

Detect eye diseases early with OCT Imaging

Epstein Eye Associates has always stayed up-to-date on the latest technologies to provide patients with the best possible vision care. We are, therefore, proud to announce that we have invested in a highly sophisticated digital diagnostic device—the Cirrus HD-OCT. If you have been diagnosed with macular degeneration, glaucoma or diabetes, you are most likely familiar with OCT. We are pleased to be able to provide this testing here in our office now!

Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) is a relatively new imaging technique that can be used to detect or even prevent certain eye diseases. OCT machines work similar to an ultrasound but use infra-red light waves, enabling the doctor to discern healthy tissue from diseased tissue with unsurpassed depth and clarity. OCT generates images of the retina at high resolution, allowing your eyecare provider to see the layers and details of the retina.

The 3-D images which are created by OCT reveal a mass amount of information about vision and play a big part in preventing blindness. No symptoms are apparent with certain eye diseases, which is why **early detection is so important**. At Epstein Eye, we can now see the tiniest details inside the eye, and detect and treat potentially blinding eye diseases BEFORE damage is done.

Dr. Epstein and Dr. Kim strongly recommend this test, since it provides a more thorough medical analysis of your eyes than standard dilated eye examinations alone. At this time, medical insurance only covers this testing if disease is detected; otherwise, it is not covered by insurance or vision benefits. We are offering this optional testing at a nominal fee of \$35. While Dr. Epstein and Dr. Kim would like to have *all* patients receive a baseline analysis, it is **strongly recommended** if you answer YES to **any** of the following questions:

	YES	NO
Are you over the age of 50?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a family history of macular degeneration?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a family history of glaucoma?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are you diabetic or diagnosed as pre-diabetic?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you have a strong eyeglass prescription?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Do you see spots or flashes of light?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Please check the appropriate line below and initial at the bottom:

_____ I WOULD like the OCT examination in addition to my annual eye exam.

_____ I WOULD NOT like the OCT examination in addition to my annual eye exam.

Initials: _____

<p>FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>No disease detected (Fee \$35)</i></p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <i>Disease detected</i> <i>Diagnosis: _____</i> <i>Medical Insurance: _____</i></p>
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