

The purpose of a **Dilated Exam** is to enhance the detection of any ocular pathology, such as cataracts, glaucoma, retinal hemorrhages, retinal detachments, malignant growths, or any other ocular conditions. It is especially important for patients with a history of diabetes, high blood pressure, headaches, migraines, floaters, high spectacle prescriptions, retinal problems, glaucoma or family history of eye disease.

This is a relatively painless procedure. There are some minor side effects associated with dilation. These include:

- *Sensitivity to light*
- *Blurred vision*
- *Mild burning on installation of the drops*
- *An inability to focus and do near work*

These side effects usually last approximately 3-5 hours. Some patients find it difficult to drive after being dilated, and thus bring a driver with them.

The purpose of a **Retinal Photo** is also to enhance the detection of any ocular pathology. This is a permanent color image of the back of your eye. There are no side effects, drops or blurry vision associated with the photos. The Dr. especially recommends this for new patients. It serves as a good baseline in case any future pathology is detected.

There is a cost of \$15.00 or \$7.50 per eye for Retinal Photos.

I understand the importance and side effects of having my eyes dilated and the benefits of the retinal photo, and at this time request to;

- Have my eyes dilated today
- Not have my eyes dilated
- Take responsibility to reschedule my dilation
- Have a retinal photo today
- Have both dilation and retinal photo today

Patient Signature / Legal Guardian

Date