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A paper published in the journal *Diabetes Care* provides global and regional estimates of the number of people who are blind or visually impaired due to diabetic retinopathy (DR). The global consortium that conducted the meta-analysis was led by researchers from Nova Southeastern University College of Optometry, including Professor Dr. Janet Leasher, and the Vision and Eye Care Unit at Anglia Ruskin University in Cambridge, United Kingdom. The authors of the paper noted that such estimates are fundamental for health planning purposes, and they recommended public policy planning for regions most affected by DR. The study forms part of the broader research of the Global Vision Database, which seeks to estimate and report on the changes over time in the causes and prevalence of vision loss.

Also: NSU Professor Dr. Rachel A. “Stacey” Coulter received the American Academy of Optometry’s Feinbloom Award, which recognizes an individual who has made a distinguished and significant contribution to clinical excellence and the direct clinical advancement of visual and optometric service and thus the visual enhancement of the public.



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