The Bailey-Lovie Acuity Chart

The Early Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy Study (ETDRS) Chart

I am glad that you can see the words.

The old car drove down the long road in the snow.

The fish jumped in the boat into the lake.

The boys did not want to leave their parents.

I do not know why I have put my coat on.

If you can read this text you may read more. Why did the big green car pass under the tree?
insurance plan. If you have questions about whether
the exam will be covered, ask the low vision clinic prior
to your appointment.

Write a list of areas that you currently have trouble with
in relation to your vision. What are your goals and
expectations in these areas?

Does sunlight bother you? Can you read standard
print? Can you travel independently?

Remember, the more information you can provide, the
better the staff will be able to assist you.

Components of the Low Vision
Examination

A comprehensive low vision examination always
includes the following components:

A Health and Medication History

Your overall health and that of your immediate family

The medications you are taking (prescription and over-
the-counter)

Questions about high blood pressure (hypertension),
diabetes, smoking, and sun exposure.

A Vision History

How well you can see at present, including any recent
changes in your vision

Eye diseases that you or your family members have
had

Previous eye treatments, surgeries, or injuries

The date of your last eye examination.

A Low Vision History

When your vision problems began

Any prior vision rehabilitation services you've had
An important part of the examination is for you, your
doctor, and his or her social worker to discuss how you
are adapting emotionally to your vision loss, whether
you are motivated to learn a different way of doing
things, and if you have family and friends to support you.

A comprehensive low vision examination is not rushed
and is very thorough, taking 2-3 times longer than a
regular eye examination.

**A Functional Eye Exam**

The low vision eye care specialist is trained to conduct a
functional eye examination that focuses directly on
how a person's particular vision impairment affects his or
her day-to-day living.

Some examples of functional vision problems can
include:

- Difficulty seeing the height of the gas flame when
  **cooking**
- Problems **crossing streets** or seeing traffic
- Difficulty seeing information on a **computer screen**
- Problems **threading a needle** or making clothing
  repairs
- **Difficulty reading**, such as using the telephone book or
  looking through magazines, even with regular
  eyeglasses.

**Preparing for the Low Vision Examination**

Before arriving for the low vision examination, it's helpful
to make a list of questions for your doctor. Here are
some suggestions:

- What is the name of my **eye disease or disorder**?