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Screening for Ambliogenic Factors Using the MTI Photoscreener

II. Final results at São Paulo city.

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Purpose: To describe the final results from a school vision screening program using the MTI PhotoScreener at São Paulo City, Brasil.

Methods: One hundred and third six children who failed the screening program received a complete ophthalmologic examination.

Results: During one day of the screening program, 1619 children from elementary schools were screened. The screening referred 108 children (6,7%) of whom 70 (4,3%) children had photographs that were unreadable. From the total referred, 136 (76,4%) children were evaluated at Federal University of São Paulo. Children who failed the screening had a significant abnormality (strabismus, anisometropia, high hypermetropia, high astigmatism, or high myopia) in 73 (67,6%) of the 108 cases and 47 (43%) patients were documented to have amblyopia on their formal ocular examination. Conclusion: Despite intense attention to follow-up, many children who failed the screening did not receive a formal eye examination. The MTI PhotoScreener may play a role in vision screening for identification of amblyogenic factors.