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CORTICAL VISION IMPAIRMENT TERMINOLOGY

WHEREAS, the American Optometric Association (AOA) recognizes the importance of optometric research to the continued growth of the profession in service to the public; and

WHEREAS, in the absence of differential terminology, "cortical blindness" has been used to describe both partial as well as the total absence of function in the visual cortex; and

WHEREAS, the majority of individuals who have the diagnosis of "cortical blindness", do indeed have some residual vision; and

WHEREAS, a diagnosis of "cortical blindness" can lead to stereotypical behavior particularly toward children; and

WHEREAS, doctors of optometry currently use the term "vision impairment" or "low vision", rather than "blindness", when referring to a condition where usable vision is remaining; and

WHEREAS, a survey of the membership of the Vision Rehabilitation Section of AOA agreed that the term "cortical vision impairment" or "CVI" is a more accurate term than "cortical blindness" in those cortical conditions where there is residual vision; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AOA recommends that the diagnosis "cortical vision impairment" (CVI) be used in place of "cortical blindness" in those cortical conditions where there is residual vision; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AOA call on other professions to adopt the term "cortical vision impairment" (CVI) in place of "cortical blindness" in those cortical conditions where there is residual vision.

1865
(8 of 1989)
(Mod. 2005)

VISION USA

WHEREAS, most Americans recognize the importance of good vision; and

WHEREAS, some people are unable to obtain needed eye care services due to their lack of financial ability, or their inability to secure private health insurance, or their inability to qualify for government health care programs; and

WHEREAS, the Code of Ethics of the American Optometric Association states that "it shall be the ideal, the resolve and the duty of its members to see that no person shall lack for visual care regardless of his financial status"; and

WHEREAS, the American Optometric Association has developed a national optometric charity entitled VISION USA which provides needed vision care services to the working poor throughout this nation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that all members of the American Optometric Association be urged to participate in the VISION USA National Optometric Charity Project and to donate at least 8 hours of their services each year to individuals who are unable to obtain needed eye care services due to their lack of financial ability, their inability to secure private health insurance, or their inability to qualify for government health care programs.

1866
(9 of 1989)

SUPPORT FOR VISION USA

WHEREAS, VISION USA is a much needed optometric charity; and

WHEREAS, some people are unable to obtain needed eye care services due to their lack of financial ability or their inability to

secure private insurance or their inability to qualify for government health care programs; and

WHEREAS, optometric participation in the VISION USA project fosters esprit de corps among the members of the American Optometric Association, promotes a positive image of the optometric profession and is an important activity to bring recognition to the profession; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Optometric Association Board of Trustees be requested to make the VISION USA project an ongoing optometric charity; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the AOA Board of Trustees be requested to provide encouragement and assistance to the affiliated associations for the VISION USA project.

1997
(11 of 2017)
(Mod. 2021)

SUPPORT FOR THINK ABOUT YOUR EYES BY OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

WHEREAS, the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine (NASEM) has issued a report, “Making Eye Health a Population Health Imperative: Vision for Tomorrow” in 2016; and

WHEREAS, NASEM recommended in this report that “The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services should issue a Call to Action to motivate nationwide action toward achieving a reduction in the burden of vision impairment across the lifespan of people in the United States. Specifically, this call to action should establish goals to:

- Eliminate correctable and avoidable vision impairment by 2030,
- Delay the onset and progression of unavoidable chronic eye diseases and conditions,
- Minimize the impact of chronic vision impairment, and
- Achieve eye and vision health equity by improving care in underserved populations;” and

WHEREAS, NASEM also recommended in this report that “The Secretary of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, in collaboration with other federal agencies and departments, nonprofit and for-profit organizations, professional organizations, employers, state and local public health agencies, and the media, should launch a coordinated public awareness campaign to promote policies and practices that encourage eye and vision health across the lifespan,

reduce vision impairment, and promote health equity. This campaign should target various stakeholders including the general population, care providers and caretakers, public health practitioners, policy makers, employers, and community and patient liaisons and representatives;” and

WHEREAS, the Think About Your Eyes campaign, sponsored in part by the American Optometric Association (AOA), has demonstrated significant success as a public awareness campaign; and

WHEREAS, the data show that the Think About Your Eyes campaign has resulted in approximately 8,000,000 Americans seeking eyecare who otherwise would not have done so or would have delayed care; and

WHEREAS, a significant number of those approximately 8,000,000 in-person comprehensive eye examinations resulted in the diagnosis and treatment of vision, ocular, and systemic health disorders that may well have otherwise continued to go undiagnosed and unmanaged; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the AOA recommend that all stakeholders and professional associations within eye and vision care endorse, support, and promote the Think About Your Eyes campaign.

2007
(3 of 2019)
(Mod. 2021)

THINK ABOUT YOUR EYES (TAYE) CAMPAIGN

WHEREAS, Think About Your Eyes (TAYE) is a national public awareness campaign which educates the public about eye health and vision care, and encourages individuals to have in-person comprehensive eye examinations; and

WHEREAS, TAYE is the only national awareness campaign carrying optometry’s vital message of the importance of in-person comprehensive eye examinations; and

WHEREAS, the TAYE campaign has delivered more than one billion impressions, utilizing the internet, radio, and primetime ads on major cable networks, with factual and inspirational messaging such as “Seeing is a Gift”; and

WHEREAS, seven in ten people surveyed indicated they were “likely” or “very likely” to schedule an annual eye examination after hearing or viewing TAYE messages; and

WHEREAS, TAYE has driven an estimated eight million additional in-person comprehensive eye examinations since its inception; and

WHEREAS, the TAYE website provides patient education materials, including information about eye examinations, eye diseases, eyeglasses, contact lenses, and more; and

WHEREAS, there are currently nearly 19,000 American Optometric Association member doctors on the TAYE doctor locator; and

WHEREAS, TAYE has more than 21 partners and has joined with 46 affiliates and The Vision Council to ensure patient education continues to grow; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that AOA calls upon its members to use TAYE's resources to encourage patients to seek in-person comprehensive eye examinations.