

## OPTOMAP vs DILATION

Blink Vision Center strives to offer the best possible eye care for our patients. This is why we offer state-of-the-art digital scanning technology, the Optomap, that gives us a clear image of the inside of your eye.

### Advantages of the Optomap Exam vs getting your eyes dilated:

- 1) NO blurred vision
- 2) NO light sensitivity
- 3) Images taken in less than one minute
- 4) See your own retina in the most comprehensive way
- 5) Images are saved to your chart as a great baseline for future exams

Dr. Alexander and Dr. O'Hare highly recommend patients of all ages have a thorough retinal examination every year to detect and diagnose eye diseases. This non-invasive procedure allows a much broader and more detailed view of the retina. ***Diseases such as macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinal detachments, diabetic retinopathy, tumors, and other vision threatening conditions can be missed without an examination of the retina.*** There is an additional fee of \$25 for the Optomap procedure (covers both eyes) as this service is generally not covered by insurance companies.

**Dilation drops** are used to dilate or enlarge the pupils of the eye to allow the doctor to get a better view of the inside of your eye.

- 1) Dilation drops frequently blur vision for **6-8 hours** which varies from person to person and may make bright lights bothersome. It is not possible for your doctor to predict how much of your vision will be affected.
- 2) Because driving may be difficult immediately after an examination, it is best if you make arrangements not to drive yourself.
- 3) Adverse reaction, such as acute angle-closure glaucoma, may be triggered from the dilation drops. This is extremely rare and treatable with immediate medical attention.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (patient) have been informed of the importance of having a comprehensive retinal eye examination annually in the detection and diagnosis of eye disease and vision threatening conditions. I understand that I can have my retinas examined by the Optomap procedure or by having my eyes dilated.

( ) I elect to have the Optomap procedure at an additional fee of \$25.

( ) I elect to have dilation.

( ) I am declining the Doctor's recommendation to obtain a comprehensive view of my retinas. By forgoing the Optomap and dilation procedures I do not hold Blink Vision Center, Dr. Lindsey Alexander or Dr Shannon O'Hare responsible for my retinal and eye health.

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Signature of Patient or Guardian

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Date