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Editor's notes

The JNOA is the official scientific publication of the Nigerian Optometric Association (NOA). It is a peer-reviewed, open-access journal devoted to bringing together up-to-date clinical and scientific research information and novel developments in the broad fields of optometry and vision science including basic and clinical research aimed at advancing the science, technology, ethics and practice of Optometry and Health sciences. The journal publishes research in the broad fields of Eye Care/Vision Sciences and Public Health; Primary Care Optometry, Public Health Optometry, Rehabilitative Optometry and Low Vision Care, Pediatric Optometry, Corneal and Contact Lenses, Ocular Health, Orthoptics, Anatomy, Physiology, Epidemiology, Economics and Sociology of Vision and Blindness, Ocular Biomedics, Optics and Instrumentation, Optometric Education and History.

The goal of any academic or professional publication is to transfer the knowledge it contains to the minds of the readers. To meet this goal and reach the widest readership possible the JNOA is published both as a printed and web-based publication as well as provides immediate open access to its content on the principle of making research freely available to the public and supporting a greater global exchange of knowledge. This current edition is tailored to the 2023 Optometry conference titled: ***The Optometrist: An Indispensable Partner in Health Care Delivery***, and it features articles that would enhance skill set and provide support for holistic clinical management of some eye conditions. The Editorial which features the contributions of late Prof. Eleazar Uche Ikonne an optometry icon and Associate editor of the Journal of the Nigerian Optometric Association, as narrated by the President of NOA Dr Obinna Awiaka, is a must read. The second interesting editorial by Dr. Ebisike Philips Ifeanyichukwu is on Glaucoma - A disease of multiple pressures; new glaucoma pressures discovered!

In a case control study, Charles et al found a negative correlation between time spent on outdoor play and myopia, indicating that increased time spent on outdoor play was a protective factor against myopia. A case report on Stevens-Johnson syndrome (SJS) was presented by Musa et al, reemphasizing quick intervention as key to minimizing morbidity and possible mortality. Also in this edition, Muoneke et al investigated the presence of plasmid genes in eye swabs of babies delivered through spontaneous Vaginal (SVD) and caesarian Section (CS) deliveries. Moyegbone et al reported that untreated refractive error was the leading cause of visual impairment among primary and secondary school children in Delta State. Rounding it up with low vision, Edemeraro et al identified age and occupation as significant factors associated with patient preference with optical low vision devices in North West Nigeria.

For the upcoming edition of Journal, Volume 25, Issue Number 2, 2023, the Editorial Board of the Journal of the Nigerian Optometric Association cordially invite researchers/authors to submit original research reports, review articles, case reports and short communications, conference, seminar and workshop reports, etc for consideration for publication.

The Editorial Board hopes to continue improving on the clinical relevance of the articles on JNOA and we do hope you will enjoy reading it and be once more enthused to apply the knowledge in your practice.

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