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ABSTRACT

The main objective of this research was to design an optotype for the primary visual care of those who inhabit native peoples, in order to achieve effective communication between visual health professionals and patients who only speak in cultural codes, common to each ethnic group; since it is considered problematic to obtain the best diagnosis due to the communicational and cultural barrier. In the design of the IMY Primer, under the feasible project methodology, field study; relevant aspects were taken into account in previous consultations, where these ethnic groups do not recognize some letters and / or figures of traditional optotypes. For the best design, aspects were taken into account in their daily activities, being the most effective way for them to easily recognize what they see, in addition to avoiding the communication barrier and reaching a reliable diagnosis, this due to the results that They released previous surveys of professionals who have had experience with patients of different ethnicities in our country, where they indicate that the IMY Card is a great contribution to improve consultations and diagnoses when evaluating the visual range of these patients. In conclusion, it will be possible to communicate effectively with patients of indigenous ethnic groups without affecting or modifying their culture and we can recommend promoting research that will make specialists aware of the need for care in native peoples to support research, advances and projects that are favorable to serve indigenous patients.

Descriptors: Optotype - Primary Care - Patients - Indigenous Peoples - Effective Communication - Visual Health.

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