

DILATION CONSENT

Dear Patient:

I am pleased to inform you that our office can provide you with one of the most thorough eye exams available. In order for us to thoroughly view the retina (the tissue that lines the inside of the eye) and other internal structures we need to dilate your eyes.

Dilation consists of placing drops in your eyes which will enlarge your pupils (the black circle in the center of the colored part of your eye). Dilation usually occurs within 15 minutes after the drops are installed. Due to the widening of the pupil, dilation will affect the comfort and ability of many patients when reading (usually for 3 hours or less) and create light sensitivity (usually for 6-8 hours or less, but may last up to 24 hours). You should use caution when driving or engaging in other hazardous activities while your pupils are dilated. Disposable sun shades will be given to you after dilation to protect your eyes in bright illumination. If you would happen not to receive sun shades before you leave our office please ask for a pair.

I wholeheartedly recommend dilation especially if you or a family member has a history of diabetes, retinal disease, flashes or floaters, glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, a moderate or high degree of nearsightedness or if you have not had your eyes dilated within the past two years. In some cases dilation may be the only effective way of detecting diseases of the retina and other internal structures of the eye. The fee for dilation is only **\$20.00**.

Please check the appropriate box below and sign:

- I would like a General Eye Exam, with dilation.
- I understand the importance of dilation and that it would be in my best interest for evaluating the health of my eyes; however, at this time I decline to be dilated.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Sincerely,

Dr. Gerald Geist & Associates