

EYE DISEASES

This page provides information about some of the more common eye diseases. Eye diseases are relatively rare, although they become more common as we get older. All eye diseases should be regarded as serious - even diseases that appear to be mild can have the potential to cause serious damage if they are not treated appropriately. If you suspect that you have any eye disease, you should seek immediate care from a qualified professional.



Many serious eye diseases do not have any dramatic symptoms, indeed, some people with serious eye diseases do not even realise that there is anything wrong until their eyes have suffered irreversible damage. Everyone should have a check-up from an optometrist or ophthalmologist every two years, in order to detect any eye disease before it has a chance to cause serious damage. Your optometrist may recommend more frequent checks if you are at higher risk of eye disease.

For more information on some common eye diseases, choose from the list below:

- Glaucoma
- Cataract
- Age-related macular degeneration
- Pterygium
- Dry eye