

GLAUCOMA TESTING (GDxVCC)

Dr. Ruiz is proud to provide his patients with the latest in glaucoma detection, the GDxVCC. We are one of the few offices in Killeen where this technology is available. It is our commitment to you to provide the best eye care. Dr. Ruiz highly recommends the GDxVCC testing as part of your comprehensive eye examination to detect glaucoma.

Glaucoma is a disease that affects 67 MILLION people worldwide. More than 3 MILLION of those are Americans. Left untreated, glaucoma can lead to blindness. Because it often has no symptoms and causes no pain, many people are unaware that they have the disease until they experience vision loss. Dr. Ruiz feels it is vital to screen for this disease as part of a quality eye health exam.

- Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness in the US
- It is estimated that millions more have glaucoma and are unaware of it
- For glaucoma patients with three living relatives, the chances that one of them has diagnosed glaucoma is 27% among Caucasians, 50% among African-Americans and Hispanics

The GDxVCC, when used as part of a comprehensive eye exam, detects glaucoma six years ahead of other technologies by evaluating the actual site where the damage occurs. The exam takes less than one minute, is non-intrusive, requires no pupil dilation, and causes no discomfort. The GDxVCC is a significant breakthrough over other existing tests. The standard air-puff pressure check (tonometry) is ineffective for detecting glaucoma in one-half of patients diagnosed with the disease. Visual field testing (perimetry) is limited to measuring vision already lost to glaucoma. In just one minute, you can learn more about the health of your eyes!

Your insurance plan provides you with basic vision coverage, but does not include advanced disease detection procedures like the GDxVCC testing. The fee for photography is \$18 which is covered by any Insurance

- I would like to *ACCEPT* GDxVCC Glaucoma Testing
- I would like to *DECLINE* GDxVCC Glaucoma Testing

DILATION AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

Recording the use of dilating agents and retinal photography has become standard for determining the thoroughness of the examination.

Dilation is important for the inspection of periphery of the eye for the presence of tumors, retinal detachments, and other conditions such as floaters, flashes, or spots appearing suddenly in the vision.

Photography is an important documentation procedure in detecting subtle changes in the retina.

If the photography is not covered by your vision care plan, there will be an additional fee for Fundus Photographs and/or dilation. Please consult the front desk if you have any questions concerning fees

Please Note: Due to the widening of the pupil, dilation will affect the comfort of many patients when reading (usually less than 2 hours) and create light sensitivity (usually less than 4 hours, but may last until morning). If this is going to present some functional difficulties for a patient, it may be declined or rescheduled for a more convenient time. Not all patients can be dilated effectively, and the appropriate potential for dilation will be determined by the doctor during the examination.

Photography can be performed without dilation. The fee for photography is \$18 which is covered by any Insurance

- I would like to *DECLINE* the **Dilation** because: _____
- I would like to *RESCHEDULE* the **Dilation**
- I would like to *ACCEPT* **Photography**
- I would like to *DECLINE* **Photography**

Patient Signature

Date