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Fact Sheet

Parent Questions for the Eye Doctor

The following list of questions can be used to guide parents in making a list of their questions for their child's eye doctor. A certified teacher of students with visual impairments can also help draft a list of questions based on the results of a functional vision assessment and/or knowledge of the child's eye condition(s):

1. What is the child's distance acuity for each eye individually and both eyes together?
2. What is the child's near vision acuity of each eye individually and both eyes together?
3. How large an area can the child see left-to-right and top-to-bottom? (visual field)
4. Can the child see better in the central field or on the sides? (peripheral field)
5. What, if any, medical eye condition does the child have?
6. What are the causes of this medical eye condition?
7. Is this a progressive/degenerative condition?
8. If "yes", what further visual problems do you anticipate the child having?
9. What symptoms might indicate a change in the child's visual functioning?
10. How well does the child do at fixating on a light or object?
11. How well does the child do at tracking a light or object?
12. Do the child's eyes work together well? (eye teaming behavior)
13. Will prescriptive lenses help the child see better? Why or why not?
15. What will the child's distance acuity be with prescriptive lenses?
16. What will the child's near vision acuity be with prescriptive lenses?
17. If prescribed, how often should the child wear his/her prescriptive lenses?

18. Will the child ever need eye surgery for his/her eye condition? If “yes”: a) what type of surgery?, b) why do you think surgery is necessary?. and c) when (at what age) should this surgery be performed?
20. What restrictions, if any, should be placed on the child’s activities?
21. What problems could arise if the child does not follow these restrictions?
22. How often should the child visit an eye specialist to either check his/her prescription or for a routine check-up?
23. What suggestions/adaptations do you have for teachers who are working with the child?
24. What local and national organizations can I call if I have further questions?

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