

Digital Retinal Imaging

The digital retinal imaging instrument takes digital pictures of the retina (nerve layer inside the back of your eye). This procedure assists the doctor in the early detection of many disorders, including glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, hypertensive retinopathy, and other sight threatening conditions. The pictures are stored in our data base. They will be used to compare with future images to observe changes in the health of the inside of your eyes.

The doctor strongly recommends that all patients have this procedure performed routinely. If you are **40 years and older, the doctor recommends yearly imaging**. It is especially important for people who have:

- **Headaches**
- **Diabetes**
- **High Blood Pressure**
- **High Cholesterol**
- **40 years of age and older**
- **Family History of Glaucoma, Macular degeneration, and/or Blindness**
- **Family History of Diabetes and/or High Blood Pressure**
- **New patients**

Medical and Vision insurances do not pay for *routine* photos. **The charge for *routine* Digital Retinal Imaging photos is \$25.**

If there is a medical diagnosis, your medical insurance may pay for this procedure. This usually requires a written interpretation/report by the doctor and *additional fees* will be submitted to your insurance company. The doctor will not know prior to your exam if there is a medical diagnosis that would allow for insurance submission.



Normal, Healthy Eye



Abnormal, Unhealthy Eye