

What Is Low Vision?

- “Low Vision” is vision loss that can no longer be corrected by a medical procedure or treatment.
- It is the third most common impairment impacting people ages 70 and above.
- Low vision impedes many daily living activities such as:
 - ♦ Driving
 - ♦ Reading
 - ♦ Watching TV
 - ♦ Maintaining a checkbook
 - ♦ Identifying/distinguishing medications
 - ♦ Crossing the street safely alone
- Low vision is caused by a variety of mostly age-related conditions, such as:
 - ♦ Macular degeneration
 - ♦ Glaucoma
 - ♦ Diabetic retinopathy
- Aspects of sight loss include:
 - ♦ Reduced reading vision (most common)
 - ♦ Peripheral & color vision
 - ♦ Ability to adjust to changes in levels of light
 - ♦ Difficulties with low contrast or glare

What do I Need to Do?

1. Visit your eye care professional.
2. Your physician completes the Lion low vision referral form (found on our website) and faxes it to the low Vision Center closest to you. To locate your closest low vision center call (866) 319-9733 or visit www.lionslowvisioncenters.org.
3. Call your chosen low vision center to make an appointment with an occupational therapist that does low vision evaluations.
4. Go to the scheduled appointment.

F.A.Q.

Will this cost me anything?

In most cases your insurance or Medicare will cover the occupational therapist services, however, you will be responsible for any plan related costs.

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Enhancing Quality of Life with Low Vision



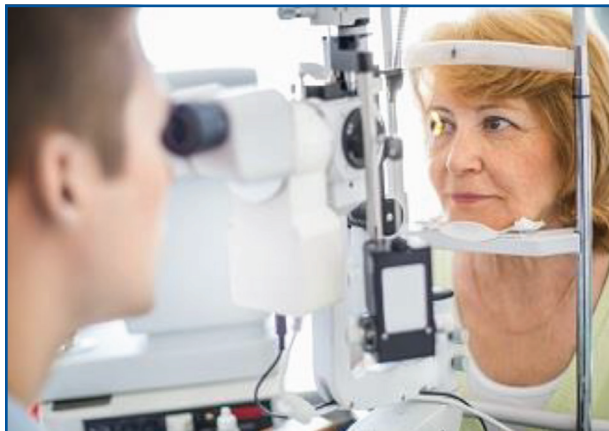
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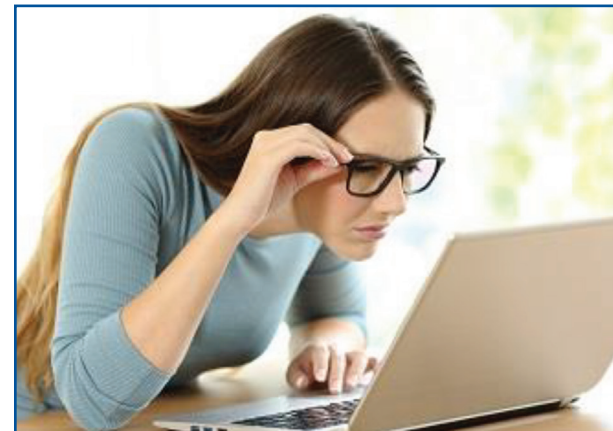
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Low Vision is a situation when your vision can no longer be corrected with contact lenses, glasses, pharmaceuticals, surgery, and you're not legally blind. Usually, your visual acuity is between 20/70 – 20/200.



How Can I Get Help?

There are four (4) easy steps to getting help. Find out how the Lions Low Vision Centers can help you have a better quality of life. See the back of this brochure for the steps to take.



Expectations

You will be evaluated by an occupational therapist who will determine what devices would be most helpful for you. ALL DEVICES are 100% FREE of charge, provided by the Lions Low Vision Centers of CT!



"Low vision is that degree of vision loss that cannot be corrected by eyeglasses, contacts, medicine or surgery."

— Dr. David Parke

If you can not see the numbers on your telephone, read newspapers and magazines, even with your eyeglasses, you may be suffering from low vision and a candidate for Lions Low Vision Services. Just follow the four steps on the back of this brochure.

There are many Low Vision Centers throughout Connecticut. To find a Low Vision Center nearest to you call or visit us online:

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