Prescribing eyeglasses in preverbal children can be challenging for both comprehensive ophthalmologists and pediatric ophthalmology specialists. METHODS: This study will demonstrate and discuss survey results from over 300 pediatric ophthalmologists in the United States. The Survey included 21 commonly encountered clinical situations.

RESULTS

Each clinical situation is analyzed and presented with numbers of responses in bar figure fashion. The figures provide the responses of AAPOS members to 21 most commonly encountered clinical situations in prescribing eyeglasses in preverbal children.

DISCUSSION: The results provide: (1) better understanding of when and how to prescribe eyeglasses in commonly encountered clinical situations (2) learning the simplified rules for prescribing eyeglasses in preverbal children.

CONCLUSION: This survey developed by experienced pediatric ophthalmologists reveals valuable data and useful guidelines in prescribing eyeglasses in preverbal children. The survey analysis will help in the promotion of maximal vision and fusion and the prevention of amblyopia in this vulnerable young population.

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