
Section Editors' Foreword to the diabetes issue of *Eye*

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(for the editorial team)

The importance of diabetic retinopathy as a cause of visual morbidity cannot be over-emphasised. This issue of *Eye* highlights both the major advances of the past few decades and the clinical dilemmas that continue to cause concern in the management of the retinal vascular complications of diabetes. In addition the articles on the application of molecular techniques permit fresh insights into the pathogenesis of vascular damage in this disease.

A series of elegant Editorials on the role of screening in the prevention of retinopathy and the current trends in medical and surgical management of retinopathy also appear in this issue of *Eye*. Ronald Klein's 'End of the Century Perspective' makes fascinating reading as he weaves together the various novel medical approaches that allow us to approach the millennium with a new level of optimism. (Should we say Happy Reading!!)