

# The Value of Vision Care



## A Widespread Need for Vision Care

**79%**

79% of Americans use some form of vision correction<sup>1</sup>

**93M**

An estimated 93 million adults in the U.S. are at high risk for serious vision loss, but only half visited an eye doctor in the past 12 months<sup>2</sup>

**150M+**

59% of U.S. adults (151 million) report having an eye exam within the past 12 months.<sup>1</sup>

**TOP  
10**

Vision disability is one of the top 10 disabilities among adults 18 years and older and one of the most prevalent disabling conditions among children<sup>2</sup>



**\$373B**

The economic cost of major vision problems is estimated to increase to \$373 billion by 2050.<sup>2</sup>

## Vision Needs at Every Age

**6.8%**

Approximately 6.8% of children younger than 18 years in the United States have a diagnosed eye and vision condition.<sup>2</sup>

**40%**

More than forty percent of 12–17-year-old children need glasses.<sup>3</sup>

**12M**

Approximately 12 million people 40 years and over in the United States have vision impairment.<sup>2</sup>

**3M**

More than 3 million people in the United States have glaucoma.<sup>4</sup>

## Diagnosing Health Conditions<sup>5</sup>



A comprehensive eye exam can help in the early diagnosis of many chronic health conditions, including:

- High blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Heart disease
- Diabetes
- Thyroid conditions

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