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Research is an important aspect of academia. The number of interesting research projects in our Faculty and of researchers with a Masters and PhD titles is increasing. I believe that research is a fundamental part of the education process, as professionals are always learning, finding out things, analyzing information, adapting their behavior according to the information received, looking at new things and improving the one that they have or adapting their knowledge to modern demands.

When research is not part of education, it becomes a problem because future professionals or professionals that are pursuing a Master or PhD degree could consider their learning and teaching experience based on a dogma, theory, ideology, convenience and without any critical way of thinking. By contrast, when research is part of the curriculum, new topics become relevant, people understand why the things are done a certain way, critical thinking is the center of the teaching and learning experience, and people try to answer questions regarding a topic and are always thinking about a way to move forward in science.

In this issue of our journal, the reader will have the opportunity to read papers about interesting research works related to amblyopia and the importance of the accommodation exam, as well as corneal thickness measurement using non-contact techniques, and employer and employee requirements in the optical sector in Mexico. Moreover, the reader will find a literature review of different topics, such as degenerative myopia and how to manage this type of clinical cases from an interdisciplinary point of view, myopia in childhood and how to prevent it. Other topics include the uses of different diagnostic protocols to evaluate vision in children, a reflection about the coverage of visual services in Bogotá as a cosmopolitan city, and the main barriers to access to visual services in Colombia.

I hope you enjoy reading these valuable articles and I encourage you to share them with your colleagues and to cite them in your papers.

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