



T H E O N E T O S E E

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DIGITAL RETINAL IMAGING

Dear Patient,

A highly sophisticated computerized instrument now allows us to provide you with a more thorough medical analysis of your eyes. The **Digital Retinal Imaging System** takes images of the retina (the back of the eye) **in many cases without having to dilate your pupils***. This procedure assists the doctor in the early detection of many disorders, including glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, retinal detachments and other vision threatening conditions. The images are then stored in our computer and compared with images from future exams. This allows the doctor to observe even the smallest amount of change from the previous procedure. The doctor strongly recommends that all patients have this procedure performed. It is especially important for people who have:

- Headaches
- See spots, flashes of floaters
- Diabetes or family history of diabetes
- Glaucoma or family history of glaucoma
- Hypertension or family history of hypertension
- High cholesterol
- Age of 40+
- Heart disease
- History of head trauma or injury
- Kidney disease
- History of systemic lupus
- Cancer or family history of cancer
- Allergies to dilating drops
- Neurological disorders and seizures
- New patient

There is an additional charge of **\$35.00** for this screening. If a medical diagnosis is made because of this procedure, major medical insurance policies may ocover a portion of the cost (additional images and consultation may be required at an additional cost.) ***Your insurance may deem this procedure unnecessary depending upon your diagnosis, and may not pay for this procedure.*** The patient assumes financial responsibility for this service.

After reviewing this handout, please decide whether or not you wish to have these digital photos taken and inform a staff member accordingly.