



PRIVACY POLICY

Federal regulations require all health care providers to inform you of our privacy policies and how your health care information may be used. In summary, there are times when personal information about your health may be revealed to other parties, such as; your insurance company when submitting a claim or when they audit our records; our labs when ordering materials or tests for you; with other doctors who have or will treat you; with government agencies when required by law (court subpoenas, contagious disease reporting, notices from the FDA about drugs or medical devices, criminal investigations and/or suspected abuse, etc.); with collection agencies or lawyers for unpaid fees; with pharmacies when prescribing medications for you; documenting workers compensation claims and treatment. Unless you object, we will also share relevant information about your care with your family or friends who are helping you with your eye care. In addition, a copy of our electronic records is kept off site. We will not share your health information with unauthorized people. When transmitting your personal information electronically, we use secure, 128-bit encryption software.

You have certain rights about the use of your health care information. You have the right to ask us not to use it for certain circumstances, you have the right to photocopies of your records for a nominal fee, you have the right to amend your health information if you think it is incorrect, you may ask us to communicate with you in a confidential way, and you may ask for a list of how we have disclosed your information in the past six years, unless those disclosures were for routine office operations. In addition, you may view and obtain a complete copy of our privacy policy if you so desire. You have the right to complain to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, if you think we have not properly respected this privacy. You may also complain to Dr. Hang Nguyen, O.D. at this address, or by calling 203-426-2727.

SIGNATURE ON FILE

I authorize the use of this form on all my insurance submissions. I authorize release of information to all my insurance companies or their representatives. I permit a copy of this authorization to be used in place of the original. I authorize payment direct to my doctor. I understand that any balance or service not covered by my insurance will be my responsibility. Payment for non-covered services is due at time of service. Overdue balances past 6 months (180 days) will be forwarded to collection with an additional 20% of balance amount will be added for collection processing fee will be added. I will be responsible for all returned check fees.

DILATED FUNDUS EXAMINATION & OPTOS DAYTONA **PLUS** RETINAL IMAGING

CT Eye Care believes in incorporating the newest and latest technology available to provide the highest level of ocular health care for our patients! We are extremely thrilled to offer Optos Daytona **plus**, a laser retinal screening in our office!!

The Optos Daytona **plus** is the only digital imaging device that provides ultra-widefield technology capturing a 200-degree view (or 82%) of the entire retina in a single, high-resolution optomap image in less than ½ second. It is exceptional to aid Dr. Nguyen in detecting, evaluating and monitoring for early retinal pathology and disease. Testing is FAST, EASY and COMFORTABLE!

In the case you are unable to be dilated, retinal screening is **highly recommended** to view and monitor your internal retinal health. Optos Daytona **plus** extensive retinal imaging is considered a screening, therefore, it is not covered by your insurance. The fee for the procedure is very low and affordable at **\$39**. These images will become a part of your permanent record and enable Dr. Nguyen to best monitor your ocular health annually.

Dilation is considered the standard of care and a covered service with your complete comprehensive eye exam. Dilation will be performed if retinal imaging revealed ocular pathology. For patients with ocular pathologies (such as diabetes, macular degeneration, glaucoma, etc.), dilation will be recommended **in addition** to retinal imaging. Dr. Nguyen will recommend dilation based on your systemic health, ocular health or presenting symptoms.

The drops used to dilate your eyes require about 20 minutes to take effect. The side effect of the drops will cause your vision to be very blurry at near, and in some cases, your vision for distant will also be affected. Your eyes will be sensitive to sunlight and possibly make driving home and continuing your day's activities somewhat difficult even with sunglasses. Therefore, if necessary, retinal imaging will be highly recommended and we can reschedule your dilation as per Dr. Nguyen discretion.