



Medical & Urgent Eye Care

DID YOU KNOW

- All Albertans have access to medical and urgent eye care provided by an optometrist.
- Alberta Health coverage is available towards medically necessary and urgent care appointments.
- A referral is not required.
- Most optometrists will see patients the same day if the matter is urgent.
- Optometrists have the proper knowledge, tools and equipment necessary to diagnose, treat, prescribe medications, and refer to a specialist, if needed.

Medical & Urgent Care services include:

- Infection, injury or inflammation of the eye and eyelid.
- Dry eye.
- Foreign objects in the eye.
- Sudden changes in vision.
- Monitoring for diabetes and glaucoma complications.
- Retinal detachment, defects and diseases.
- Pre and post-operative care for cataract patients.

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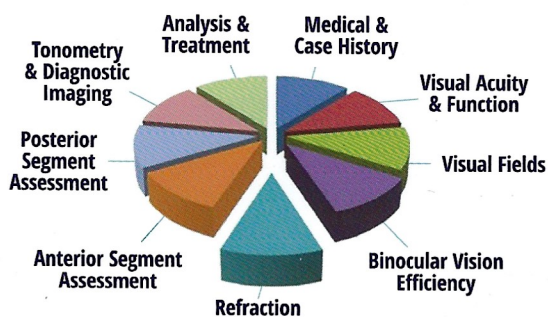
Comprehensive Eye Exams

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During a comprehensive eye exam your optometrist examines the tissues and structures inside the eye, looking for eye diseases such as cataracts, glaucoma or macular degeneration, as well as tears in the retina, bleeding and tumours.

Your optometrist is also looking for early signs of serious medical conditions, such as high blood pressure, diabetes and cardiovascular diseases during an exam.

Your eye exam includes a series of tests. There is much more to a comprehensive eye exam than checking how well you can see and determining your eye glass prescription (refraction).



When to have an eye exam

 <p>Babies Should have their first exam between six and nine months.</p>	 <p>Toddlers & Pre-schoolers At least one eye exam between the ages of two and five.</p>	 <p>Kindergarten* An eye exam when they begin kindergarten.</p>	 <p>School Years An annual exam.</p>  <p>Adults At least every two years.</p>  <p>Seniors An annual exam.</p>
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*Learn about the Eye See... Eye Learn™ program at optometrists.ab.ca/ESEL. If your child requires eye glasses, they will be provided free of charge.

There is Alberta Health coverage towards children's eye exams until their 19 birthday and for seniors 65+.

