

Pearls on Getting Involved in Clinical Research

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Dr. Kathy Weise earned her undergraduate degree from Iowa State University, where she got inspired to pursue the profession of optometry after a visit with her uncle, Dr. Bob Niemann. She followed in his footsteps to the Illinois College of Optometry in Chicago, IL. Immediately after graduating from ICO in 1995, Dr. Weise began her residency in family practice with emphasis in pediatrics at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She joined the UAB Optometry faculty the following year and became a Professor of Optometry in 2015. In 2004, Dr. Weise earned her MBA from the UAB School of Business and went on to help develop the nation's first truly combined degree OD/MBA program in 2016. Dr. Weise became the UAB Pediatric Optometry Service Director in 2004.

Dr. Weise has been involved with NIH research for over 20 years, studying myopia, amblyopia, and other pediatric eye diseases. Dr. Weise was most recently selected to co-chair the NIH-funded Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group's currently recruiting study of myopia and low-dose atropine. In 2019, she was selected to serve as PEDIG's national vice chair.

She has also initiated several multi-disciplinary research projects on concussion and sports vision with the UAB Blazers.

