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PURPOSE: World Wide Web has led to a rapid growth of medical information availability and continuing medical educational opportunities. The purpose of this study is to create a web-based electronic ophthalmic encyclopedia for ophthalmologists in order to provide real-time, on-demand, and updated ophthalmic information in Portuguese, Spanish, and English.

METHODS: The website development project was divided in three phases: 1) Content definition; 2) Development of the text and gathering of appropriate pictures from the Department of Ophthalmology-UNIFESP archives; 3) Implementation and continuous evaluation/updates.

RESULTS: Phase 1 was concluded. We created a website diagram that encompasses all major areas of ophthalmology and its subspecialties. Topics were derived from major ophthalmic textbooks and selected by the authors according to their relevance, in order to achieve an adequate coverage. Due to the size of the defined content, different search engines are being tested to be used in the final website.

CONCLUSION: A transnational web-based ophthalmic encyclopedia will probably be a valuable educational tool, however accessibility of its content is a crucial point and must be overcome to provide a real useful resource.