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In late February/early March of 2020, I was in India lecturing at a local college. Even before getting on the plane, I had concerns, and so did my wife. I knew I could not let my hosts down, though, so off I went.

Everything was just fine until two days later. My trip to the Taj Mahal was canceled due to them closing the site, as there was a COVID outbreak close by. Temples and other historic sites were being closed, or the number of visitors was being limited. Luckily, I was able to visit the grave of Mahatma Gandhi. The lectures went off swimmingly, and I had no trouble with flights or COVID. I consider myself lucky to have gone and to have made it home safe and sound. While I was in India, the United States recorded its first official COVID death.

We all have our stories of when we knew this was not going to go away in a matter of days to months. But wow...I am pretty sure most of us were not expecting to be dealing with the pandemic to the same extent almost two years later.

We all pivoted in some way. My institution, Southern College of Optometry, made the decision to close the clinical programs completely and to move classes online. They protected the students, staff, and faculty, and for that, I am grateful.

Private practices and some academic institutions made the decision to move to virtual vision therapy. They used Microsoft Teams or Zoom to connect with patients and worked out ways to get them equipment. I applaud their ability to think outside the box to continue patient care under the circumstances.

Little by little, months later, offices were able to start to open safely, if that term is even applicable. However, many patients were not able to come back out of their cocoons, and practices limited the number of patients in the office at one time. Virtual therapy

continued, and hybrid therapy programs developed. Almost two years later, while most offices are back in full gear despite our new friend Omicron, some offices continue virtual and hybrid therapy, with varying levels of success.

In the early summer of 2020, Len Press and the team at *Vision Development & Rehabilitation* published a special theme issue on the topic of Telehealth and Vision Therapy. I will have to admit that I was amazed at how quickly that issue came together and a little jealous that Len pulled it off!

A year later, Len was being interviewed and was asked about doing a follow-up issue. While he appreciated the idea, he was going to take a pass. We talked, and I was happy to pick up the mantle and, in my opinion, help move the profession and behavioral optometry through the second phase of the pandemic.

In this issue, you will find a neat collection of articles. Several of the authors agreed to look back and provide a perspective on their original articles. There are two case reports detailing the impact of COVID and lockdown on patients. The results of two surveys put together by OEPP are detailed. There is so much in this issue that there is no way to describe all of the pieces, so I am going to get out of the way and just let you dig in.

Thank you to all of the authors who contributed to this theme issue.

Review Board Update

I would like to welcome the new members of the review board and one new associate editor. Joining us are Tyler Phan, OD; Emily Aslakson, OD; Jen Fisher, OD; JJ Lant, OD; Ira Krumholtz, OD; and Yazan Nadeev from the United States; Liat Gantz, PhD from Israel; Emilio Teran, PhD from Mexico; and Jeffery Leung, PhD from China. Rebecca Marinoff, OD will be moving up from the review board to be an associate editor.

Thank you to the following individuals who have served diligently and graciously for many years: Mitch Scheiman, OD, PhD; Robin Price, OD; Linda Sanet, COVT; Barry Cohen, OD; Paul Graham, BAppSc(Optom)Hons; Tim Hug, OD; Carly Lam, PhD; and Sam Wajuihian, OD, MOptom. Thank you also to Sarah Hinkely, OD for serving as associate editor for so many years.