



Eye problems chart



SIGNS & SYMPTOMS	WHAT IT COULD BE	WHAT TO DO
Sudden loss of all or part of vision in one or both eyes. If in one eye, with sudden weakness or numbness on one side	Stroke	Get medical care fast! Call 9-1-1.
Vision loss after head or eye injury. Sudden vision loss or blurred vision, or sudden increase in dark spots/lines (floaters) or flashes of light	Detached or torn retina	Get medical care fast!
Severe pain in and above the eye. Eye redness, swollen upper eyelid. Dilated and fixed pupil. Very blurred vision, halos around lights.	Angle-closure glaucoma (also called closed-angle glaucoma)	Get medical care fast!
Object or chemical in the eye	Eye irritation or injury	Get medical care fast!
Gradual loss of side vision. Blurred vision. Halos around lights. Poor night vision.	Open-angle or chronic glaucoma	Contact eye doctor.
Dark or blind spot in center of vision. Blurred or cloudy vision. Straight lines look wavy.	Macular degeneration	Contact eye doctor.
Cloudy, fuzzy, foggy, or filmy vision. Halos around lights. Problems with glare from lamps or the sun.	Cataract	Contact eye doctor.
Pus discharge from the eye; the white of the eye and eyelid are red; crusting of the eyelid in the morning; feeling of sand in the eye	Conjunctivitis ("Pink Eye")	Use self-care.
Firm lump on eyelid or tender pimple on the edge of the eyelid	Stye	Use self-care.
Seeing small dark spots, squiggly lines, or flashes of light	Floaters and/or flashes	Call eye doctor for an appointment and advice.
Blurred vision when you look at close objects; headaches; eyestrain	"Aging Eyes" or presbyopia	Call eye doctor for an appointment and advice.