



Informed Consent for Dilated Eye Examination

In the course of your care, whether today or in the future, it is important for the doctor to evaluate your retina, macula, and optic nerve by viewing the back part of your eye using a dilated examination. Dilating eye drops are used to enlarge the pupil of the eye to allow the physician to fully see these areas of your eyes.

Dilation frequently changes and/or blurs vision for a length of time which varies from person to person and may make bright lights bothersome. It is not possible to predict to what degree your vision will be affected. Driving may be difficult after the examination. If you are concerned about these problems, you may wish to make alternative transportation arrangements. Some patients do drive after dilation with the assistance of temporary sunglasses, which we will provide to you after your examination. Though rare, adverse reactions, such as a rise in eye pressures causing pain, may be triggered by the dilating drops. It may be necessary to lower this pressure by using eye drops, oral medication, and/or laser treatment. There is also the possibility of an allergic reaction to the dilating drops.

The decision to undergo dilation is yours. You may choose to not have the dilation performed; however our doctors recommend that dilation be performed to better examine your eyes for possible disease.

Your initials below indicates that you have read and understand the risks and benefits associated with the use of dilation drops to complete a dilation examination, and hereby authorize the Desert Retina team to administer dilation drops and proceed with the dilated examination.

INITIALS: _____

My signature below indicates the above information is correct and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____