

RETINAL PHOTOS AND DILATION

Dear Patient,

The digital retinal imaging system takes images of the retina (the back of your eye). This procedure assists the doctor in early detection of many disorders, including glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinal detachment and other vision threatening conditions. The images will be stored in the computer and compared with images from future exams. This allows the doctor to observe even the smallest amount of changes from the previous procedure. The doctor strongly recommends that all patients have this procedure performed. It is especially important for people who have:

- 1) Headaches
- 2) See spots or flashes
- 3) Family history of diabetes
- 4) Family history of glaucoma
- 5) Family history of high blood pressure
- 6) High cholesterol
- 7) Reached the age of 40
- 8) New patient

There is an **additional charge of \$45.00** for this procedure. If a medical diagnosis is made by the doctor, insurance **may** cover the cost. If not, **you** the patient are responsible for the cost. Please check the appropriate line below and sign at the bottom.

_____ I **DO** want the procedure performed.

_____ I **DO NOT** want the procedure performed.

Signed _____ Date _____

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Dilating your pupils with eye drops is an essential part of checking the health of the eyes. Without these eye drops, only a small part of the retina can be seen and retinal problems may be missed. Although the effects of this procedure can last for up to six hours and cause some increased problems with glare and clear focusing for your eyes, we do recommend you have this done. We also recommend you have someone with you who can drive you home afterwards. There is no extra charge for this procedure.

I understand that this procedure is necessary to thoroughly check the health of my eyes.

I do _____ do not _____ want this done today.

I do _____ do not _____ want to schedule an appointment to have this done at a more convenient time.

Signed _____ Date _____

Parent/Guardian _____ Date _____