

Southwest Vision Center

Digital Retinal Imaging and Optical Coherence Tomography

The **Digital Retinal Imaging** and **Optical Coherence Tomography Screening** devices take high resolution scans of the retina (*nerve layer inside the back of your eye*). These procedures assist the doctors in the early detection of many disorders, including:

- Glaucoma ♦ Diabetic Retinopathy ♦ Macular Degeneration ♦ Hypertensive Retinopathy ♦ Sleep Apnea
 - Tumors ♦ Cancer ♦ Cataracts ♦ Retinal Holes & Retinal Tears ♦ Retinal Detachments.
- As well as other sight threatening conditions

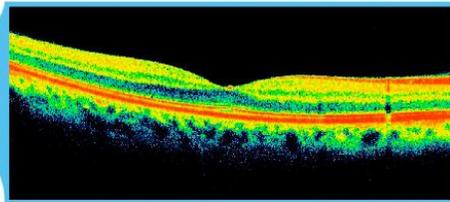
The scans will be used to compare with future images to observe changes in the health of the inside of your eyes.

Our doctors recommend all patients have these procedures performed routinely, every year.

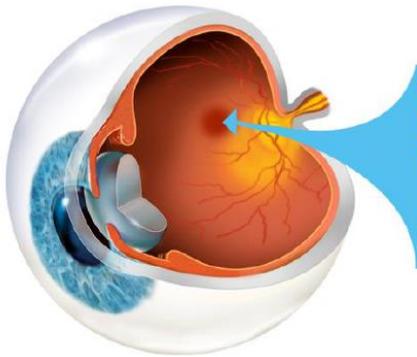
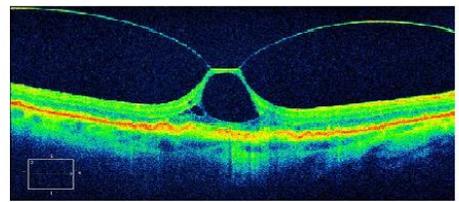
The out-of-pocket charge for Digital Retinal Imaging and Optical Coherence Tomography Screening is \$60.
(or \$35 each if you would like only one screening test)

Cross Sectional High Definition Imaging via Optical Coherence Tomography

Healthy Retina



Unhealthy Retina



Digital Retinal Imaging

Enhanced view of the Optic Nerve and Macula!



Extended Ophthalmoscopy (Dilation)

If your doctor detects abnormalities in pictures you elected to take, he may need to bring you back for a Medical Exam (*billed to medical insurance, if any*) which includes Extended Ophthalmoscopy for further investigation of the defect(s). If you do not have Medical Insurance, our insurance coordinator will give you an out-of-pocket quote for the returning Medical Visit.

Explanation of Procedure: Extended Ophthalmoscopy is a procedure that allows the doctor to thoroughly examine all parts of the peripheral retina, as well as, obtain an enhanced view of the central retina through the dilated pupil. This procedure aids in the detection of many diseases and conditions such as:

Recommendations: Extended Ophthalmoscopy performed at least every two years, depending on your age and medical history. Some conditions, depending on severity, require more frequent management visits (*i.e. Diabetes, Glaucoma, Hypertensive Retinopathy, Macular Degeneration, Sleep Apnea, etc.*)

Side Effects of Dilation: Most patients feel safe to drive when dilated; *however*, we recommend you bring a driver. The effects of the dilation drops can last 4 to 6 hours and may include: Light Sensitivity, Glare, Blurry Near Vision.

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Informed Consent

By signing this informed consent, you acknowledge reviewing the Digital Retinal Imaging, Optical Coherence Tomography, and Extended Ophthalmoscopy handouts and agree to the associated fees, if applicable.

_____ I ELECT to have the Digital Retinal Imaging and Optical Coherence Tomography (\$60) – **Recommended!**

_____ I ELECT to have the Digital Retinal Imaging or Optical Coherence Tomography (\$35) – Doctor Determined

Patient's Signature Here: _____ **Date:** _____

If declined to participate in any additional health screening, please read the following: I understand the benefit of these procedures and the risks involved in refusing the tests. I therefore release Dr. Mario Contaldi, Dr. Kumar Patel, and associates from any liability resulting from failure to diagnose or treat any eye condition due to the lack of diagnostic information, which could have been obtained by performing these tests.

Patient's Signature Here: _____ **Date:** _____