

Andersen Eye Associates is dedicated to supplying innovative products and services that enable people with low vision, including macular degeneration, glaucoma, retinitis pigmentosa and diabetic retinopathy to fully participate in life.

Andersen Eye offers a full line of Low Vision products ranging from high quality Magnifying glasses to the newest advancements in technology.

Early detection and treatment is the best defense against vision loss. See your Andersen Eye care professional for a complete eye exam at least every year.

Low Vision Services offered at AEA:

- Complete low vision exam by a certified low vision specialist.
- Occupational Services to maximize daily living skills
- Low vision devices include the newest and most advanced technology in the market today at affordable prices.
- Fitting of Binocular Telescopes for driving and increased independence.
- Pocket Magnifiers to CCTV (Closed Caption TV)

What is your cost?

- Most insurances cover a portion of low vision rehabilitation services.
- Low vision devices are not always a covered service. More and more insurances are starting to cover devices. Andersen Eye will provide assistance in checking your insurance coverage.

What is low vision?

Partial vision loss that cannot be corrected cause a vision impairment know as “low vision”. A person with low vision has severely reduced visual acuity, contrast sensitivity, or a significantly obstructed field of vision.

Signs of low vision

- Difficulty recognizing a familiar face.
- Difficulty reading—print appears broken, distorted or incomplete.
- Difficulty seeing objects and potential hazards such as steps, curbs, walls, uneven surfaces and furniture.

Improving your functional vision with the help of devices

People with low vision usually retain some usable vision. AEA specializes in low vision. AEA staff can evaluate how you see, and prescribe optical devices to maximize your remaining vision. This functional vision assessment is an important step in helping improve your quality of life.

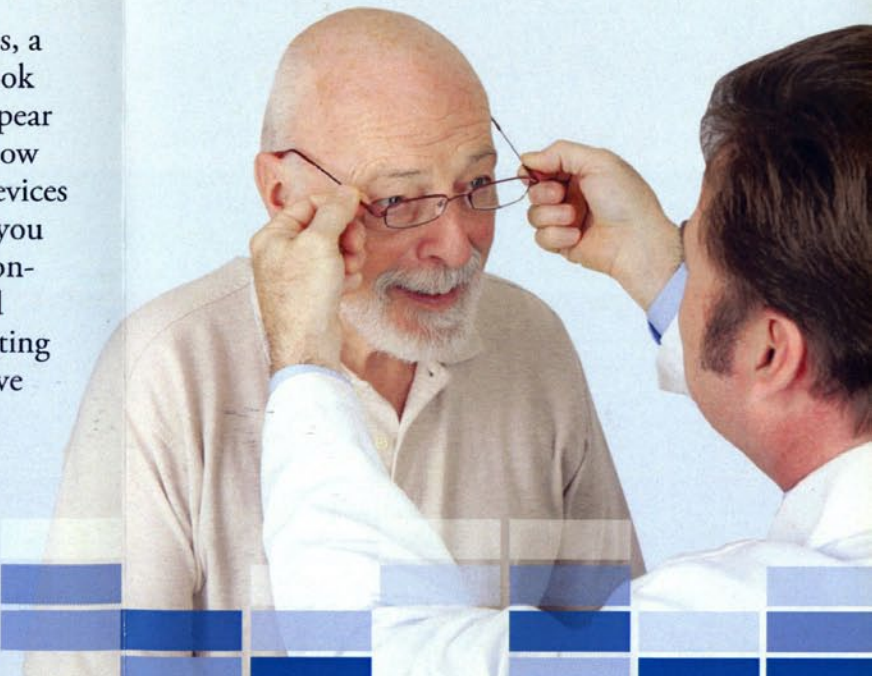
Even with regular eyeglasses or contact lenses, a visual image—whether a sentence from a book or crosswalk at a busy intersection—may appear distorted, blurred or incomplete if you have low vision. AEA can recommend or prescribe devices such as magnifiers and tinted lenses to help you take full advantage of the sight you have. Non-optical devices such as large-print clocks and remote controls, as well as signature and writing guides, may also be suggested to help improve your daily functioning.

You don't lose your knowledge and skills when you develop a vision problem, but you may have to learn new techniques for carrying out everyday activities.

Vision Rehabilitation

If your vision loss can't be corrected by medical or surgical interventions, vision rehabilitation can help. Vision rehabilitation services equip you with skills and strategies to help you remain safe, independent and active at any stage of life.

These services at AEA are provided by a multidisciplinary team of professionals who can introduce you to new methods of using remaining vision to help you maximize daily functioning and adjust to vision loss. This team includes specially trained ophthalmologists, optometrists, and occupational therapists.



All the goals on the cover may be achieved. With the help of specially trained low-vision specialists and occupational therapists, you can learn the essential skills for living with vision loss.

Independent Living

Use the wide range of specialized adaptive devices and techniques for adapting your home and caring for yourself.

Communication

Continue reading and writing by switching from standard reading material to large print books and newspapers; use writing guides or magnification programs for the computer screen. Maintain everyday skills with specialized time-telling and telephone devices; a fool-proof method of identifying coins and bills when shopping; identifying and storing food, etc. Develop computer skills for staying in touch with family and friends via e-mail, handling banking investment tasks and much more.

Mobility

Use specific orientation and mobility techniques, and tools for getting around safely, such as a long white cane or guide dog—in your home, around your neighborhood and on trips to distant places.

Low-Vision Devices

Take advantage of many low-vision optical and adaptive devices that help you make the best use of your remaining vision.



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Living with Vision Loss



If you are among the more than 10 million people in North America who are visually impaired, you know how important it is to find ways to accomplish routine daily tasks.

These are the skills that enable you to:

- Live independently and productively
- Read & write • Raise a family • Have a social life
- Maintain a career—or launch a new one
- Travel • Enjoy recreational sports & games
- In short, lead a normal life