Attitudes & Perspectives on Ophthalmology Resident Training within the Pediatric Ophthalmology Settings: The APORT Series
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Objective
Obtain the parents' perspective of resident involvement in the care of pediatric strabismus patients

Methodology
Anonymous 13-question multiple choice survey
Office-based or telephone interview
100 completed surveys to date

General Demographics:
Avg. age:
Child = 7.92 yrs
Parent = 39.87 yrs
Gender:
Child = 50/50 M/F
Parent = 21/79 M/F
64% Caucasian
82% University/college education

Question: A resident physician is:
Doctor (M.D.) with a license to practice medicine still in specialty training
Medical student in training, not yet a doctor (M.D.)
Doctor (M.D.) who has not yet selected a specialty of practice
Doctor (M.D.) without a license to practice medicine

Likert Results
I would be comfortable having resident physicians performing a portion of my child's surgical procedure

Likert Results
I would be comfortable having resident physicians performing my child's entire surgical procedure

Likert Results
I feel that by having resident physicians involved in my child's care and/or surgery that we are helping them become better physicians

Highlighted Conclusions
The term "resident" is not well understood
The term "assist" does not confer a consistent impression when used to describe the level of resident participation in a surgical procedure
Most parents agree that resident involvement in surgery should be a part of the "teaching hospital" environment

However, a majority of parents are uncomfortable with resident participation in strabismus surgery

Though a majority of parents feel they have a positive impact on resident development

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