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PEDIATRIC OPHTHALMOLOGY AND ADULT STRABISMUS

We welcome you and your child(ren) to our practice. We pledge to provide you with the highest quality of eye care and make your visit as pleasant and productive as possible.

The following information is to help you understand what your initial appointment will include, and to help us in obtaining necessary patient information.

- Plan to be with us approximately 1-1/2 to 2 hours. A technician will do a preliminary examination, dilating drops will probably be instilled and the physician will perform a comprehensive eye examination. You will be given a full explanation of the exam results and care plan.
- Please complete all pediatric forms and bring them with you to your appointment.
- Some insurance companies require an authorization from your primary care physician. It is your responsibility to do this prior to the appointment to allow the patient to be seen by a specialist. Be sure to **bring the patient's insurance card and copay.**
- It is your responsibility to know your insurance information, your network physicians, and the coverage benefits of your individual policy.
- We request you complete and mail a medical records release to your previous eye care specialist; it is especially important if previous eye surgery has been done. Please also know your child's medication allergies and complete names of any physician(s) involved in your child's care.
- All insurance co-pays are made at the time of the visit as well as payment for services not covered by your insurance.
- If you need to cancel and/or reschedule an appointment, please call our office at 587-1245, 24-48 hours prior to your scheduled appointment.
- **Bring patient's current glasses, contact lenses, and eyeglass prescription.**

If you have any questions concerning your appointment, please call Medical Eye Specialists at 406.587.1245.