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Dear Patrick,

This letter is written in support of your opinion that patients with vision complaints after suffering traumatic brain injury are best served by clinicians experienced in this field. The diagnosis and treatment of these patients is difficult and patients often do not have the vocabulary to specify their ailments. Instead they offer vague descriptions such as “eye-strain” or being “visually overwhelmed”. These patients might not even think to link their visual complaints to a head injury if they felt that injury were not severe.

The clinician treating these patients must spend sufficient clinic time exploring the patient’s history and symptoms and then testing appropriately to find the common vision complaints after brain injury such as reduced accommodation, vergence facility, pursuits and tracking. Certainly, the vast majority of eyecare providers excel and identifying anatomic pathology and treating the problems related therein. However, vision problems after brain injury present in ways that are far more subtle; usually patients have normal ophthalmic exams.

For these reasons, it is optimal for patients suffering brain injury to be referred to those neuro-ophthalmologists and neuro-optometrists with particular training. For example, based upon my experience working with many optometrists, the training that leads to FCOVD certification would certainly qualify.

Best personal regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Eric L. Singman'.

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