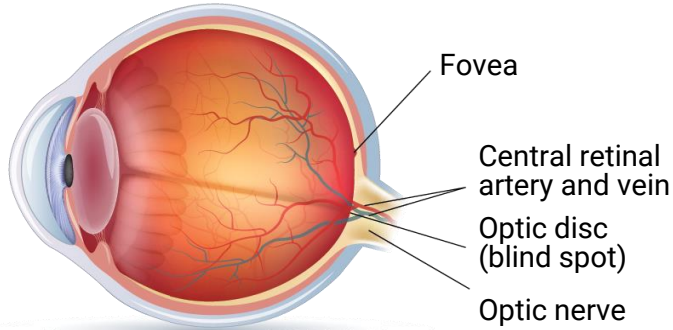


Why Patients with Diabetes Need Annual Eye Exams

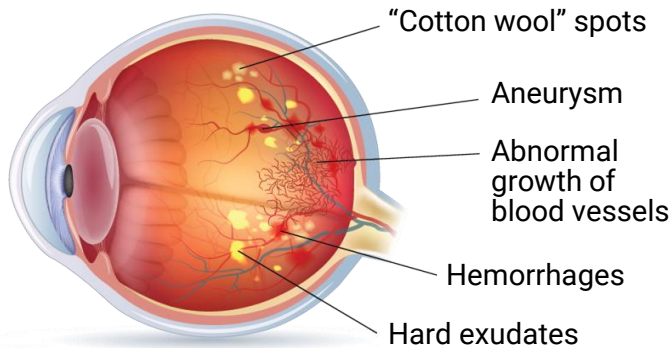
What is Diabetic Retinopathy?

Diabetic retinopathy is a condition that can cause vision loss and blindness due to diabetes. It affects the blood vessels in the area in the back of your eye, known as the retina. It may not cause symptoms at first but can eventually lead to blindness. If you have diabetes, make an appointment with your eye doctor for a dilated eye exam at least once a year. This screening will help prevent blindness related to diabetes.

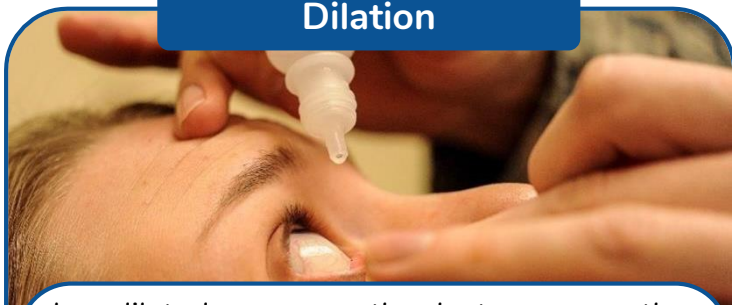
HEALTHY EYE



DIABETIC RETINOPATHY



Dilation

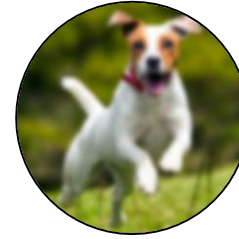


In a dilated eye exam, the doctor can see the condition of your retina by dilating your pupils.

Symptoms



Floaters



Blurred vision



Fluctuating vision



Impaired color vision

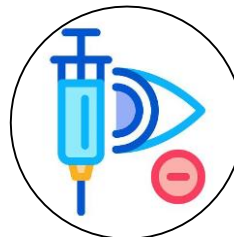


Dark or empty areas in your vision



Vision loss

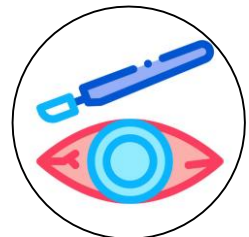
Treatments



Injection



Laser treatment



Eye surgery

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