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IJCAHPO Refines Mission Statement

ST. PAUL, Minn.—June 4, 2018—The International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO®) is pleased to announce that it has recently refined its mission statement. The new mission statement is now: ***“To promote global eye health and prevent blindness through training program accreditation, education and the certification of Allied Ophthalmic Personnel (AOP).”*** In pursuit of its mission, IJCAHPO aims to promote the establishment of AOP training programs; develop and implement global accreditation standards for training programs; develop and encourage adoption of international standards for certification; and promote education, training, and continuing education resources for AOP.

“We have fine-tuned our mission statement to better reflect our organization’s overall goal of the role of AOP in patient care to prevent visual impairment and blindness. Working under the close supervision of an ophthalmologist, AOP play an important role worldwide in the prevention, screening, and treatment of eye diseases,” said William F. Astle, MD, FRCSC, Dipl. ABO, President of IJCAHPO’s Board of Directors.

The AOP field includes Ophthalmic Assistants, Technicians, and Technologists (with sub-specialties in surgical assisting, imaging, biometry, and ultrasound), and other mid-level eye care team members. IJCAHPO offers a variety of certifications for AOP, including: Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (COA®), Certified Ophthalmic Technician (COT®), Certified Ophthalmic Medical Technologist (COMT®), Ophthalmic Surgical Assistant (OSA®), Registered Ophthalmic Ultrasound Biometrist (ROUB®), Certified Diagnostic Ophthalmic Sonographer (CDOS®), Corporate Certified Ophthalmic Assistant (CCOA®) and Ophthalmic Scribe (OSC®). For more information, visit www.jcahpo.org.

About IJCAHPO®

The International Joint Commission on Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (IJCAHPO), formally 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 29,000 people in the U.S., Canada, and around the world have earned IJCAHPO® certification.

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