

VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE MAJOR CAUSES OF BLINDNESS IN THE UNITED STATES CAN BE DETECTED BY CHANGES IN THE VISUAL FIELD.

A new and highly sophisticated computerized instrument now enables us to provide a more thorough visual field screening analysis. This instrument checks for areas of loss of sight both in the central (straight ahead) and peripheral (side-view) areas. Visual field testing can assist us in the early detection of glaucoma, retinal problems some neurological diseases (such as brain tumors and optic nerve disease), and enables us to better diagnose causes of headaches.

Most visual field defects are not noticed by an individual until very late stages. We are committed to **prevention** of eye disease as well as **early detection**, which significantly increases the chances of curing the disorder or at least minimizing its effect.

We strongly recommend that all of our patients receive this test as a part of their Comprehensive visual analysis. The fee for this test is \$13.00

Please check the appropriate line below stating your preference and sign this form at the bottom. If you have any questions the doctor will be happy to discuss this in more detail.

_____ I do want the visual field screening.

_____ I <u>do not</u> want the visual field screening.

Signed: _____ (Parental signature if child is a minor.)

Dated: _____

PLEASE NOTE: THIS TEST IS A SCREENING. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT ADDITIONAL MORE COMPREHENSIVE VISUAL FIELD TESTING MAY BE NECESSARY BASED ON THE RESULTS OF YOUR VISION ANALYSIS BY THE DOCTOR.

PUPIL DILATION - You MUST answer and sign this section

Dilation of the pupil is now considered standard procedure as part of a comprehensive eye examination. Dilation assists in detection of glaucoma, cataracts, diabetic and hypertensive retinal changes, retinal degenerative changes, retinal holes, retinal tears and detachment and some types of tumors. Dilating drops enlarge the size of the pupil (the central black spot of the eye) and allows the doctor a more thorough examination of the retina (back of the eye). The side effects are light sensitivity while dilation lasts (4 to 6 hours) and trouble focusing up close (2 to 3 hours). It is possible, however unlikely, that dilation could precipitate a sudden rise in the eye pressure, if the doctor determines you are at risk, your pupils will not be dilated. Most people are able to drive home, however, if you are uncomfortable driving, or if you feel unsafe driving, please arrange for someone else to drive you.

I <u>AGREE</u> to dilation: _____Yes ____No Signature:___

(Parental signature if child is a minor.)

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