Supplemental Material: Survey

Asterisks (\*) indicate questions that required a response.

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# **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons**

## Demographics

All responses to this survey are **deidentified** and **anonymous**. IRB exemption was obtained from Sterling IRB (Atlanta, GA).

#### \* 1. What is your age?

0	Age	100	
* 2. What is your biological sex?			
○ Male			
○ Female			
3. Which group best represents	your ethnic background?		
O Asian or Pacific Islander			
O African American/Black			
O Hispanic/Latino			
🔿 Native American/Alaskan Nati	ve		
○ White			
Other			

* 4. What area( fellowship trai	(s) of ophthalmology do you specialize in or have received ning in? Please select all that apply.	
Cornea		
Comprehen	sive ophthalmology	
Glaucoma		
Retina		
5. What is your he	eight?	
Feet		
Inches		
6. What is your w	reight to the nearest pound?	

Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons Practice Characteristics				
* 7. How long have fellowship?	you practiced ophthalmology, inclu	uding residency and		
0	Years in Practice	50+		
* 8. From Februa	ary 2019-February 2020, did you per	rform eye surgery?		
⊖ Yes				
○ No				

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* 9. From February 2019-February 2020, what types of eye surgery did you perform? Please check all that apply.
Cataract extractions in adults without femtosecond laser
Femtosecond laser-assisted adult cataract extractions
Minimally-invasive glaucoma surgeries (MIGS)
Other glaucoma surgeries (tubes, trabs, etc.)
Retinal surgeries in operating room (vitrectomy, membrane peel, etc.)
Non-refractive corneal surgeries in operating room (transplants, pterygium excision, etc.)
Refractive corneal procedures (LASIK, PRK, etc.) in office or operating room

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\* 10. From February 2019-February 2020, did you use a 3D visualization system (i.e. heads-up display or HUD) to operate?

◯ Yes

🔿 No

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* 11. Which heads-	up display did you use most frequer	ntly?
Alcon NGENUIT	<b>FY® 3D Visualization System</b>	
<b>Zeiss ARTEVO®</b>	800 Digital Microscope	
Beyeonics One <sup>1</sup>	тм	
* 12. From February were performed usir	2019-February 2020, what proportio ng a heads-up display?	n of your surgical cases
0	HUD Case %	100

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Surgical Volume

\* 13. From February 2019-February 2020, how many cases did you perform for each of the following case types?

Office-based laser procedures (SLT, YAG, LPI, retinopexy, etc.)	
Cataract extractions in adults without femtosecond laser	
Femtosecond laser-assisted adult cataract extractions	
Minimally-invasive glaucoma surgeries (MIGS)	
Other glaucoma surgeries (tubes, trabs, etc.)	
Retinal surgeries in operating room (vitrectomy, membrane peel, etc.)	
Non-refractive corneal surgeries in operating room (transplants, pterygium excision, etc.)	
Refractive corneal procedures (LASIK, PRK, etc.) in office or operating room	



## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Practice Volume

\* 14. From February 2019-February 2020, how many outpatient visits did you perform?

\* 15. From February 2019-February 2020, how many hours per week did you work on average?

\* 16. From February 2019-February 2020, how many hours per week did you spend using the computer in the clinic setting?

\* 17. From February 2019-February 2020, how many weeks did you work?

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Social history and lifestyle

\* 18. From February 2019-February 2020, how many hours per week did you spend conducting the following activities?

Cardiovascular exercise (running, cycling, jump rope, etc.)	
Strength exercise (Weight training, suspension training, calisthenics, etc.)	
Flexibility and Balance exercise (yoga, pilates, etc.)	
Meditation and mindfulness	

\* 19. From February 2019-February 2020, how stressful was your job overall on a scale from 1-7?

Not stressful at all			Moderately stressful			Extremely stressful
* 20. Have you ever learned about ergonomics in ophthalmology through any of the following modalities? Please select all that apply.					ugh any of	
Article	e			Class		
Video				Conference	session or pres	sentation
Audio	(e.g. radio or po	odcast)		have not le	arned about e	rgonomics in
Advic	e from a colleag	ue	C	ophthalmolo	ogy	

\* 21. Have you ever sought the assistance of an ergonomics specialist, physical therapist, or occupational therapist?

⊖ Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

\* 22. Are you interested in learning more about ergonomics?

⊖ Yes

 $\bigcirc$  No

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Musculoskeletal (MSK) Health

\* 23. Have you ever been diagnosed with any of the following conditions? Please select all that apply.

Cervical spine or cervical disc injury or	Shoulder or rotator cuff disease or injury
uisease	Lateral or medial epicondylitis (i.e.
Thoracic spine or thoracic disc injury or disease	tennis/golfer's elbow)
uisease	Bicep tendonitis
Lumbar spine or lumbar disc injury or disease	Unspecified back pain
De Quervain's syndrome or trigger finger	Unspecified neck pain
Carpal tunnel syndrome	Other musculoskeletal disease or injury
Upper extremity arthritis	I have never been diagnosed with any MSK condition
Lower extremity arthritis	

\* 24. From February 2019-February 2020, did you experience any episodes of musculoskeletal pain, discomfort, or disability?

O Yes

🔿 No

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Musculoskeletal Health

\* 25. From February 2019-February 2020, how frequent were your episodes of musculoskeletal pain, discomfort, or disability?

○ Daily	Once every few months
○ Weekly	C Less frequent than once every few
Monthly	months

\* 26. Is your musculoskeletal pain, discomfort, or disability recurring or chronic?

O Yes

🔘 No

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Chronic pain duration

\* 27. How long have you suffered from recurring or chronic musculoskeletal pain, discomfort, or disability?

Years

Months

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* 28. When do you feel your musculoskele check all that apply.	tal pain, discomfort, or disability? Please
<ul> <li>Examining patients in the clinic setting (e.g. using a slit lamp, indirect ophthalmoscope, etc.)</li> <li>Using the workplace computer</li> <li>Performing in-office laser procedures (e.g. LASIK, YAG, SLT, etc.)</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conducting surgery</li> <li>Outside of work</li> <li>I do not feel pain, discomfort, or disability in any of these contexts</li> </ul>
* 29. Is your musculoskeletal pain, discom exacerbated by the following activities? P	fort, or disability worsened or lease check all that apply.
etc.)	g. using a site tamp, muneet opritiatmoscope,
<ul> <li>Osing the workplace computer</li> <li>Performing in-office laser procedures (e.g.</li> <li>Conducting surgery</li> </ul>	LASIK, YAG, SLT, etc.)
The pain, discomfort, or disability is not water activities	orsened or exacerbated by any of these

# \* 30. How much does your musculoskeletal pain, discomfort, or disability affect your ability to conduct the following tasks?

	Does not affect	Makes it slightly more difficult	Makes it moderately more difficult	Makes it significantly more difficult	Caused me to stop this activity
Examining patients in the clinic setting	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Performing in- office laser procedures	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
Conducting surgery	0	0	0	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$

\* 31. How many hours have you cut from your workweek because of musculoskeletal pain, discomfort, or disability? Please type "0" if MSK concerns have not caused you to change your hours.

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Location

\* 32. Where is your pain, discomfort, or disability located during attacks? Please select all that apply

Cervical spine or neck
Thoracic spine or upper back
Lumbar spine or lower back
Shoulders
Elbows
Wrists and fingers
Hips
Knees

Feet and toes

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons**

\* 33. Since you did not report neck or back pain, you will be scored on the Total Disability Index (TDI) with the answers boxed in red in the below image. Do you agree with these choices? If you disagree with **any** of the 14 answers displayed, please select "No" at the bottom of this page.

#### TOTAL DISABILITY INDEX QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire has been designed to assess how your neck and back pain have affected your ability to manage everyday activities. We realize that you may feel that more than one statement relates to you, but please mark only the ONE CHOICE that most closely describes your problem right now.

SECTION 1 – Pain Intensity	SECTION 8 – Social Life
○ I have no pain at the moment.	• My social life is normal and causes me no extra pain.
○ The pain is very mild at the moment.	O My social life is normal but increases the degree of pain.
○ The pain is moderate at the moment.	• Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting my more
• The pain is fairly severe at the moment.	energetic interests, e.g. sport, etc.
• The pain is very severe at the moment.	<ul> <li>Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out as often.</li> </ul>
○ The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment.	<ul> <li>Pain has restricted my social life to my home.</li> </ul>
	○ I have no social life because of pain.
SECTION 2 – Personal Care (washing, dressing, etc.)	SECTION 9– Travelling
○ I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain.	○ I can travel anywhere without pain.

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	○ I can look after myself normally but it is very painful.	○ I can travel anywhere but it gives extra pain.
- 1	○ It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful.	O Pain is bad but I manage journeys over two hours.
- 1	○ I need some help but manage most of my personal care.	O Pain restricts me to journeys less than one hour.
- 1	○ I need help everyday in most aspects of self care.	<ul> <li>Pain restricts me to short necessary journeys under 30 minutes.</li> </ul>
1	O I do not get dressed, wash with difficulty and stay in bed.	O Pain prevents me from travelling except to receive treatment.
- [	SECTION 3 – Lifting	SECTION 10 - Reading
- 1	○ I can lift heavy weights without extra pain.	O I can read as much as I want with no pain in my neck.
- 1	○ I can lift heavy weights but it gives extra pain.	• I can read as much as I want with slight pain in my neck.
- 1	O Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights off the floor but I can	O I can read as much as I want with moderate pain in my neck.
- 1	manage if they are conveniently positioned, e.g. on a table.	O I cannot read as much as I want because of moderate pain in my neck.
- 1	O Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights but I can manage light	O I cannot read as much as I want because of severe pain in my neck.
- 1	to medium weights if they are conveniently positioned.	○ I cannot read at all.
- 1	○ I can lift only very light weights.	
1	○ I cannot lift or carry anything at all.	
- [	SECTION 4 – Walking	SECTION 11 – Headaches
- 1	O Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance.	○ I have no headaches at all.
- 1	• Pain prevents me from walking more than 1 mile.	• I have slight headaches which come infrequently.
- 1	• Pain prevents me from walking more than 1/4 mile.	• I have moderate headaches which come infrequently.
- 1	○ Pain prevents me from walking more than 100 yards.	O I have moderate headaches which come frequently.
- 1	○ I can only walk using a stick or crutches.	O I have severe headaches which come frequently.
- 1	○ I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet.	○ I have headaches almost all the time.
1	SECTION 5 – Sitting	SECTION 12 – Concentration
- 1	○ I can sit in any chair as long as I like.	○ I can concentrate fully when I want to with no difficulty.
- 1	○ I can sit in my favorite chair as long as I like.	○ I can concentrate fully when I want to with slight difficulty.
- 1	• Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 1 hour.	O I have a fair degree of difficulty in concentrating when I want to.
- 1	○ Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 1/2 an hour.	○ I have a lot of difficulty in concentrating when I want to.
- 1	○ Pain prevents me from sitting for more than 10 minutes.	○ I have a great deal of difficulty in concentrating when I want to.
1	• Pain prevents me from sitting at all.	○ I cannot concentrate at all.
- [	SECTION 6 - Standing	SECTION 13- Work
- 1	○ I can stand as long as I want without extra pain.	○ I can do as much work as I want to.
- 1	○ I can stand as long as I want but it gives me extra pain.	○ I can only do my usual work, but no more.
- 1	• Pain prevents me from standing for more than 1 hour.	○ I can do most of my usual work, but no more.
- 1	○ Pain prevents me from standing for more than 1/2 an hour.	○ I cannot do my usual work.
- 1	○ Pain prevents me from standing for more than 10 minutes.	○ I can hardly do any work at all.
1	• Pain prevents me from standing at all.	O I cannot do any work at all.
- [	SECTION 7 – Sleeping	SECTION 14 – Driving
	○ My sleep is never disturbed by pain.	○ I can drive my car without any neck pain.
	O My sleep is occasionally disturbed by pain.	• I can drive my car as long as I want with slight pain in my neck.
	O Because of pain I have less than 6 hours sleep.	O I can drive my car as long as I want with moderate pain in my neck.
	○ Because of pain I have less than 4 hours sleep.	O I cannot drive my car as long as I want because of moderate pain in my neck.
	• Because of pain I have less than 2 hours sleep.	O I can hardly drive at all because of severe pain in my neck.
	• Pain prevents me from sleeping at all.	O I cannot drive my car at all.

 $\bigcirc$  Yes, I agree with all of these answers

 $\bigcirc$  No, I disagree with at least one of these answers

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## **Total Disability Index**

The following fourteen questions have been designed to assess how your **neck and/or back pain** have affected your ability to manage everyday activities. For each question, please mark only the ONE CHOICE that most clearly describes your problem right now.

\* 34. Pain intensity

🔵 I have no pain at the moment	○ The pain is fairly severe at the moment			
$\bigcirc$ The pain is very mild at the moment	○ The pain is very severe at the moment			
○ The pain is moderate at the moment	The pain is the worst imaginable at the moment			
* 35. Personal Care (Washing, Dressing, et	c.)			
<ul> <li>I can look after myself normally without causing extra pain</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I need some help but manage most of my personal care</li> </ul>			
<ul> <li>I can look after myself normally but it is very painful</li> </ul>	I need help everyday in most aspects of self care			
It is painful to look after myself and I am slow and careful	I do not get dressed, I wash with difficulty and stay in bed			
* 36. Lifting				
<ul> <li>I can lift heavy weights without extra pain</li> </ul>	Pain prevents me from lifting heavy weights but I can manage light to medium weights if they are conveniently.			
<ul> <li>I can lift heavy weights but it gives extra pain</li> </ul>	positioned			
<ul> <li>Pain prevents me lifting heavy weights off the floor, but I can manage if they are</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>I can lift only very light weights</li> <li>I cannot lift or carry anything at all</li> </ul>			
conveniently placed, e.g. on a table				

#### \* 37. Walking

- Pain does not prevent me from walking any distance
- Pain prevents me from walking more than 1 mile
- Pain prevents me from walking more than ¼ mile

#### \* 38. Sitting

- 🔘 I can sit in any chair as long as I like
- 🔘 I can only sit in my favorite chair as long as I like
- O Pain prevents me from sitting more than 1 hour
- O Pain prevents me from sitting more than ½ an hour
- O Pain prevents me from sitting more than 10 minutes
- Pain prevents me from sitting at all

#### \* 39. Standing

- 🔘 I can stand as long as I want without extra pain
- 🔘 I can stand as long as I want but it gives me extra pain
- O Pain prevents me from standing for more than one hour
- O Pain prevents me from standing for more than ½ an hour
- O Pain prevents me from standing for more than 10 minutes
- O Pain prevents me from standing at all

- Pain prevents me from walking more than 100 yards
- I can only walk using a stick or crutches
- I am in bed most of the time and have to crawl to the toilet

#### \* 40. Sleeping

- My sleep is never disturbed by pain
- My sleep is occasionally disturbed by pain
- O Because of pain I have less than 6 hours of sleep
- O Because of pain I have less than 4 hours of sleep
- O Because of pain I have less than 2 hours of sleep
- Pain prevents me from sleeping at all

#### \* 41. Social life

- O My social life is normal and causes me no extra pain
- O My social life is normal but increases the degree of pain
- Pain has no significant effect on my social life apart from limiting my more energetic interests, e.g sport, etc.
- O Pain has restricted my social life and I do not go out as often
- O Pain has restricted my social life to my home
- I have no social life because of pain

#### \* 42. Traveling

- I can travel anywhere without pain
- 🔘 I can travel anywhere but it gives me extra pain
- O Pain is bad, but I manage journeys over 2 hours
- O Pain restricts me to journeys less than 1 hour
- O Pain restricts me to short necessary journeys under 30 minutes
- O Pain prevents me from traveling except to receive treatment

#### \* 43. Reading

- 🔘 I can read as much as I want to with no pain in my neck
- I can read as much as I want to with slight pain in my neck
- 🔘 I can read as much as I want with moderate pain in my neck
- 🔘 I cannot read as much as I want because of moderate pain in my neck
- O I cannot read as much as I want because of severe pain in my neck
- 🔘 I cannot read at all

#### \* 44. Headaches

- 🔘 I have no headaches at all
- 🔘 I have slight headaches, which come infrequently
- 🔘 I have moderate headaches, which come infrequently
- I have moderate headaches, which come frequently
- I have severe headaches, which come frequently
- I have headaches almost all the time

#### \* 45. Concentration

- I can concentrate fully when I want to with no difficulty
- 🔘 I can concentrate fully when I want to with slight difficulty
- I have a fair degree of difficulty in concentrating when I want to
- 🔘 I have a lot of difficulty in concentrating when I want to
- I have a great deal of difficulty in concentrating when I want to
- I cannot concentrate at all

#### \* 46. Work

- 🔘 I can do as much work as I want to
- I can only do my usual work, but no more
- 🔘 I can do most of my usual work, but no more
- 🗌 I cannot do my usual work
- I can hardly do any work at all
- 🗌 I can't do any work at all

#### 47. Driving

- 🔘 I can drive my car without any neck pain
- I can drive my car as long as I want with slight pain in my neck
- I can drive my car as long as I want with moderate pain in my neck
- I cannot drive my car as long as I want because of moderate pain in my neck
- I can hardly drive at all because of severe pain in my neck
- I cannot drive my car at all

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Additional MSK Concerns

operating room

\* 48. Which of the following workplace changes or additions have you made to prevent musculoskeletal problems or to reduce your pain, discomfort, or disability? Please select all that apply.

Changing your bodily position and posture in the clinic setting	Modifying existing equipment (e.g. ocular extensions on a traditional analogue microscope)
Changing your bodily position and	
posture in operating room	Adding new equipment (e.g. a new
Adjusting patient positioning on chairs	surgical display system)
in the clinic setting	Adjusting your computer screen or
	computer desk
Adjusting patient positioning on the bed	
in the operating room	Wearing more comfortable clothing or
Changing the type of chair you use in the	shoes
clinic setting	None of the above
Changing the type of chair you use in the	

* 49. Which of the following treatments have you used to prevent musculoskeletal
problems or to reduce your pain, discomfort, or disability? Please select all that
apply.

Manual therapy (Physical therapy, water	Surgical interventions		
therapy, chiropractor, podiatry, massage etc.)	Steroid injections		
Increased exercise (yoga, weightlifting,	Acupuncture		
etc.)	Herbal remedies or alternative		
Stretching more frequently	medicines		
Meditation and/or mindfulness	Hot/cold packs or body wraps		
Over-the-counter oral medications	None of the above		
(muscle relaxers, NSAIDs,			
acetaminophen, etc.)			
Prescription opioids			
Medical marijuana or cannabidiol (CBD)			

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Heads-up display?

\* 50. Earlier in this survey, did you select "3D visualization system (i.e. heads-up display or HUD)" as a tool used for eye surgery?

⊖ Yes

🔿 No

Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons HUD Outcomes							
* 51. How long have you used a heads-up display (HUD) for?							
Years							
Months							
* 52. If heads-up display (HUD) use has decreased your pain, discomfort, or disability, please indicate where. Select all locations that apply.							
HUD use has not decreased my pain, discomfort, or disability anywhere							
Cervical spine or neck							
Thoracic spine or upper back							
Lumbar spine or lower back							
Shoulders							
Elbows							
Wrists and fingers							
Hips							
Knees							
Feet and toes							
* 53. Does HUD use decrease or increase your overall pain, discomfort, or disability while operating compared to traditional analogue microscope use? Significantly decreases Moderately decreases Mildly decreases nor increases Mildly increases Moderately increases Significant							

* 54. Does HUD use decrease or increase your overall pain, discomfort, or disability <u>outside of the operating room</u> compared to traditional analogue microscope use?						
Significantly decreases Mode	erately decreases	ا ۱۱۱۵۱۷ decreases	Neither decreases nor increases	Mildly increases	Moderately increas	es Significa
$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	
* 55. If HUD u for you to not enter 0 if no o	se decreased tice a change decrease was	your pain, d in those sym noticed.	iscomfort, o ptoms after	r disability, h initiating Hl	iow long did it JD use? Please	take
Years						
Months						
* 56. Do yo HUD comp O Yes	u believe that ared to days v	: you could p when you use	erform more e a traditiona	e surgeries or al analogue r	n days when yo nicroscope?	ou use
◯ No						

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* 57. Why do you believe that you can perform more surgeries on days when you use HUD? Please select all that apply.								
HUD use is less fatiguing for me								
HUD use is more tir	ne-efficient in the operating room							
Other (please spec	fy)							
* 58. What percentage increase did you observe in your daily surgical case volume with HUD use compared to traditional analogue microscope use? Please enter 0 if no increase was noted.								
0	% increase in case volume	100%+						

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*	* 59. Would you advise against or recommend using HUD to other eye surgeons?						
	Strongly advise against	Moderately advise against	Mildly advise against	Neither advise against nor recommend	Mildly recommend	Moderately recommend	Strongly recommend
	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$	$\bigcirc$
	* 60. H inconv	as HUD pla eniences?	cement c	aused any	ergonomi	c challenges, diffic	culties, or
	🔿 No						
	O Yes	s (please spe	ecify)				

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Non-HUD Question

\* 61. Which of the following reasons describe why you do not currently use a headsup display (HUD) in the operating room? Please select all that apply:

] My employer	or surgical	site has not	purchased	a HUD
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I have no problems or inconveniences that a HUD would	solve
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I have a colleague who used a HUD and advised against using it

I have tried a HUD and determined it was not worth adopting

HUDs are too expensive relative to their potential benefits

HUDs would make some or all of my procedures more difficult to perform

HUDs would take too long to learn

HUDs would require too much maintenance

HUDs would be inconvenient to adjust or cause ergonomic problems

HUDs have too much latency or technical glitches

Other (please specify)

## **Ergonomics Among Ophthalmic Surgeons** Refer-a-friend

62. We have found that ophthalmologists would like to learn more about MSK problems and are happy to contribute to our knowledge. If you have friends or colleagues who may be interested in sharing their experiences with musculoskeletal problems in ophthalmology or may be interested in sharing experiences with HUD, you can invite them to participate in the survey by providing their emails below. We will not share their emails beyond the scope of this survey invitation.