

SUNY's CVRC has secured funding for several new studies.

The State University of New York (SUNY) Research Foundation recently signed agreements with several industry partners that will enable the SUNY College of Optometry to move ahead on a series of clinical research projects. The total combined funding for the studies is approaching $1.5 million.

The projects will be run through the college's Clinical Vision Research Center (CVRC). They include a long-term study to examine the effectiveness of spectacles and contact lenses in slowing the progression of myopia in children and a study to test a newly developed drug designed to treat inflammation associated with dry eye disease. Agreements for two additional studies, one to evaluate new designs of progressive addition spectacle lenses and another to evaluate limbal ring contact lenses, have also been finalized.

Commenting in a press release, CVRC Founding Director Dr. Kathryn Richdale said "These collaborations allow us to offer treatment options not otherwise available to our patients. I'm proud of the role that SUNY Optometry and the CVRC are playing in the important process of ophthalmic device and drug development and look forward to continued expansion of our industry partnerships."