SESSION 5: 2024 Rising Visionary Award: Progress in Children's Vision Health and the Journey Ahead & Closing Remarks



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My Story





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Health literacy



Personal Health Literacy



Organizational Health Literacy



Pediatric vision health

- Costly
 - \circ 27.5 billion dollars spent on vision health in people under 40 in 2012²
- Prevalence is expected to grow⁴
- Adulthood ramifications³
- 2016 National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine report on vision research gaps¹
 - Learn more about what people know about eye health
 - Interventions to improve vision care after vision screenings
 - Impact on vision health care in daily life



Interventions paving the way

- School-based vision programs^{5,6}
- Health access programing^{7,8}
- Health literacy programming ⁹







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Focus on the Future





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What do we still need to do?

- More research
 - Efficacy of interventions
 - WHY? Value for those we are providing care for
- Advocacy for pediatric vision care
 - National, state, and local level
 - Interprofessional approach





Conclusions





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