

As our body ages, so do our eyes. Our eyesight is affected by age due to the natural process of aging and by degenerative processes which can occur regardless of occupation, physical activity, or the use of our eyes.

In this brochure, the effects of aging and more common degenerative diseases are discussed briefly. For more information on particular diseases, check out other brochures that deal with specific problems.

A routine ocular examination by an ophthalmologist can detect most degenerative conditions associated with aging. 20/20 vision is not assurance of the absence of any eye problems. Many diseases can be treated or controlled before they result in complete and irremediable blindness.

The information contained herein is intended to enlighten the reader and is not meant to be comprehensive or act as a substitute for sound medical advice from a qualified ophthalmologist.

While eye diseases may occur at any age, there are age ranges when certain diseases are more likely to manifest.

## AS TIME FLIES...

35 years and above

Glaucoma

More common with increasing age especially with family history and other risk factors

40 years and above

Presbyopia

Sooner in patients with hyperopia and later in those with myopia

65 years and above

Cataract

Can occur earlier especially those with other eye disease, using steroids, or have had eye surgery

65 years and above

Macular Degeneration About 30% in this age group develop deterioration of the central retina

5 to 15 years after diagnosis of Diabetes Mellitus

Diabetic Retinopathy 50% of diabetics eventually develop damage in the blood vessels of the retina

45 years and older Dry Eye Syndrome More common in women especially after menopause

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Dermato-ch alasia Depends on genetics, diet, smoking and sun exposure

40 years and above Vitreous Floaters Appear earlier in near sighted individuals

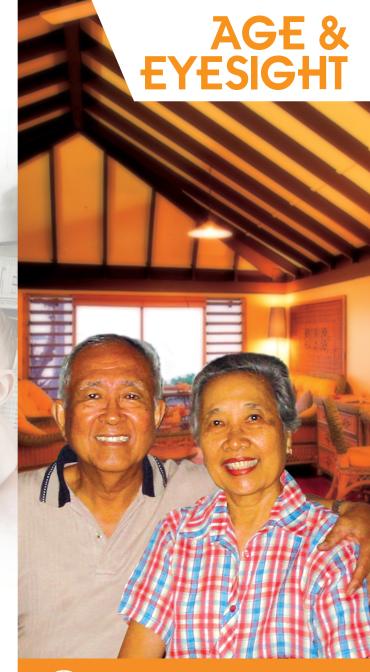
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