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OCT SCREENING

What is OCT?

Ocular Coherence Tomography is an **advanced eye scan** for people of all ages. Similar to ultrasound, OCT uses light rather than sound waves to illustrate the different layers that make up the back of the eye. It takes a detailed **3D image** below the surface of your retina, giving us a more detailed picture of your eye health. The scan is non-invasive, painless, simple and quick. As well as the 3D scan, our instrument also takes a **photograph** of the eye in high resolution. This allows us to pin point any area of concern to review in depth.

What are the benefits?

The instrument is incredibly good at measuring and monitoring Macular Degeneration. It can also measure the thickness of the optic nerves, which are affected by Glaucoma, and compare to an age, gender and ethnically matched normal. It can mathematically show any changes from one visit to the next.

This image will be stored on our computer and in your electronic health record, so we can monitor for changes to the condition of your retina with every eye test you take. This gives you an invaluable ongoing record of the health and condition of your eyes.

What can the scan check for?

Common conditions identified through regular OCT screening:

- Age Related Macular Degeneration
- Diabetes
- Glaucoma
- Macular Holes
- Vitreous Detachments

What does the OCT cost?

The OCT is an additional test and as such is not part of the normal eye exam. The basic OCT screening is not covered by insurance. **The cost is \$30.**

_____ YES. I would like to have an OCT screening.

_____ MAYBE. I would like more information.

_____ NO. I do not want an OCT screening.

PATIENT (or Guardian's) SIGNATURE: _____ DATE: _____

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