

Editor's Notes

The Journal of Nigerian Optometric Association (JNOA) is an official journal of the Nigerian Optometric Association (NOA). It is a peer-reviewed international journal that aims to promote the vision and the mission of the association as well as provide a platform for the advancement of the Optometry practice in Nigeria and beyond. This edition of the JNOA is the second special edition as the NOA celebrates its 50 years as an association. In this edition, we present a 'must read' special editorial by an erudite scholar, Professor E. U Ikonne, on appropriate technologies for health and disease: an innovative approach to drive sustainable health care delivery. Also to be found in this special edition are original research articles in Optometry and eye health. These research papers were put together by a coterie of experts in various aspects and sub-specialties in Optometry and vision sciences.

Nwokedi *et al* presented the results of their research on the prevalence of refractive error among children with Down syndrome; they found hyperopic astigmatism to be the most prevalent refractive error. Another research by Darko-Takyi *et al*, reported a high prevalence of accommodative anomalies among symptomatic school children. A qualitative research by Okoye *et al* focused on the relevance of culturally-appropriate approaches in health promotion: a look at Igbo philosophies in dealing with eye care challenges in Nigeria.

Two experimental studies are presented in this edition, one of them was conducted by Ajayi, and Atuanya. It focused on the effect of x-rays on the electrolyte concentration of bovine aqueous and vitreous humour while George *et al* determined the effect of *Moringa Oleifera* leaf aqueous extract on intraocular and blood pressure of normotensive adults in Edo State, Nigeria. Azuamah *et al* assessed the foveal and extra-foveal photo stress recovery time in primary open angle glaucoma. They recommended that photo stress recovery test be included in the routine eye examination of patients.

The prevalence of low vision and blindness in a leprous population was investigated by Okpo *et al*, while Okonji *et al* established the need to increase knowledge and access to vision rehabilitation services (VRS) among low vision patients. Ejukonemu and Akpalaba, in a case-control study, determined the standard continuous-text print size for people with low vision. They found the N18/2M print size to be adequate. The link between external eye infections and personal hygiene practices was established by Azuamah *et al* in another study. Health education of patients on good personal hygiene practices was recommended.

The journal is a medium for the dissemination of highly valuable information on vision care and health to a specialized audience and is listed in African Journals Online (AJOL). We, therefore, invite submission of high-quality research on topical issues of public health importance in vision health which can improve Optometry practice, thus, enhancing the eye health of the public. We also call for editorials on contemporary issues of concern in Optometry and health care delivery in Nigeria. Our overall objective is to make the journal of Nigerian Optometric Association to be of good quality with a significant impact factor.

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