What is glaucoma?

Glaucoma: It is a group of eye diseases that can cause damage to the optic nerve (the nerve that connects the eye to the brain) and result in blindness. High eye pressure is the main risk factor for glaucoma. When the pressure inside the eye is too high, it affects the blood flow to the optic nerve, causing gradual deterioration of the vision.

What are the types of glaucoma?

There are several types of glaucoma, but open-angle glaucoma is the most common.

Glaucoma at a glance

• There's no cure for glaucoma, but early treatment can slow the progression of vision loss.
• Diagnostics typically include vision field testing to test your blind spots, visual field loss.
• Regular eye exams help doctors see if your glaucoma is controlled. Most glaucoma patients get eye exams every three to six months for the rest of their life.
• Many people who have glaucoma do not know it.
• Driving with glaucoma can be dangerous and many states have restrictions on patients who have glaucoma.
• There are several treatment options for glaucoma, including eye drops, surgery, and lifestyle changes.

Driving with glaucoma

Common dangers of glaucoma include:

•驾驶时可能需要更长的反应时间来应对道路的变化。
•驾驶时可能需要更多的注意来避免危险。
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How do I use glaucoma medicines?

• You might get eye drops to dilate your eyes. This will help check your eye pressure. When you use your eye drops:
  • Some drops need to be used once a day, twice a day.
  • Your vision will not get better when you use your glaucoma medications.
  • Some eye drops can cause irritation, redness, or stinging. If you have these symptoms, tell your doctor.
  • Eye drops need to be used every day. If you miss a dose, your glaucoma may get worse.

Regular Eye Exams:

Why are regular eye exams important? What can you expect?

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Why do you need regular eye exams?

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• Eye drops need to be used every day. If you miss a dose, your glaucoma may get worse.

Glaucoma is a chronic disease that can worsen over time. In the beginning you may not know you have it. You may not feel the loss of your field of vision. Over time, you can have other eye problems like decreased night vision. These impairments can make driving at night even more difficult.

If you have lost some of your field of vision, you may not see him. Based on your amount of vision loss, you may not see something in front of you. If you have lost some of your field of vision, you may not see something in front of you. You may notice your own driving vision problems, or it can make night driving worse. These can all be dangerous.

Driving with glaucoma

Multiple studies have considered the dangers associated with driving. Several years ago, a study of drivers with glaucoma found that drivers with glaucoma had a higher accident rate. Additionally, other studies have found that drivers with glaucoma may have slower reaction times and may struggle with how to counsel our patients.

Patients with glaucoma often wonder about their driving.

Some patients may not drive with their glaucoma.

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For those who need additional assistance, driver education programs may be helpful.

Good News

For Patients

Many patients with glaucoma may continue to drive safely, and we as their doctors may optimize the many benefits that driving can provide to our patients. It is very important to make sure that we inform our patients about their risk for driving with glaucoma.

Driving with Glaucoma

For Physicians

We must continue to encourage patients who have glaucoma to go to work, to the store, to the doctor, to see friends, and more. Each patient may have a different level of comfort when they drive. Doctors should offer the most appropriate advice and treatment for their patients.

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