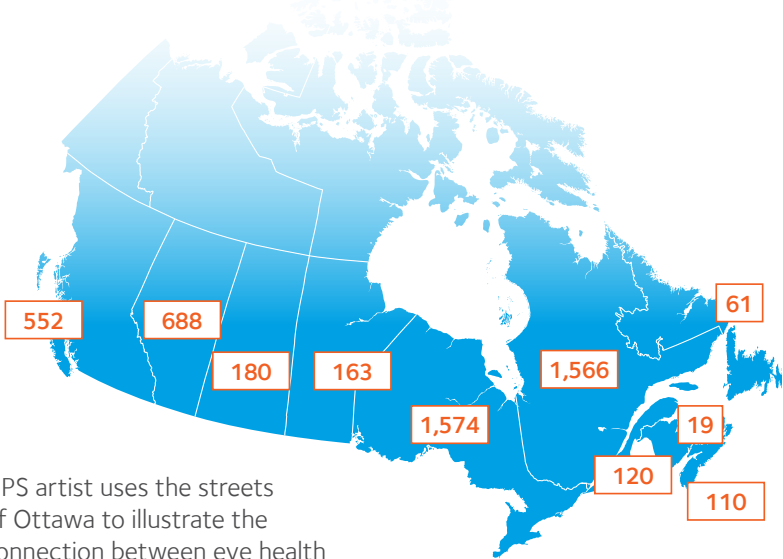




As the national voice of optometry, CAO represents the interests of its members on issues of eye health and vision care.

**Our membership:**  
**10** provincial associations  
**5000+** members  
(**83%** of total OD population)



Successful advocacy effort against taxation of health benefits.



GPS artist uses the streets of Ottawa to illustrate the connection between eye health and overall health



Engagement and awareness raising with decision makers on "Hill Day"

Student representation in CAO embedded in Council seat.

Inaugural issue of BMS Risk Management and Liability Magazine for CAO



Pediatrician Elizabeth Lee Ford Jones is the [2016 Vision Champion](#)

Collaboration with key partners to develop the [Federal Role in Eye Health and Vision Care](#) position paper

## Providing optometry's voice to:



**ACTIVE VOICE**

- Standing Committee on Finance
- Good Labels and Package Practices Guide for Prescription Drugs
- Redevelopment of the Disability Tax Credit Certificate
- Canada Food Guide Redevelopment
- National Consultation on Federal Accessibility Legislation
- Cross Canada Official Languages Consultations 2016

- CMA Seniors' Strategy
- COS Working Group on Frequency Guidelines
- Diabetes Canada Charter
- Association of American Optometrists

## Sharing what we learn to educate members:



**KNOWLEDGE TRANSFER**

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Additions to the Eye Health Library, CAO's online optometric information resource.



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New modules for a completely revamped [CCOA program](#)



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New CAO Sections, virtual spaces for engagement and learning.



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New CAO Working Groups make recommendations on Low Vision and Access to Care



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New Research Advisory Committee and Director, to advance research on eye health and vision care.



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