

What To Expect At Your Exam (even if you think you know already)

Time- A Comprehensive exam includes dilation especially if you are a new patient. On average, you will be in the office for a comprehensive exam for about one and a half hours. If you require any special testing (visual field, nerve analyzer, retinal photographs) it may be slightly longer.

Refraction- A Comprehensive exam includes a refraction. A refraction is the testing we do to determine what your best vision could be with eyeglasses. Refractions are covered by some medical plans but not all. If your plan is one that doesn't cover a refraction our fee for this test is \$30. Our fee is lower than almost every other ophthalmology practice in Monmouth and Ocean counties.

Dilation- The majority of patients can drive after they are dilated. Some people (about 25%) feel uncomfortable driving after dilation. If you are not sure of how comfortable you would be driving after dilation you need to bring a driver. If you are having a comprehensive exam you will be dilated.

Glasses- Bring your most recent glasses. Even if you don't like them or think you can't see out of them. We can't be sure how much better a new prescription is going to be if we don't know what the old one is. If you wear contacts bring in the packages/box so we know exactly what you are using.

Medications- Bring a list of your medications. Please include eye drops pills and vitamins/supplements.

Contact Lenses- Our Ophthalmologists do not fit contact lenses. All contact lens exams are done with our optometrist. If you are a contact lens wearer and you want your exam done by one of our ophthalmologists you will have to return to see our optometrist for contact lens updates. Otherwise you can schedule your comprehensive exam and contact update with our optometrist. If you are coming in for a contact lens evaluation wear your contacts in to the exam and bring your glasses.

Vision Plans- Many people have both medical insurance and a separate vision care insurance (VSP, NVA, EYEMED, Davis Vision). If you are planning on using your vision care insurance for a routine exam (you do not have any medical or surgical problem) your appointment will be made with our optometrist.

Insurance- Please bring your insurance cards to every visit. If you don't have your card you will need to pay for the visit in full at check out. We need to see the card every time you come to be sure it has not changed. If your insurance requires a referral it is up to you to make sure you have a valid one.

Appointment Times- We follow our appointment times not your arrival time in taking patient in for their exams.

Fees- All co-pays, deductibles & refraction charges are to be paid at time of visit. There will be an added fee if we must bill you for them.

Forms- Please download and complete our new patient form before your visit. If not you need to arrive 20 minutes prior to your visit to fill out the paperwork.

PLEASE MUTE YOUR CELLPHONE WHEN YOU ARE IN THE EXAM ROOM.