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What Las Vegas Patients Should Know Before a Glaucoma Exam



If you have been referred for a glaucoma evaluation or have decided to schedule one on your own, knowing what to expect makes the experience less stressful and more productive. A glaucoma exam is more involved than a standard vision check, and understanding the purpose of each component helps you engage more fully with your care team, ask better questions, and make sense of the results you receive. Here is what Las Vegas patients should know before walking in for their first glaucoma appointment.

What Is the Difference Between a Glaucoma Exam and a Regular Eye Exam?

A glaucoma exam is a specialized evaluation focused on the health of your optic nerve and the drainage function of your eye. A standard vision exam checks your visual acuity and refractive error, which tells you whether you need glasses. A glaucoma exam goes much further, measuring intraocular pressure, imaging the optic nerve in detail, assessing the drainage angle, and mapping your visual field for any areas of loss. These tests provide information that a basic vision screening is not designed to capture.

Should You Bring Anything to Your Appointment?

Bring a list of all current medications, including any eye drops, since some systemic medications can affect intraocular pressure or interact with glaucoma treatments. If you have had any previous eye exams that included pressure measurements or optic nerve assessments, bring those records as well. Baseline data from prior exams is valuable for detecting change over time. If you wear contact lenses, you may be asked to remove them for certain tests, so bring your glasses as a backup.

Will Your Eyes Be Dilated?

Your eyes will likely be dilated as part of a comprehensive glaucoma evaluation. Dilation allows the examiner to get a clear view of the optic nerve and retina, which is necessary for a thorough assessment. Dilation takes approximately 20 to 30 minutes to take effect and causes temporary light sensitivity and blurred near vision that can last several hours. Arrange for someone to drive you home if possible, and bring sunglasses to wear after the appointment.

What Tests Are Typically Included in a Glaucoma Exam?

A comprehensive glaucoma evaluation typically includes tonometry to measure intraocular pressure, Optical Coherence Tomography imaging of the optic nerve and retinal nerve fiber layer, a dilated fundus exam to visually assess the optic nerve, gonioscopy to examine the drainage angle, and automated visual field testing to check for any peripheral or central vision changes. Not every test is required at every visit, and your provider will determine the appropriate combination based on your individual risk profile and history.

What Do the Results Mean?

Your provider will interpret the results in context. A single elevated pressure reading does not diagnose glaucoma on its own, nor does an optic nerve that looks slightly large or asymmetric. Diagnosis is based on the overall pattern of findings across multiple tests, and in many cases a follow-up visit is needed before a firm conclusion can be reached. Ask your provider to explain each finding and what it does and does not tell you about your glaucoma risk. A good specialist will welcome those questions.

What Happens After the Exam?

If no glaucoma is detected, you will likely be placed on a monitoring schedule based on your risk factors, which may mean annual or biennial comprehensive exams rather than a standard vision check. If early glaucoma or elevated pressure is found, your provider will discuss treatment options and what the next steps look like. If a diagnosis is confirmed, you will begin building a long-term relationship with your care team that involves regular follow-up, treatment adjustment as needed, and ongoing monitoring of your optic nerve and visual field.

Why Las Vegas Eye Institute Makes Glaucoma Exams Thorough and Clear

Las Vegas Eye Institute approaches every glaucoma evaluation with the goal of giving patients complete, accurate information about their eye health. The team takes time to explain test results, answer questions, and help patients understand what their findings mean for their vision going forward. Advanced imaging technology and a structured evaluation protocol ensure that nothing is missed and that patients leave with a clear picture of where they stand. For Las Vegas residents preparing for their first glaucoma exam, Las Vegas Eye Institute is the practice that combines diagnostic precision with the kind of communication that turns a complex evaluation into a manageable, empowering experience.

Schedule Your Glaucoma Exam at Las Vegas Eye Institute

If you are ready to take your eye health seriously, contact Las Vegas Eye Institute to schedule your comprehensive glaucoma evaluation. Walk in informed, leave with answers, and take control of your vision health with confidence.

Company Description

Las Vegas Eye Institute is dedicated to providing the highest quality of care in the Las Vegas Valley. Dr. Swanic, the expert LASIK and cataract surgeon who heads LVEI, performs LASIK, Cataract Surgery, Custom Lens Replacement, SMILE, Dry Eye Treatment, and Glaucoma Treatment.

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