



NEWSLETTER

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DID YOU MISS OUT?

THE 3RD ANNUAL MSO TRADE SHOW

AND SPRING SOCIAL HELD AT THE WESTIN IN WALTHAM ON APRIL 30TH WAS A HUGE SUCCESS! IT WAS FREE TO ALL OPTOMETRISTS, FEATURING ONE HOUR OF FREE CE, 25 FANTASTIC VENDORS, DRINKS AND HORS D'OEUVRES. PLAN ON ATTENDING NEXT YEAR!

THE FINAL GLAUCOMA AND ORALS CERTIFICATION COURSE WILL BEGIN IN LATE JULY AND RUN THROUGH MID DECEMBER. REGISTRATION WILL OPEN SOON. WATCH OUT FOR MESSAGING FROM THE MSO.

If you are interested in taking the final course for Glaucoma and Orals Certification in Massachusetts please email me at DR.Z@maoptometry.org
You should include your full name, and preferred email address.

THE COVID-19 EMERGENCY STATUS IS ENDING ON MAY 11

The Federal Government and the State of Massachusetts are ending the Covid-19 emergency designation on May 11th. The Boston Globe reports the mask mandate will end, however the mass.gov website has no change in mask requirements at this time. We assume the mask mandate will be lifted on Thursday. We will send information as we receive it.

Legislation Update

The MSO is working with the Dept. of Insurances to try to reign in Vision Insurance abuses. No formal bill filed at this time. To follow any bills, look it up on this website: <https://malegislature.gov/Bills>

HD 2847- The MSO is FAVORABLE- This bill updates the 1934 definition of optometry and addresses the issue of optometrists having multiple levels of licensure. This bill was presented by the two optometry colleges in Massachusetts

SB 116- The MSO is FAVORABLE- This is a co-sponsored optometry/ophthalmology bill involving early intervention for children's vision.

HD1314- The MSO is OPPOSED. This bill further limits the usage of the word physician. Optometrists are already considered physicians in the Medicare system, and Federal government.

HD 2296- The MSO is OPPOSED- this is the definition of invasive surgery that has been around and modified since we passed our glaucoma legislation. We absolutely do not want this bill to gain any traction.

CLINICAL STUDY #1

**Know your options
for treating
recurrent erosion**

CLINICAL STUDY #2

**Hereditary
Maculopathies**

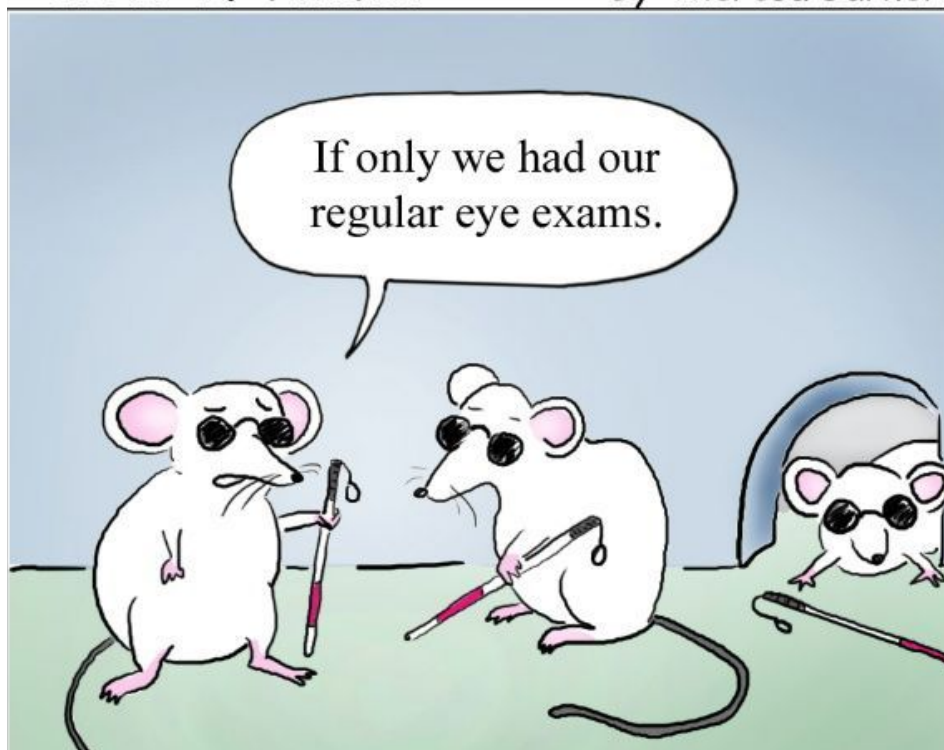
It is a new Legislative session with many new legislators. We need PAC dollars to continue our legislative efforts. Donate to MOPAC.

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JOKE OF THE MONTH

Islets of Humor

By Theresa Garner



EVENT CALENDAR

May 10th: MSO Board Meeting
May 11th: Covid-19 state of emergency ends
May 14th: Mother's Day
May 17th: State Board Meeting
May 29th: Memorial Day

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