A word from our editor

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Pediatrics: Perspectives of a new parent

With our first child now 5+ weeks old, I am quickly learning of the immense innate concern parents have for their children. Regardless of the severity of the alleged ailment, we worry about our little guy more than I ever understood was possible. With that, I have been reflecting on my pediatric patients, and finding myself reminded of the necessity to carefully educate their parents (even with the most benign conditions). Our young patients’ parents know nothing about their child’s diagnosis/prognosis and, without us taking a little extra time, they will likely end up seeking answers on the Internet and/or at another practitioner’s office.

The theme of this month’s edition of the Contact Lens and Cornea Section Newsletter coincides nicely with back-to-school time: pediatrics. In order to effectively educate parents, we must be equipped with the latest in pediatric care and research. Our authors have got you covered, with a comprehensive overview of myopia control, a look at CXL in young patients, “pink eye,” blocked tear ducts, UV blocking contact lenses, and the do’s and don’ts of caring for teenagers that present without their parents. Enjoy!

Ridiculously cute infant with small chunk of matter, nasal upper lashes OD.

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