

## ***Dilation OR Optomap***

*Health problems such as glaucoma, cataracts, retinal degeneration, diabetes and high blood pressure can be detected even before the onset of any symptoms or loss of vision. It is possible that some of these eye conditions can go undetected. Your retina (located in the back of your eye) is the only place in the body where blood vessels can be seen directly.*

Dilating the pupil with eye drops allows your doctor to obtain the most optimal view inside your eyes in order to prevent and treat eye health. Please be advised that dilation will last approximately 4-8 hours and you may experience sensitivity to light and blurred vision when reading for about 1 hour.

Most people will be able to drive once their eyes are dilated, however if you feel uncomfortable driving, or have never driven dilated, it may be best to have a driver.

Please note there is no additional charge for having your eyes dilated, as it is included in your comprehensive eye examination fee.

If you fit any of these criteria, it is highly recommended to have your eyes dilated:

1. This is your first eye examination in our office.
2. You have not been dilated in the previous 2 years in our office.
3. You are over the age of 40 or under the age of 18.
4. You are currently being treated for glaucoma or macular degeneration.
5. You are currently being treated for hypertension (high blood pressure) or diabetes.
6. You are currently taking medications that need yearly monitoring, such as plaquenil.
7. You have had a recent onset of reduced vision, floaters, flashes of light, or migraines.
8. If you have epilepsy or are sensitive to flashing lights.

If you do not fit any of the above criteria, refuse dilation, or pregnant, you will receive an Optomap Retinal Image. Getting an Optomap image is fast, painless and comfortable. Nothing will come in contact with your eye and is suitable for the whole family.

Please note there is an additional fee of \$25 for this service. This procedure will not be covered by insurance.

If the doctor is following an existing condition (such as diabetes), an Optomap PLUS may be performed in addition to dilation. This is billable to your major medical insurance for a fee of \$75. You will be responsible for any co-pays, co-insurance or deductibles.

By signing this consent, I agree to be responsible for payment of this service.

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