



Orthoptics

A certified orthoptist is an allied health professional uniquely trained to evaluate and manage eye movement or visual abnormalities, under the direction of an ophthalmologist. The ophthalmologist may not examine the patient at every visit. Appropriate treatment regimens are commenced after examination, and may include glasses, exercises, patching therapy or prism therapy.

Our Orthoptists:

Both orthoptists are board certified with American Orthoptic Council (AOC), Joint Commission of Allied Health Personnel in Ophthalmology (JCAHPO) and are members of the American Academy of Certified Orthoptists (AACO).

Claire Callaghan Med, BSC, CO, COT

Claire has worked with NW Eye Surgeons since 2007 as an orthoptist and additionally as a clinic supervisor and technician trainer since 2009. She graduated with a bachelor degree in Orthoptics in 1997 from Glasgow Caledonian University in Scotland. She relocated to the Pacific Northwest in 2005 and graduated the following year with a Masters in Education. She subsequently completed her Canadian Orthoptic certification and practiced in Vancouver BC until 2007. Claire practices orthoptics out of the Seattle clinic.

Jessica Steele CO, COMT

Jessie hails from the sunny state of Florida where she graduated from the University of Florida with a bachelor degree in Decision and Information Sciences. Shortly there after, she completed the medical technologist and Orthoptic program through the University Of Florida College Of Medicine. Jessie has been with NW Eye Surgeons since 2006 and works out of the Seattle and Mount Vernon clinics.