

Editorial

Younger generation and their responsibility toward newer technologies

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It is heartening to note that all the articles published in this issue are authored by young ophthalmologists who are showing interest in getting their work published with much enthusiasm. It always satisfies me to see the younger generation be in line with the newer technologies and their openness toward learning more sophisticated ways of handling any chore, but one has to remember that all new technologies may not always be good. Therefore, it should not be accepted unless its usefulness and superiority have been proved by adequate, valid research and publications. Please remember that multinational companies, for obvious reasons, at times try to push technology without adequate evidence of its usefulness.

I want to share a piece of advice which everyone should take in the right perspective. While cutting-edge technology is the need of the hour or maybe an obvious result of technological expertise, one should not forget the importance of the human touch in the process.

Question the multinationals on whether the technology is really beneficial and affordable to the public at large, especially the monetarily deprived section. The applicability to a large population at a low cost should be one of the most

important points to be considered for the technology to be adopted by the doctor. The priority of the companies is to make profits, but the onus is on the doctors, us professionals, to choose what is right and what is not for our patients. It may be a very difficult decision today, but in the long run, you will realise the benefit.

As a young professional, you would want to make a name for yourself, and there's absolutely nothing wrong with that; however, there is also a need for you to take a step back and consider what truly matters, as success is not only an external validation. Success always brings with it challenges and choices. Your career spans over several decades. While early recognition and appreciation are satisfying, it is not the peak. The bottom line is that whatever you adopt should be, without a doubt, for the benefit and in the interest of the patient and the patient alone. Patient interest should always be given the highest priority.

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