



Retinal Photography- EyeScreen

EYESCREEN INTRODUCED

We are pleased to provide you with a high-resolution retinal analysis of your eyes using an advanced digital imaging system in our office called EyeScreen. The photographs taken will help us document, review, and compare your retina over time. We will use EyeScreen to document a baseline image for our charts, screen for eye diseases and improve our ability to view your internal eye health. The photographs are painless and done with a highly sophisticated computerized digital camera. They will be kept in your record and/or on our computer system. We can provide copies when needed for consultation with a specialist or for your health records if you move away. This test is recommended for all patients over twelve years of age.

EARLY DETECTION OF EYE DISEASE IS CRUCIAL

EyeScreen is part of a wellness program to help detect eye diseases. It is not required by medical necessity; therefore, it is optional. We encourage all our patients to have this procedure to establish a point of reference on your eye health before any problems develop. Periodic screenings are suggested and the appropriate span of time will depend on your age and medical history. Patients with certain conditions such as diabetes, high blood pressure, flashing lights, floaters and high prescriptions are urged to have these photos taken at least every two years. *Eyescreen is not meant to be done in place of dilating the eyes, rather the two tests complement each other.*

Retinal photography can document, record, and assist in the early detection of optic nerve diseases like glaucoma and retinal conditions such as macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, retinal holes or detachments, and suspicious lesions. Additionally, it can help detect effects of systemic diseases, like diabetes or high blood pressure, or side effects of high risk medications such as Plaquenil or Coumadin. Early detection of eye disease is crucial for maintaining good vision as many eye health conditions can lead to partial vision loss or blindness. If the screening reveals an eye disease additional photography and other testing may be ordered.

WHAT TO EXPECT

- A highly magnified and detailed view of the retinal surface (where many eye diseases first manifest)
- The ability to review the images with you (we will show you your retina)
- A permanent record for your medical file- for comparative analysis and to aid in diagnosis
- To be fast, easy, and comfortable; it is painless because nothing touches the eyes
- Usually no dilation drops for the test (we will inform you if they are required)

CHARGES AND PAYMENT

Most insurance companies do not cover screening services. Since these images are taken as baseline documentation of a healthy eye or as preventative medicine to screen for potential disease, then it is not covered even if disease is identified. Payment for non-covered services is your responsibility. If an eye disease (or strong concern for an eye disease) is found, then your doctor may want to do more in-depth photography or order other testing. Additional tests would be considered medically necessary and those services would likely be covered by your health insurance; however, this is still dependent on the medical plan.

The EyeScreen will be performed at a *cost of \$35.00* in addition to the comprehensive eye examination you are receiving today.

YES- I do want retinal photography.

NO- I decline to have retinal photography done at this time.

You will still have a thorough eye examination with slit lamp observation and ophthalmoscopy.

Patient Name: _____

DOB: _____

Patient (or parent) Signature: _____

Date: _____