OPTOMAP Retinal Exam

Regional Eyecare Associates has a highly sophisticated imaging system that allows us to provide additional medical analysis of the inside layer of your eye called the retina. Many eye diseases including glaucoma, macular degeneration and diabetic retinopathy are painless and have no warning signs. The OPTOMAP Retinal Exam (Optos) assists in the early detection of these diseases and allow us to obtain a baseline to monitor your retinal health for comparison in the future.

Regional Eyecare recommends a dilated exam or Optos photography for all new patients. For existing patients, the doctor's recommend this special test be performed every 1-2 years.

It is especially important for people who have:

*A family history of glaucoma, diabetes or macular degeneration

*A history of diabetes, high blood pressure or high cholesterol

*A strong eyeglass prescription which can increase your risk for retinal holes or retinal detachment

Prior to Optomap technology, the only way to examine the retina was with dilation. Dilation causes blurred near vision and light sensitivity for 3-4 hours. The Optomap takes only seconds to perform, is not painful and does not require dilation. Since obtaining this technology, we have discovered retinal hemorrhages, melanoma, retinal holes and other pathology all on healthy asymptomatic patients. It is an invaluable tool and provides a permanent record of your retinal health.

THE OPTOMAP IS NOT COVERED BY INSURANCE.

THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL FEE OF $35 FOR THIS EXAM.

Would you like to have the Optomap Retinal Exam today?

_____ **YES**, I want the OPTOMAP Retinal Exam. I understand that this will not be covered under my insurance plan and that I will be required to pay $35.

_____**NO**, I do not want the OPTOMAP Retinal Exam. I understand that I may need to have my pupils dilated as part of my comprehensive eye exam.

Patient's Name (please print)_____

Patient's/Guardian's Signature:_____Date:_____