

Eye Health in Older Adults



About the US Senior Population



Approximately 18.4 percent of the U.S. population is covered by Medicare.¹



Visual disorders become more common as people age.²



About one in four adults 65 and older cut back on food, utilities, clothing or medication due to healthcare costs.³



37% of adults 65 and older are concerned they will not be able to pay for needed healthcare services in the next year.³

80.8 million

By 2040, the number of older adults in the U.S. is expected to reach 80.8 million.⁴

Eye Disease in Older Adults



In the United States, 20% of all people over the age of 85 experience permanent vision loss.⁵



75% of those who are legally blind because of glaucoma are seniors.⁶



More than half of all Americans age 80 or older either have cataracts or have had surgery to get rid of cataracts.⁷



The prevalence of diabetic retinopathy is rising in the elderly and is expected to reach 9.9 million by the year 2050.⁸



In seniors ages 65 and older, age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of vision loss and blindness.⁹

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