

We Care So Much, We Got It First!

**Before, we could only see a tiny portion of your retina.
Now, we can see more than ever before!**

It has always been my goal as an optometrist to provide the highest level of care possible to each and every one of my patients. As part of that mission, I try to provide access to the latest technologies, especially as it relates to the health of your eyes and the detection of eye diseases.

We have been taking retinal photographs on all of our patients at no additional charge for over 10 years. These photos help us to see the optic nerve and macular area to assess eye health.

Newer advances now allow for a dramatically improved view of the retina. ***The latest research has shown that many conditions may occur in the periphery of the retina, and these conditions need to be detected as early as possible to allow us to have the best chances of maintaining your clearest vision.*** In the past, if we suspected peripheral retinal problems, we could only see some of this area with dilation of the pupils, which results in blurred vision for 3-5 hours.

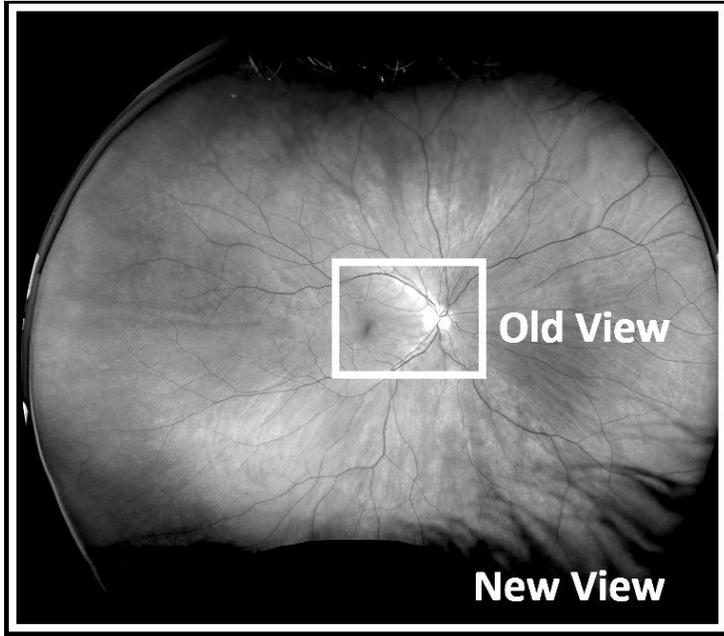


As of January 2017, we are the first office in the entire state of Nevada to have access to the newest generation of equipment to view the entire retina: the Optomap Daytona Plus.

This scanning laser ophthalmoscope does not require dilation, is quick and painless, helps us view the retina even through most cataracts, and results in a digital color image which will become part of your permanent medical record . We can, in many cases, also use this new equipment to better diagnose and aid in the treatment of systemic problems such as hypertension, diabetes, and stroke.

We recommend this test annually for all of our patients as part of a wellness eye examination.

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Anyone who does not wish the test annually should at least have it performed once to establish baseline imaging so we can know in the future if a condition is noted if the condition has just arisen or has been present for an extended period. It is also highly recommended if you have any of the following conditions: high prescription which can predispose someone to retinal tears and detachments, hypertension, diabetes, floaters, flashes of lights, macular degeneration, glaucoma, cataracts, and any unexplained changes in visual acuity.

Insurance does not pay for this latest screening test. Our reduced fee for the imaging is \$35, which is due at time of service. In some cases, if the screening test shows certain abnormalities, we may be able to waive the screening fee and perform additional testing which can be billed under your medical insurance.

I wish to have the Optomap retinal exam performed. It's totally worth the \$35 fee to have such a better view of my retina that may help to diagnose so many different eye and health problems!

I decline the Optomap and decline to be dilated (if necessary). I understand that many eye problems that can affect my vision can start far off in the periphery, and that knowing about these problems could help preserve my best vision, but I would rather not receive the screening today.

I decline the Optomap and wish to be dilated if needed. I am aware that my vision will be blurred for several hours and am cautioned against driving if my vision is too negatively affected. I am also aware that standard dilation does not provide a permanent photo record of the condition of my eyes, and understand that comparing future examination results to today's dilation results could be less accurate than if we had a photo of my retina today.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/20____