

Consent for retinal photos

As part of your eye exam, the doctors here at Galloway Eye Care Professionals, Inc. recommend a special diagnostic procedure called retinal photography. This procedure consists of taking a picture of the back of your eye for your permanent record. This is not an ultrasound or an X-ray and nothing which touch your eye.

In many instances, your medical insurance may cover the cost of these photos, especially if you have a condition such as high blood pressure, diabetes, or glaucoma to name a few. The doctor will be able to answer if you have a condition that makes these photos medically necessary and therefore covered by medical, not vision, insurance.

In other cases, you insurance may not cover a photo, but it is good documentation for our records; in this case a screening photo may be taken at your cost. The cost for screening photos is \$30.00. While taking this photo does not replace the need to have your eyes dilated, **it is strongly recommended that you have photos taken if you plan on declining having your eyes dilated at today's visit.** This is to ensure that the doctor gets a reasonable view of the eye and your retinal health. Keep in mind that if subtle pathology (disease) is identified on these photos, we may then bill your insurance for the cost.

_____ Yes, I want to have retinal photos for my record, I understand I may be charged \$30.00 for a screening charge if these photos are not medically necessary.

_____ Yes, I want to have retinal photos taken, **but only if deemed medically necessary by the doctor.** Galloway Eye Care may then bill my medical carrier for these photos.

_____ No, I do not want retinal photos taken.

Signed: _____

Patient name (or guardian if under 18): _____

Date: _____