

Older Adults and Diabetic Retinopathy: WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW



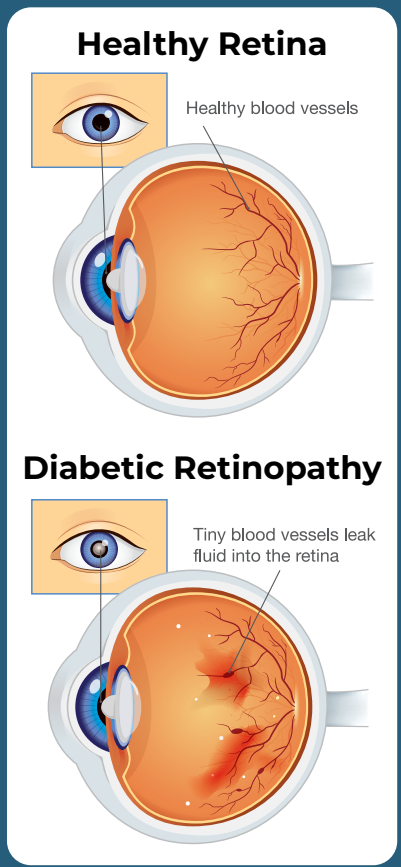
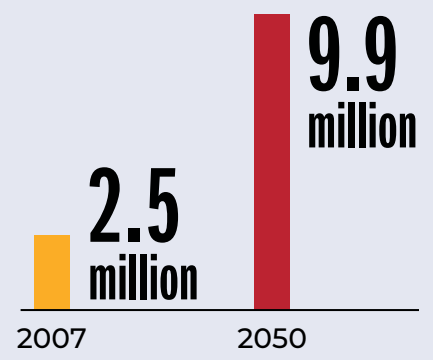
Older adults with diabetes are at higher risk for developing diabetes-associated eye diseases, like **diabetic retinopathy**.

95% of severe vision loss from diabetic retinopathy **can be prevented** by early diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.

Did you know?

You might think your vision is getting worse simply from aging. It is crucial that you get a comprehensive dilated eye exam every year as well as any time you experience a change in your vision.

Number of people >65 years old with diabetic retinopathy



Diabetic retinopathy can **damage your eyesight**, and even cause blindness in later stages. There are **no early symptoms** of diabetic retinopathy. The best thing you can do is **get a dilated eye exam** to check for diabetic retinopathy and **get treatment** if you do have it.

Set Your 'Sight' On What You Can Do

- Keep your diabetes under control
- Get a comprehensive dilated eye exam every year!

