



What is Low Vision?

Low Vision refers to a visual condition that cannot be corrected by conventional eyeglasses, contact lenses or through surgical or pharmacologic means. There are a variety of disorders that affect the eye (many age-related) that can

cause an individual to become visually impaired and these include: Macular Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy, Glaucoma and Retinitis Pigmentosa.

What are Low Vision Aids?

Low Vision Aids (or simply Vision Aids) are special lens systems designed to magnify or illuminate images to improve one's functional vision.

Is Low Vision Common?

Yes! Having Low Vision is actually the third most commonly occurring physical impairment in those over 65, exceeded only by heart disease and arthritis. Many people who are visually

impaired have found help with their vision problem through Low Vision Care.

What is Low Vision Care?

Low Vision Care is the evaluation and management of those that are visually impaired by eye care and vision rehab professionals. The goal of the care is to help those with low vision overcome the handicapping effects of their visual impairment. Based on individual lifestyle needs, solutions will be sought to help each patient achieve their visual goals. This may include the recommendation of products known as Low Vision Aids.

TYPES OF LOW VISION AIDS

Hand-held Magnifiers:

Hand-held magnifiers are ideal for near spotting tasks such as reading menus, price tags, maps or prescription bottles.



Stand Magnifiers:

Stand magnifiers are great for extended visual tasks like reading books and newspapers or writing notes.



Spectacle Magnifiers:

Spectacle magnifiers are a hands-free solution that help make reading books, letters and newspapers easier.



Telescopic Vision Aids:

Telescopes can be used for distance viewing, such as watching television, and close-up tasks like knitting, sewing and doing crafts.



Absorptive Filters:

Filters help reduce glare and improve contrast so viewing is more comfortable. They can also assist with night driving and reduce eye strain while using digital devices.



Video Magnifiers:

Electronic Magnifiers provide extended magnification and allow for different contrast modes.



What Can I Expect From the Low Vision Care I Receive?

Typically, Low Vision Care is an ongoing service in which professionals work with the visually impaired patient over time to help them meet their visual goals. An initial Low Vision evaluation usually takes 1 hour, but additional follow-up visits of 15-20 minutes may be needed so that all of the visual goals can be satisfied.

Please Note: Low Vision Care will not restore lost sight. Instead, this type of care assists visually impaired patients in maximizing their remaining functional vision.



Do you (or someone you know) have:

- Macular Degeneration?
- Diabetic Retinopathy?
- Glaucoma?
- Retinitis Pigmentosa?
- Cataract?

Or, have difficulty reading small print, even with glasses?

Low Vision Care may be able to help!

This brochure contains information on what Low Vision is, what types of Low Vision aids are available and what you can expect from the Low Vision care you receive.

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