

WE PREFER TO DILATE EVERY PATIENT

When indicated, pupillary dilation improves our doctor's ability to examine the internal structures of the eye for signs of disease, which is important for your eye and systemic health. This procedure involves putting drops in each eye that will enlarge the pupils to check the health of your entire eye. This is important for all patients with known systemic diseases (such as **diabetes**, high blood pressure, etc) as well as eye diseases (such as diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, macular degeneration, etc). Dilation may also be required to obtain a correct glasses prescription for **children**. Normal side effects last for 2-6 hours, and they include sensitivity to bright light and difficulty focusing on near objects. Usually, your distance vision is not affected very much as long as you have fairly up-to-date distance prescriptiog eyeglasses. Patients reserve the right to refuse any test or diagnostic procedure recommended. If a patient refuses, however, he or she assumes all of the risk for potentially not detecting, and thereby treating in a timely manner, any serious eye or systemic conditions.

I agree to have my eyes dilated. I understand that there is absolutely **NO ADDITIONAL CHARGE** if the dilated retinal exam is completed today during my initially scheduled comprehensive eye examination, as it is covered as part of my exam.

I am refusing to have my eyes dilated, acting under my own will and judgment.

What is the reason that the patient cannot be dilated today? _____
(Please do not leave blank if refusing dilation)

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This test can be performed with or without dilation.

A picture is worth a thousand words. We take patient education a step further by allowing patients to see inside their own eyes. By using a Digital Imaging System, we are able to view your retina quickly and in a noninvasive manner. And the best part is this camera captures an image in less than a second without any discomfort to the patient. By performing this test annually, it is extremely helpful when you return for subsequent exams, as it store; a permanent record of the condition of your retina for future review. Early detection of retinal disorders is critical to preventing serious progression and loss of your vision. 20% of blindness is preventable with early detection. Our fee for this test is \$39. Insurance does not cover this service.

Please perform baseline Digital Retinal Imaging today (An additional **\$39** will be due at your visit). **If you refuse dilation, this option is highly recommended for a retina screening.**

Please do NOT perform Digital Retinal Imaging today.

Patient Name: _____ Relationship (other than self): _____

Signature: _____ Date of Exam: _____