

Anaheim Hills Family Optometry

Dr. Harry J. Charm, Optometrist
Treatment of Visual Disorders & Diseases of the Eye

DIGITAL RETINAL IMAGING

Dear Patient,

Recent advances in digital imaging have now allowed us to detect and identify problems which could affect your eyesight and/or general health, much more readily and accurately than ever before.

The digital retinal imaging instrument takes **high-definition** digital pictures of the retina--the innermost light-sensitive nerve layer covering the back wall of the eye, which is continuous with the optic nerve. These pictures show us many fine details and small abnormalities **not visible with standard examination procedures**. They are stored in our data base for years to come, and become an important part of your medical record. They will be used for comparison with future images, to observe subtle changes in the health of your eyes over time.

Dr. Charm strongly recommends that ALL patients have this procedure performed routinely. It is especially important for people who are new patients to our office and/or 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

Glaucoma, macular degeneration and many other sight-threatening vision ailments which begin slowly and worsen over time may be detected and treated sooner with these new diagnostic capabilities. In addition, systemic health problems, including diabetes, hypertension and high cholesterol, commonly affect the retina. Patients with these conditions must be monitored carefully and regularly for complications that could affect their vision.

Medical and Vision insurances **do not** pay for *routine* imaging. Vision Service Plan (VSP) recently announced that even though they do not pay for this imaging, they felt it was important enough to ask their panel doctors set a fee of no greater than \$39.00 for the procedure. **Dr. Charm thought** that \$35.00 was a reasonable and fair fee. 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.

Please check one box, sign and date, indicating your choice. Thank you!

Yes, I want to receive this service/procedure, I understand and agree to the above terms.

No, I decline and do not wish to receive this service/procedure. I understand the benefit of this procedure and therefore release Dr. Charm from any liability resulting from the failure to diagnose or treat an eye condition that might have been better detected, or earlier detected, by performing this photographic service.

Print Patient's Name: _____

*If Minor Responsible Party Name: _____ Relationship to Patient: _____

Patient's Signature/Responsible Party _____ Date: _____

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