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## New center set to improve study of visual fields

Research and testing in the area of visual fields provides physicians with very important information about the neurological functions of the retina, optic nerve, and brain. Despite this importance, only a handful of eye programs around the country study visual fields and perimetry.



Researchers and physicians now have greater potential to study visual fields and their use as screening and diagnostic tests

through the Visual Field Reading Center recently established by the UI Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences. The center provides high quality and reliable visual field data for large scale clinical trials in ophthalmology. It provides quality control of visual field tests—ensuring that the entrance visual field criteria have been followed and that the uniform testing standards

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## From The Department Head

Autumn is often a time of reflection, a chance to pause and assess what we've accomplished over the preceding months while also preparing for the new year ahead.

To say the summer of 2008 was challenging for many members of the Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences would be an understatement. Personal and professional losses, including the worst flooding in the history of the University of Iowa, left many feeling helpless and bewildered. Yet despite these challenges, we pulled together as an ophthalmology family and community to focus on what is most important – treating our patients, searching for cures, educating our residents and fellows, and caring for our families and each other. The compassion and commitment I've seen from friends and colleagues this summer truly has been inspiring.

Autumn also is a time of beginnings. In this issue, we welcome new faces among our faculty, as well as an outstanding new group of residents and fellows. At the same time, we wish our graduating residents and fellows all the best as they continue their careers across Iowa and rest of the country. We also showcase educational and clinical resources and expanded research capabilities within the department, and share news about our faculty and staff.

Best wishes for an enjoyable fall season.

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