More With Less:  
EyeNet Future IMHOs?

The other day, I was bemoaning the deteriorating state of grammar and spelling among our young people. With computers at the ready to correct misspellings and even fix common grammatical errors, there is no incentive for our youth to learn the rudiments of the English language. And now, with the advent of text messaging, with its limitation of 160 characters, and Twitter, with only 140 characters allowed, abbreviations and acronyms have sprung up like dandelions in the spring.

But, being a glass-half-full sort of guy, I tried to find some benefit amongst the brevity of 21st-century communications. My thoughts turned immediately to EyeNet. If we could pack the same amount of information in one-third the space, it wouldn’t cost so much to print and mail. (Never mind that reading a whole magazine that way would be tedious at first, but in time we’d all adapt, kind of like getting used to a multifocal IOL.) Best of all, my Opinion could be so short that it would leave room for a larger picture of moi. So I’m trying it on for size this month. See what you think.

OMG. @TEOTD, my .02 will 2G2BT. Ophthalmologists have 2 mny ltrs in r name. We need a gd abbrev. LBLY, I’ve hrd ODs r calling us OMDs. AAO is 4 EyeMDs, but is 2 lng, S2S. May b IMD? But whr dzu tht lv ODOs? OTL. But w/o abbrev, we r 4ever 2 long.

W/ a gd abbrev, med studs wdnt need 2 spl ophthalmology kercety on their apps. On r PSAs bout ODs & MDs, we cld get by w 15 sec spot instd of 30 sec. It wd be cheep 2 make dept signs & lthrd. VM msgs cld be shtr 2 lv mor time 4 mor numbrs 2 chuz frm. Gst spkrs wdnt 4get how 2 say ophthalmology.

ATSL, we hv 2 mny h’s & l’s in ophthalmology. TTLY 2 mny, UN4TUN8LY. W/o h’s & l’s, w’d dx optamoptopia tyroid optamoptopy, & use 4optrs & optamoscopes. Optamics cld be 4mul8ed so the name cfd fit on the lbl big enuf to c w/o mgnfiers. R jrnls wld B shrtr.

IRMC. Seem 2ez? NE1 hv a btr eyedea? TTLY AWESO! Tweet me f so. LOL!

GLOSSARY
(for > 25s)

IMHO: in my humble opinion
OMG: oh my god
@TEOTD: at the end of the day
.O2: your (or my) two cents’ worth
2G2BT: too good to be true
LBLY: lately
S2S: sorry to say
IMD: Eye M.D.
OTL: out to lunch
PSA: public service announcement
VM: voice mail
ATSL: along the same line
TTLY: totally
UN4TUN8LY: unfortunately
IRMC: I rest my case
NE1: anyone
TTLY AWESO: totally awesome
LOL: laugh out loud