



Digital Retinal Imaging

Every comprehensive examination includes an examination of the internal structures of the eye. Our doctors believe that using the most advanced technology is crucial to maintaining good ocular health and preventing ocular diseases from going undiagnosed.

As a result, we utilize Digital Retinal Imaging to produce high definition pictures of your retina, interior blood vessels, and optic nerves. These images are vital in helping the doctor assess your risks for serious disease such as diabetes, glaucoma, macular degeneration and high blood pressure. These conditions can lead to serious health problems, including partial loss of vision or blindness, and often develop without warning and progress with no symptoms.

Our doctors recommend Digital Retinal Imaging every 12 months for every patient. These images become a permanent part of your medical file, providing comparisons for tracking and diagnosing potential eye disease. Digital Retinal Imaging often reduces the need for dilation.

Insurance typically does not cover any advanced screening technology beyond the general exam. However, because our doctors highly recommend Digital Retinal Imaging for all patients, this is available as an enhancement to the general eye exam for a fee or copay of up to \$39.

- Yes, I would like to have Digital Retinal Imaging performed today
- No, I decline Digital Retinal Imaging
- I would like more information

Dilation

Dilation is an optional component that provides our doctors an improved and more extensive view of the interior of the eye.

Dilation involves the use of medicated eye drops to enlarge the pupil size of a patient. The side effects of dilation include blurry vision and light sensitivity. These side effects typically last from 4-8 hours and often cause difficulty reading, using computers, and driving. Also, dilation will increase your examination time by 10- 30 minutes or require an additional office visit.

The recommended schedule for dilation is dependent on a variety of factors including age and ocular health. In many cases, Digital Retinal Imaging may reduce the need for dilation. In other cases, our doctors may strongly recommend dilation.

- Yes, I would like to be dilated today if medically appropriate
- No, I decline dilation
- I would like more information

Signature _____ Print name _____

Date _____