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To assist you in providing your patients with the highest quality care, the Rhode Island Society of Eye Physicians and Surgeons (RISEPS) is pleased to offer our current membership directory, along with the American Academy of Ophthalmology (AAO) guidelines for ophthalmologic eye examination referral.

RISEPS is a non-profit organization dedicated to educating fellow physicians in the latest medical advances in eye care, to promoting public awareness of issues surrounding proper eye health, and to advocating quality medical eye treatment before legislative and regulatory agencies.



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RISEPS is committed to being a responsive public resource for information regarding eye diseases and disorders and progressive medical eye care. As a service to health care providers, health institutions, schools, community groups, and the general public, RISEPS provides a variety of instructional services including:

- Referral hotline 401-331-1501
- Speakers' bureau of ophthalmologists
- Informational mailings
- Educational literature
- Vision screening support to school nurses
- Health fairs
- Glaucoma screenings

We encourage you to call the RISEPS office at 401-331-1501 to learn more about any of our public health and informational services.

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The Rhode Island Eye Injury Registry relies on the cooperation of local physicians who contribute data by completing brief injury reports on patients they have treated. Please contact RISEPS to obtain injury report forms, or for more information regarding the Eye Injury Registry.



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RAISING AWARENESS, EXTENDING ACCESS

Healthy vision requires a combination of quality eye care and informed, preventive lifestyle choices. Unfortunately, patients often miss out on the care they need because they lack both: they do not understand eye health, and they don't have access to eye care. The American Academy of Ophthalmology works to address these challenges through its public service programs.

The Academy's **EyeSmart** public awareness program provides comprehensive, trustworthy and medically accurate eye health information from ophthalmologists on everything from healthy eye development and low vision resources, to eye-screening guidelines and eye-disease risk factors. Encourage your patients to learn more about eye health at GetEyeSmart.org.

EyeCare America, a public service program of the Foundation of the American Academy of Ophthalmology, provides eye exams and up to one year of care to qualifying seniors age 65 and older through its corps of nearly 7,000 volunteer ophthalmologists. To enroll as a volunteer for EyeCare America, email pubserv@aao.org. To see if you or a loved one qualifies for care through the program, visit EyeCareAmerica.org

NATIONAL EYE CARE PROJECT

The National Eye Care Project® (NECP) is a nationwide outreach program designed to provide medical eye care to the nation's disadvantaged senior citizens.

Funding for this program is from the American Academy of Ophthalmology, Charitable, Educational and Scientific Fund and the Knights Templar Eye Foundation, Inc. Referrals are available to those who are 65 or older, US citizens or legal residents, and not currently under the care of an ophthalmologist.

Within one week of contacting the *Helpline*, eligible callers will be mailed the name of a volunteer ophthalmologist in their community with instructions for making an appointment. Concerned about undetected eye disease, these doctors provide a comprehensive examination and treatment for any condition diagnosed at the time of the visit.

For more information on the program call RISEPS at 401-331-1501 or the NECP Helpline at 800-222-EYES (3937).

ADULTS:

- 65 or older: every 1–2 years
- 40–64: every 2–4 years
- 20–39: every 3–5 years (especially black patients due to increased risk of glaucoma)

CHILDREN:

- All infants should be evaluated for eye health in the nursery, and at 6 months.
- Older children should be evaluated for eye health and visual acuity at ages 3, 6, 8, 12, 14, and 18.
- Refer all ocular abnormalities to an ophthalmologist.

DIABETICS:

- age at onset birth–30:
initial exam: 5 years after onset
routine minimum follow-up: yearly
- age at onset 31–older:
initial exam: upon diagnosis
routine minimum follow-up: yearly
- during pregnancy:
initial exam: first trimester
routine minimum follow-up: every 3 months

HISTORY OF:

- ocular trauma
- medication associated with ocular side effects
- disease associated with ocular complications
- family member with glaucoma, macular degeneration, or blindness

COMPLAINTS OF:

- hazy, blurred, distorted, or double vision, flashes of light, or halos around lights
- red eyes
- eye infections or swollen eyelids
- pain in or around the eyes
- eyes that turn in or out
- protruding eyes
- change in color, size, or shape of the pupil
- sensitivity to light or glare
- change in peripheral or night vision
- excessive tearing or dry eyes
- droopy or malpositioned lids
- suspicious lesions on or around the eyes



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