

Comment on: Women in ophthalmology- An upsurge!

Dear Editor,

It was interesting to read the article regarding *Women in ophthalmology-an upsurge!*^[1]

Although growing numbers of women are entering ophthalmology in the United States, there are still gender-based differences in practice between trainees.^[2] For example, one cross-sectional study found that female trainees were more likely to undertake further training in subspecialties such as neuro-ophthalmology, pediatric ophthalmology, and uveitis.^[3] The study had 696 participants, of which 276 were women.^[3]

Additionally, women are not equally represented in ophthalmology in the United States or Australia.^[4] Research has shown that further opportunities need to be provided to allow greater representation of women in leadership positions in ophthalmology.^[5] Just as Isabel Hayes Chapin Barrows and Elizabeth Sargent paved the way for women to enter ophthalmology, innovation is still required for women to succeed and have equal opportunities to their male counterparts.

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