

Welcome to the 21st Century

Dear Patient.

A new highly sophisticated computerized instrument now allows us to provide you with a more thorough medical analysis of your eye health. The digital retinal imaging system takes photographs of your retina (the back of your eye). The procedure assists the doctor in the early detection of many disorders, including cataracts, glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinal detachments and other vision threatening conditions. These images are stored in the computer and compared with images from future exams. This allows the doctor to observe even the smallest change from the previous exam.

The doctor strongly recommends this procedure as part of your exam if:

- 1) You are a new patient to this office
- 2) You have never had retinal photos in this office.
- 3) You are 65 or older.
- 4) You have high cholesterol, elevated blood pressure or any circulatory disorder.
- 5) You have diabetes or elevated blood sugar.
- 6) You have flashes, floaters or veils in your vision.
- 7) You have headaches or visual disturbances suggestive of a neurological problem.
- 8) You have elevated eye pressure or glaucoma.
- 9) You have any retinal disorder such as a detachment, tear, floaters, flashing lights, bleeding or macular degeneration.
- 10) Your vision is not correctable to 20/20 in one or both eyes.

"Screening retinal photography" is a necessary part of your eye exam if you fall into any of the above categories. If pathology or an "at risk" condition is documented with the screening photos we will bill your insurance company or Medicare for a "photographic study" which requires additional photography. If your insurance company allows this study, (most do) you will only be responsible for your normal co-pay.

YES, I want to have this procedure performed.

NO, I do not want this procedure performed.

\$ 35.00 if not
covered by
insurance

Print name

Signature

Date