

Children Who Should Bypass Vision Screening and Go Directly to Eye Exam - NCCVEH

Readably observable ocular abnormalities

Strabismus

Ptosis

Neuro-developmental disorders, such as:

Hearing impairment

Motor, such as CP

Down Syndrome

Cognitive impairment

Autism Spectrum Disorder

ADHD

Systemic conditions with ocular abnormalities, such as:

Diabetes

Juvenile Arthritis

Parents or siblings with history of:

Strabismus

Amblyopia

History of prematurity

< 32 completed weeks

Parents who believe their child has vision problem

Message to primary care providers:

Don't wait and see

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If Required to Screen All Children . . .

- Use same vision screening tools you use with all children.
- If children are untestable, refer to child's medical provider.
- If children pass, explain to parents that the screening result does not check for everything.
- Because these children are at a higher risk of having an eye disorder.
 - A comprehensive eye exam remains recommended for these children.

Suggested Text for Your Family Information and Referral Letters

- Text to add to your existing referral letters:
 - We refer children for an eye exam when they do not pass vision screening. We also refer children who may pass a vision screening if they are at a higher risk of having a vision disorder because of a medical or developmental reason.

- Include on your referral document:
 - Reason for referral: Increased risk for vision disorder because of developmental or medical reason (describe): _____