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Dear New Resident and Colleague,

Congratulations! It is our honor to welcome you to ophthalmology. As you embark on this next phase of your life, you will learn many invaluable skills, meet new friends and mentors, and ultimately choose your career path. We would like to invite you to learn more about and consider our chosen field - Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus.

The Pediatric Ophthalmologist, following a one-year clinical fellowship, has the opportunity to improve vision and quality of life for patients of all ages, and to watch many of those patients grow into successful adults over time. Pediatric ophthalmologists are in high demand, with good job security. We can continue to utilize many of the pearls and skills we learned in residency, since we are also 'comprehensive' ophthalmologists for infants and children of all ages, as well as strabismologists for children and adults. Our surgeries span a broad spectrum of areas, including intraocular surgery in addition to strabismus procedures. Children are exceptionally rewarding and fun patients and watching them grow and improve is satisfying – likely one of many reasons pediatric ophthalmologists report good job satisfaction and quality of life. For the interested pediatric ophthalmologist, there are many opportunities for international work and public health outreach.

On behalf of the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus ([AAPOS](#)), we encourage you to keep Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus in mind throughout your residency path. Talk with your mentors in pediatric ophthalmology and keep an eye out for opportunities to try out this rewarding field. You may just find your calling, as we have.

Sincerely,



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