

*Module:* **Visual Conditions and Functional Vision:  
Early Intervention Issues**

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## **Session 1: Working with Families and Eye Care Professionals**

### **Study Questions for Recommended Reading A: Chernus-Mansfield**

1. Identify five key statements shared by Chernus-Mansfield that reflect feelings parents may experience after receiving a diagnosis of blindness for their young child.
2. Chernus-Mansfield lists eight ingredients necessary for a successful doctor-patient relationship or doctor-patient interaction. Identify the critical ingredients and a key statement for each that is necessary in establishing a successful parent-TVI relationship.
3. Review the list of resources shared with future pediatric ophthalmologists at the end of the reading. Identify three local resources you could share with your pediatric ophthalmologists as resources they could share with a family that has just received the diagnosis of having a child with a visual impairment.

Chernus-Mansfield, N. (2003). Breaking the news: The role of the physician. In K.W. Wright & P.H. Spiegel (Eds.), *Pediatric ophthalmology and strabismus* (2nd ed., pp. 71-76). New York: Springer.