A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

I hope this newsletter finds you well both personally and professionally. It’s hard to believe that it is 2017 and that our Academy meeting in Anaheim was a distant 4 months ago. Our Anterior Segment Section continues to grow, and we now have over 1000 members. This is such a great accomplishment from when we started several years ago, and it’s due to the hard work and dedication of the executive board of the section as well as the support of our members.

The section held its first Diplomate Prep Course at Academy 2016. We had a great turnout and plan to incorporate another one into this year’s meeting. It is a great way to get information about the Diplomate process, as well as get CE geared towards topics that may be covered in the Diplomate exam. Please feel free to reach out to any members of the section leadership if you have an interest in the section. We are always looking forward to new members. Hope to see you all in Chicago.

Jeff

ACADEMY 2016 RECAP

The Academy’s annual meeting in Anaheim had over 4,000 optometrists attend making it the largest meeting in Academy history. The Anterior Segment Section held its business meeting which allowed for the discussion of new ideas and plans for the future. We also offered a Diplomate Preparatory Course to accelerate the completion of this process for interested Fellows which was a success. The Anterior Segment Section presented a symposium on information about corneal crosslinking halting the progression of corneal ectasia which was engaging and provided pivotal information for patient care. We look forward to bringing you the most knowledgeable lecturers and interesting topics at Academy 2017 in Chicago.
A 20-year old white male presented to the clinic with concerns of intermittent redness and irritation of the left eye for four weeks. The patient also reported a yellow “bump” on the white part of his left eye which his girlfriend noted a few days prior to his visit to the eye clinic. The patient was unable to view these bumps himself in the mirror. He stated that his vision remained stable and denied discharge. The patient was new to the clinic. His systemic, ocular and family history was negative. He denied medication use and has no known drug allergies.

His uncorrected visual acuity was 20/20 in the distance OD and OS. Pupils were equally round and reactive to light, no afferent pupil defect was noted OU. Confrontation fields were full to finger count OU. Extraocular muscles were unrestricted in all gazes. Intraocular pressure was 12 OD and 14 OS.

Examination of the right eye was unremarkable. Examination of the left eye was notable for trace conjunctival injection temporal. Multiple scattered superficial yellow deposits were present temporally overlying a 1.0 centimeter area of raised sclera superior temporal. These deposits moved with the bulbar conjunctiva when probed with a cotton tip applicator. Grade 1 diffuse papillary conjunctivitis was noted on the superior palpebral conjunctiva on upper eyelid eversion. There was no staining with fluorescein. All other slit lamp examination findings were unremarkable. The anterior segment findings of the left eye are noted in the photograph below before fluorescein instillation.

![Photograph of left eye before fluorescein instillation](image)

Photo courtesy of Joseph Allen, OD

What are your differential diagnoses? Is additional testing warranted? If so, what testing would you recommend? How would you manage this patient? Active members can log-in and view the group discussion created for this case. Please leave your comments for this case in the group discussion section. Follow the sequence below to find the discussion.

*Login > Sections > Anterior Segment > Group Discussions > March 2017 Case Series*

**NEWSLETTER INFORMATION**

We are looking for members to submit cases, as well as anterior segment photos and clinical pearls that can be included in our newsletter. Please forward them to Dr. Grace Brown (grace.a.brown.1@gmail.com) for inclusion in future newsletters.
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Mission Statement

The mission of the Anterior Segment Special Interest Group is to promote collaboration between researchers and clinicians with an interest in anterior segment disorders of the eye. Our role is to promote excellence in the care of patients with anterior segment conditions through professional education and by advancing clinical research. Our intent is to identify new questions for research as well as disseminate knowledge, not only to the Fellows of the SIG, but to the entire Academy and profession of optometry.