JCAHPO's President for two successful and progressive years from 2013 to 2015.

She completed her medical degree at the University of Pittsburgh, ophthalmology residency at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, and glaucoma fellowship at Yale University. Dr. Miller-Ellis has maintained a busy clinical practice in glaucoma diagnosis and management. Throughout her career, she has excelled in the area of resident education, especially surgical training, and has been active in the teaching of allied ophthalmic personnel. She has been recognized by Best Doctors in America and received numerous teaching and achievement awards for her work in this area. Dr. Miller-Ellis was elected to the 2014 class of the Academy of

Master Clinicians at the Perelman School of Medicine at the University of Pennsylvania. She is an active member of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, American Glaucoma Society, National Medical Association, and Women in Ophthalmology, among others.

Dr. Miller-Ellis will be installed at [JCAHPO's Annual Meeting](#) in Las Vegas on Friday, November 13, 2015.

[About JCAHPO®]

The Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO®) was established as a not-for-profit organization in 1969 to offer certification and continuing education opportunities to ophthalmic allied health personnel. Since then, more than 25,000 people in the U.S., Canada, and around the world have earned JCAHPO Certification. In addition to several specialty credentials, JCAHPO offers three core certification levels: Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA®), Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT®), and Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (COMT®). For more information, visit: [www.jcahpo.org](http://www.jcahpo.org).

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