

Austin Eyecare

Digital Retinal Imaging

In our continued efforts to provide the most advanced technology available to our patients, Drs. Starnes and Duke announce the inclusion of digital retinal imaging as an integral part of our examinations.

Drs. Starnes and Duke are concerned about retinal problems including macular degeneration, retinal holes or detachments, glaucoma, optic nerve disease, and systemic diseases such as diabetes, stroke, high blood pressure, side effects to various medications, etc. These conditions can lead to serious health problems, including partial vision loss or blindness, and often develop without warning and progress with no symptoms until significant damage has already been done. It is very important to find and diagnose these problems as early as possible in order to protect and preserve vision.

A digital retinal examination provides:

- An eye wellness scan of the retina.
- An in depth view of the retinas (dilation may still be necessary, but at no additional charge).
- The ability to view the retinal image with the doctor during your examination.
- An annual, permanent record for your medical file, which gives your doctor comparisons for tracking and diagnosing potential eye diseases.
- The digital images can be shared with other doctors when referrals are needed.

Digital imaging is fast, easy, and comfortable.

Insurance typically does not cover any advanced screening technology beyond the general exam. Both Drs. Starnes and Duke highly recommend the retinal exam for all patients over 18 years of age. We will perform the digital screening exam as an enhancement to the general eye examination for a fee of \$24.00. Please indicate below if you wish to have this screening done today.

- I elect to have the digital retinal screening today.
- I do not elect to have the digital retinal screening at this time.

Signed _____

Date _____