Diabetic Retinopathy:



Collaborative Clinician Care Across the Disciplines

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Referral

PCPs

Endocrinologists

PCPs and **endocrinologists** should understand initial vision screening guidelines to ensure their patients with diabetes receive eye exams on schedule.

Build a network of eye care specialists available for referrals to help patients access care in a timely manner.

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Initial Vision Screening

Optometrists

Ophthalmologists

Optometrist and ophthalmologist should review the patient's HbAlc before the eye exam and inform the patient's PCP and/or endocrinologist if HbAlc is high.

They should also **communicate the results of the eye exam,** as all clinicians should be aware of next steps for the patient care plan.

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Additional Vision Referral/Treatment

Ophthalmologists

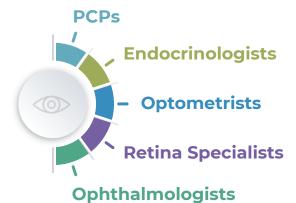
Retina Specialists

Patients diagnosed with moderate to severe diabetic retinopathy need treatment from an **ophthalmologist** who can treat DR or a **retina specialist**.

They should also **communicate the results of the additional eye exams and the treatment plan** to other members of the care team.

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Follow-Up



Collaborative Care Communication Points

- Recent HbA1c
- Duration of diabetes
- Barriers to adherence to office visits and treatment
- Adherence to diabetes visits
- · History of eye exams
- · Adherence to eye exams
- Results of eye exams
- Treatment plans



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