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Ida Lucy Iacobucci, or “Miss Ida” to her patients and co-workers, is an associate clinical professor of medicine at the University of Michigan Kellogg Eye Center, where she has worked for 57 years in the Pediatric Ophthalmology and Adult Strabismus clinic. She has trained more than 300 ophthalmology residents as well as dozens of Orthoptic students in the clinic that bears her name – the Ida Lucy Iacobucci Orthoptic Clinic.

After earning her bachelor’s degree from the University of Michigan and pursuing post-graduate work at both Wayne State University and the University of California at Berkeley, she was accepted for her Orthoptic training in 1955 at the University of California Medical Center in San Francisco. In 1957, Miss Ida received her Orthoptist certification and on November 1, 1957 she began her career at the Kellogg Eye Center. In the summer of 1958, she and Dr. John Henderson led the eight-week national basic course for Orthoptic students, which they continued for the next five years.

Throughout her 57 years as an Orthoptist at the Kellogg Eye Center, she has developed ground-breaking treatments for various types of strabismus and amblyopia. Her academic articles are now required reading for Orthoptic students in training programs throughout the United States.

Her first book, *Clinical Approach to Ocular Motility*, was published in 1980 by the University of Michigan Medical School. She has presented at state, national, and international meetings. In 1982, the University of Michigan Orthoptic Program received the Richard G. Scobee award for excellence in training. Miss Ida received the Lancaster Award, the highest honor to be given by the American Association of Certified Orthoptists, in 1985. Recently, she received the Lifetime Achievement Award for 55 years of excellence by the AACO.

At 82 years of age, Miss Ida still commutes two days a week from her home in Southeastern Michigan to the Kellogg Eye Center in Ann Arbor. She examines strabismus in both children and adults and teaches the first-year residents and Orthoptic students. “Orthoptics,” she explains, “has been my life’s work and life-long passion.”