



## How Important is your vision?

It is easy to take your vision for granted...until you lose it! When diseases or vision disorders are detected early, the chance of preserving visual function is significantly improved. For this reason, routine examinations are essential. Some patients may require more frequent monitoring. (See the back of this brochure for a list of patients that may fall into this category). From time to time additional tests are also necessary to further aid in early detection and diagnosis. Our practice has always strived to maintain the highest standards of care using the most technologically advanced instruments to make this additional testing possible.

The information contained within this brochure will help to explain the procedures and special tests available at Huron Optometric Centres and any fees that may arise for these procedures. Please look the following information over carefully.

### MORE FREQUENT MONITORING IS REQUIRED IN THE FOLLOWING INSTANCES

- Systemic Disease such as Diabetes, Thyroidism, or Arthritis.
- Eye Disease such as Macular Degeneration, and Cataract.
- Previous surgical procedures such as Laser Correction.
- Use of Pharmaceutical Agents with ocular side effects (Plaquenil, Tamoxifen, etc.)
- Most Contact Lens wearers, especially patients on Continuous (Extended) Wear.
- Glaucoma patients, including Glaucoma Suspects.
- Environmental issues such as ultraviolet exposure.
- Children, as 80% of learning is through the visual system.
- VDT users.
- Previous history of trauma.

### Digital Retinal Photography

This exciting new technology is changing the way eye care is practiced. Retinal photography is the most effective way to detect changes in a person's eye health and to monitor for progression of eye disease. Ideally every patient would have a



baseline photograph taken, however eyes, we will primarily target those who would most benefit. Patients with Diabetes, Macular Degeneration, and Retinal anomalies will be offered the service initially. Your Eye Doctor may recommend this non-invasive procedure to ensure the continued good health of your eyes.



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## INSURED SERVICES

If you have a valid Health Card, OHIP will pay for one full eye examination each year for patients under the age of 20, or over the age of 64. Full oculo-visual assessments are covered once every two years for those patients in the age group of 20 to 64.

There are provisions under the OHIP scheme to allow for partial assessments if certain specific criterion are met.

## UNINSURED SERVICES

The Ontario Health Insurance Plan (OHIP) covers certain diagnostic services. However numerous eye care procedures are not covered under OHIP. A fee will be charged for these advanced tests and procedures as described in the following pages. Your doctor will let you know if any non-insured tests are required and where possible the fees will be explained ahead of time. If you would like additional information on any of the tests and procedures mentioned please ask the doctor or one of the staff.

## THIRD PARTY INSURANCE

Some procedures may be covered by third party insurance. In these cases the patient deals directly with their insurer.

## SPECIFIC UNINSURED SERVICES

### Contact Lens Services

All services related to Contact Lens wear are not covered by OHIP.

### Refraction

Specific tests to determine the refractive error of the eyes performed outside of an oculo-visual assessment. This would include a cycloplegic refraction.

### Laser Correction Co-management

Pre & Post-op care of refractive surgical patients.

### Digital Fundus Photography

These recently developed high-resolution digital cameras allow your Eye Doctor to track your eye disease with significantly increased accuracy.

### Visual Field Assessments

The peripheral vision is affected in numerous conditions such as glaucoma and stroke. Full threshold visual field testing with the modern automated perimeters do not fall under OHIP billing codes. We are pleased to offer a state of the art fully automated visual field analyzer that has many extra features necessary in the early detection of ocular disease.

### Pachymetry

The measurement of corneal thickness using a Pachymeter is very important in correctly diagnosing glaucoma, laser surgery candidacy and corneal disease.

## FEES FOR NON-INSURED SERVICES

Full Oculo-Visual Assessment	\$81.00
Complex	\$106.00
Partial Assessment	\$25.00
Complex	\$46.00
Driver's Permit Assessment	\$46.00
Visual Field Assessment	\$48.00
one eye =	\$28.00
Digital Fundus Photograph	\$46.00
one eye =	\$30.00
Pachymetry	\$32.00
Contact Lens Evaluation	\$36.00
Contact Lens Fitting	\$46.00
Re-fitting	\$66.00
New Fitting	\$86.00
Bifocal, Gas Perm.	\$150.00
Extended Wear	
Perceptual Vision Testing	\$200.00
Laser Vision Co-Management	\$600.00
Vision Reports	\$20.00

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