



## World Sight Day at UCF

The Right to Sight: Recognizing blindness and vision impairment as National and global public health issues

UCF's Student Disabilities Services in Collaboration with Dr. Saleh, Health Professions



Panel participants: UCF students and faculty, and Lighthouse Central Florida

### According to the 2008 report on Vision Problems in the U.S.:

- More than 3.6 million Americans aged 40 and over are visually impaired.
  - Of these ,1 million Americans are blind.
- The leading causes of vision impairment and blindness are primarily age-related diseases including: age-related macular degeneration, cataract, diabetic retinopathy, and glaucoma.
  - Much of the vision loss from age-related eye diseases can be prevented.

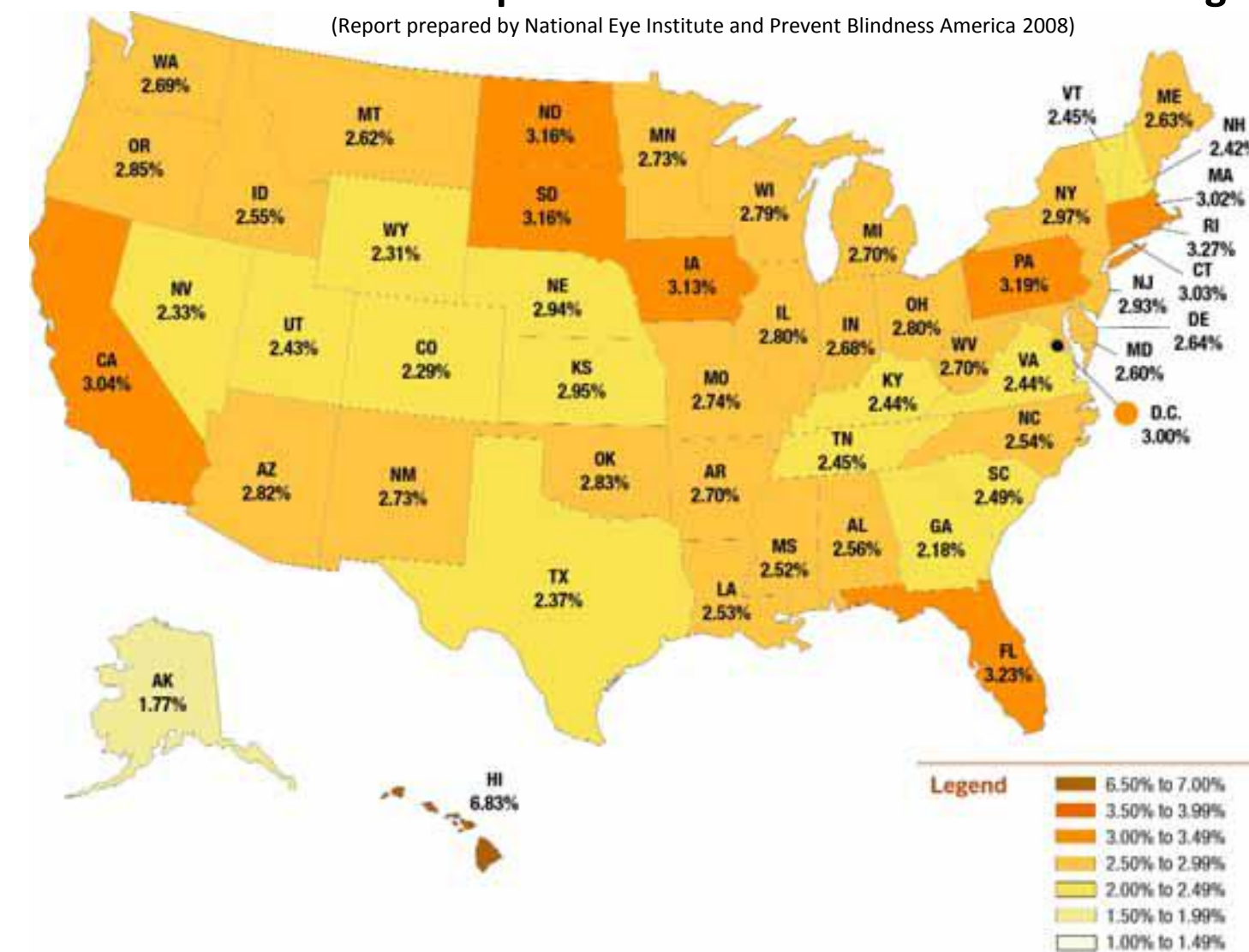
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### Estimated Prevalence Rates of Vision Impairment and Blindness for Persons Age 40 and Older by State

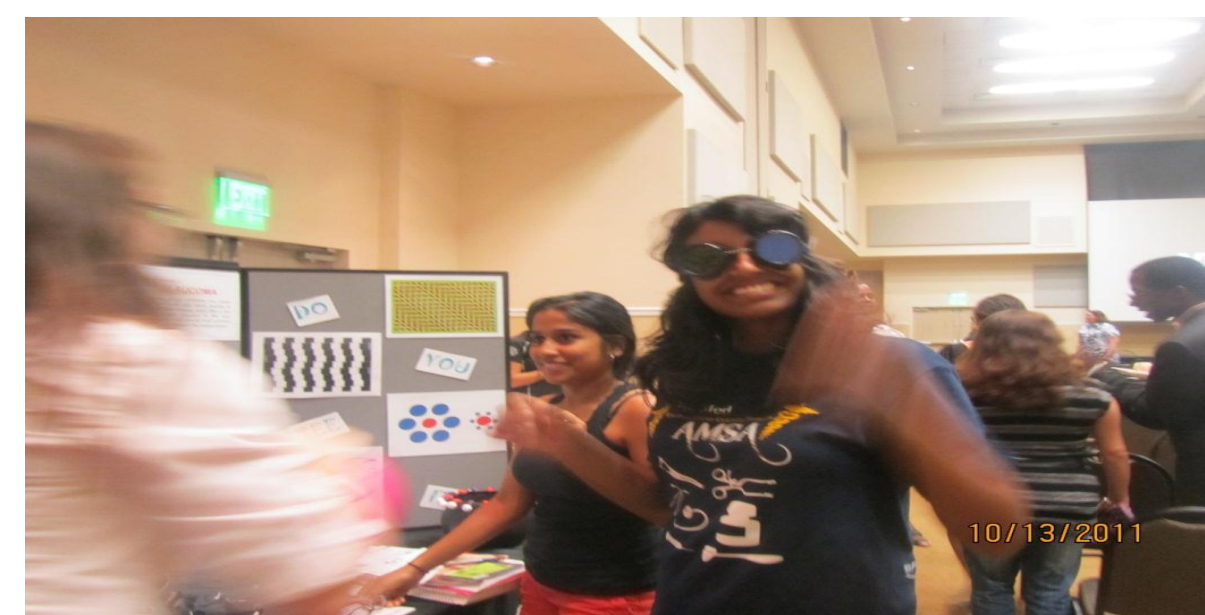
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Poster session-Dr. Saleh and Yara Asi (Ph.D. student-COHPA)



Poster session-World Sight Day



Students and attendees testing their knowledge about eye diseases and trying on visual simulation goggles with the assistance of Health Sciences Pre-Clinical student (Stacy Watson).