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Dr. Joseph Sowka received his Bachelor of Sciences degree from Cornell University in 1985 and his Doctor of Optometry degree from the Pennsylvania College of Optometry (PCO) in 1989. He completed a Residency in Primary Care at PCO in 1990.

Following completion of his residency, Dr. Sowka practiced in Philadelphia in a multi-disciplinary setting as the Attending Eye Physician for the Delaware Valley Medical Associates, a large multi-disciplinary medical group. In 1992, Dr. Sowka left this group to accept a university appointment at Southeastern University of the Health Sciences (now Nova Southeastern University). During this time, Dr. Sowka has served as Module Director, Chief of the University's Opa Locka Clinic, Chief of Primary Care, and Director of the Glaucoma Service. While at the University, Dr. Sowka was promoted from Assistant Professor to Associate Professor and finally to Professor and has developed and taught the course in Glaucoma and Posterior Segment Disease.

Dr. Sowka has authored numerous refereed journal publications and textbook chapters. Dr. Sowka is on the Editorial Review Board for *Review of Optometry* and is a Contributing Editor for that journal. Dr. Sowka is on the Editorial Review Board for *Optometry- The Journal of the American Optometric Association*. He is the lead author on *The Handbook of Ocular Disease Management*. Dr. Sowka is a founding member of the Optometric Glaucoma Society (OGS) and the Optometric Retina Society (ORS). He is also on the Glaucoma Advisory Board for Alcon laboratories. Dr. Sowka is a member of the Professional Speakers Bureau of VISTAKON, Laser Diagnostic Technologies, and Alcon laboratories.

Dr. Sowka is a Fellow of the American Academy of Optometry and a member of the Ocular Disease Section. He is the Program Chair of the Primary Care Section and the Second Vice-Chair of the Disease Section of the American Academy of Optometry. He is a candidate for Diplomate in Disease- Glaucoma Subsection. He is also a member of ASCO Professional Educators Section.

He is currently a Professor at Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry where he serves as Chief of the Advanced Care Center and Director of the Glaucoma Service. Current responsibilities include lab instruction in optometric diagnostic procedures, didactic instruction in the Ocular Disease II course, clinical preceptorship and patient care in the Primary Care Service, and clinical preceptorship and patient care in The Glaucoma Service.