

CONTACT LENSES

*Gann D., Nichols J. J.***2020 report on dry eye diseases****3**

The article analyzes the results of a survey of North American optometrists regarding the prevalence of dry eye syndrome, the preferred methods of its diagnosis and therapy. Comparison with the data of previous studies is made.

Keywords: dry eye, contact lenses, discomfort, tear film

*Pucker A.***Contact lens material properties****11**

There are a number of important contact lens material properties that can have an impact on a patient's ocular health and wearing experience and these properties can vary widely, depending upon the material being tested (e. g., traditional hydrogel, silicone hydrogel). While this article is unable to elaborate on every aspect of contact lens design, it will summarize many of the commonly described contact lens material properties. It will also briefly describe how some properties are believed to influence each other and how the various contact lens properties may impact their clinical performance.

Keywords: contact lenses, hydrogel, material, oxygen permeability, silicone hydrogel

DIAGNOSTICS, TREATMENT, PHARMACOLOGY, PHARMACY

*Craig J. P.***New news since TFOS DEWS II****14**

The article is an overview of the developments in the field of research and development of methods of therapy for dry eye syndrome that have occurred since the publication of the TFOS DEWS II report.

Keywords: dry eye syndrome, diagnosis, meibomian gland dysfunction

LOW VISION

*Tooth C.***Visual impairment, employment and empowerment****21**

This article, by Cirta Tooth, describes the impact of visual impairment in the workplace and the role that practitioners can play in helping these patients.

Keywords: employment, low vision, vision impairment

POINT OF VIEW

*Cole A.***Does body language communicate personality?****26**

This article discusses ways to ensure that practitioners are able to communicate effectively with patients to help them address their fears, anxieties and concerns.

Keywords: communication, interaction styles, personality, behavior

NEW O.D.

*Allen P., Webb H.***Effective domiciliary communication****32**

Patients consulted with in their own homes are typically older and require special consideration. Domiciliary visits quite commonly present particular communication challenges. This article explores the various communication skills the eye care practitioner needs to consider when visiting patient within the domiciliary environment.

Keywords: communication skills, elderly patients, domiciliary consultation, optometry

*Patel T.***Performing the cross cylinder test and completing subjective refraction****37**

In another article on the optometric examination of a patient, Tina Patel talks about determining the correction of astigmatism and the final stages of subjective refraction.

Keywords: cross-cylinder, astigmatism, binocular balance, subjective refraction