

Love in the form of screening: photographing gazes

Amor em forma de rastreo: fotografando olhares

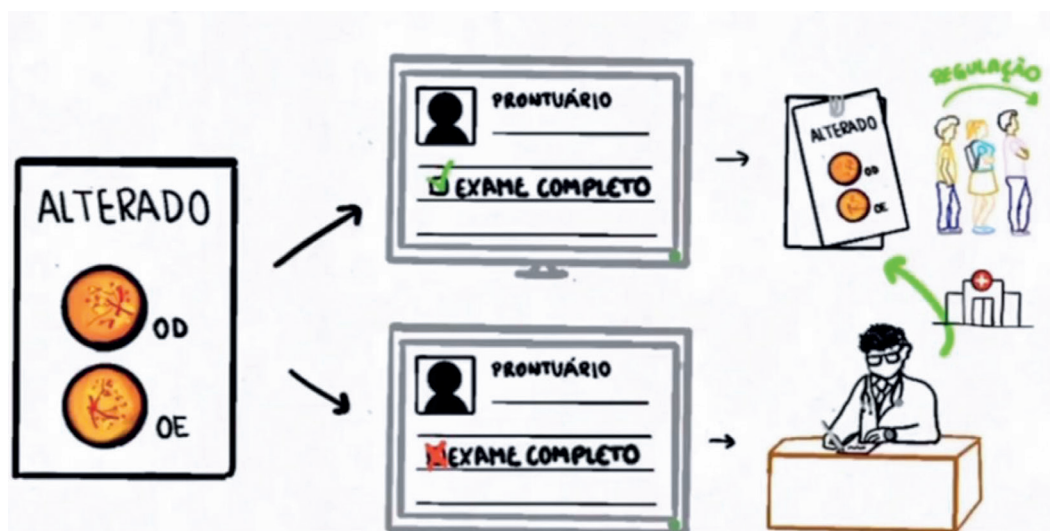
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In Brazil, approximately 20 million people live with diabetes and 36% of these develop diabetic retinopathy (DR)¹, a complication that can lead to irreversible consequences²; this is the context of the creation of the project “Photographing Gazes” (in Portuguese “Fotografando Olhares”), presented in the award-winning video of the “Quero ser um R1” category, developed by the Ophthalmology Academic League of PUC Minas. The project has come to play a fundamental role in the municipality of Betim. The initiative is carried out biweekly at the Divino Ferreira Braga Specialty Reference Center, with the support of the Eyer portable retinograph, a camera that obtains high-quality images of the retina without the

need for pupil dilation; it allows to screen patients and analyze the images remotely, thus expanding access to the diagnosis of eye diseases. In addition, clinical and anthropometric data are collected and guidance was provided on eye health and lifestyle habits. Depending on the screening results, patients are referred for a full ophthalmological consultation. Therefore, the complexity of managing the disease and the need for constant monitoring make timely diagnosis and early treatment essential³ to reduce the risk of irreversible visual damage. Six months of this early screening have transformed the care of several individuals for the better.



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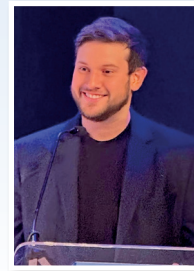
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