

# Diabetic eye disease by the numbers

## Diabetes

**30M**

30 million Americans have diabetes



Nearly 25% of people with diabetes are not aware that they have the disease

**20%**

20% of people first learn they have diabetes through the results of an eye exam

## Diabetic eye disease



Diabetic retinopathy occurs when increased blood glucose causes tiny blood vessels in the retina to break, swell, leak, or grow abnormally



25% of diabetics suffer from diabetic retinopathy



60% of people who know they have diabetes still fail to get annual eye examinations

**76%**

The risk of developing diabetic retinopathy is reduced by 76% with treatment

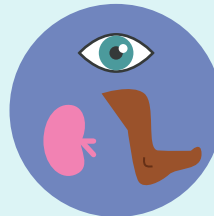
## High cost of diabetic eye disease

**500 million**

Diabetes-related blindness costs can total more than \$500 million per year



Medical costs for diabetics are significantly higher for those with diabetic retinopathy than those without diabetic retinopathy



Diabetics with diabetic retinopathy had notably higher medical costs than those with other diabetes-related conditions, including neuropathy and chronic kidney disease

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