

Vision Care 4Life Patient Education Sheet



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Diabetic Retinopathy

Diabetic Retinopathy is a condition occurring in persons with diabetes, which causes progressive damage to the retina, the light sensitive lining at the back of the eye. It is a serious sight-threatening complication of diabetes. Diabetic Retinopathy is the result of damage to the tiny blood vessels that nourish the retina. They leak blood and other fluids that cause swelling of retinal tissue and clouding of vision. The longer a person has diabetes, the more likely they will develop diabetic retinopathy. If left untreated, diabetic retinopathy can cause blindness. Often there are no visual symptoms in the early stages of diabetic retinopathy. That is why it is recommended that everyone with diabetes have a comprehensive dilated eye examination once a year. Early detection and

treatment can limit the potential for significant vision loss from diabetic retinopathy.

Treatment can range from laser surgery, medicine injections and further surgery.

