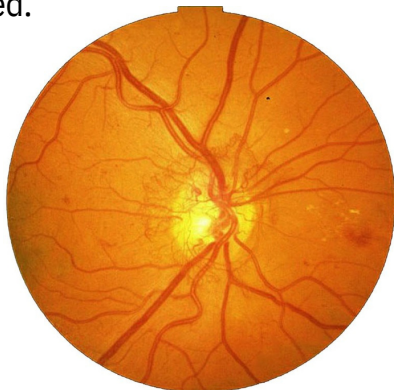


Diabetic Retinopathy

What you see:



The most common cause of vision loss among people who have diabetes. Vision loss is associated with chronically high blood sugar levels that damage tiny blood vessels in the retina (the light-sensitive tissue of the eye), causing them to leak fluid or bleed.



The retina with diabetic retinopathy.

Why the Lions Help

The Lions of Illinois Foundation is a nonprofit organization with members throughout the state of Illinois. Since 1925, the Lions have taken the challenge given to them by Helen Keller. Addressing the Lions at their convention she urged them to become:

“Knights of the Blind in the Crusade Against Blindness.”



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Retinal Screenings

The leading cause of vision loss is brought on by unidentified and untreated diabetic related eye disease. Early detection is the key.



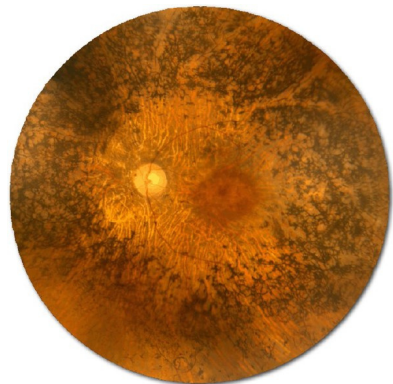
A Professional Eye Exam is Recommended Annually

Retinitis Pigmentosa

What you see:



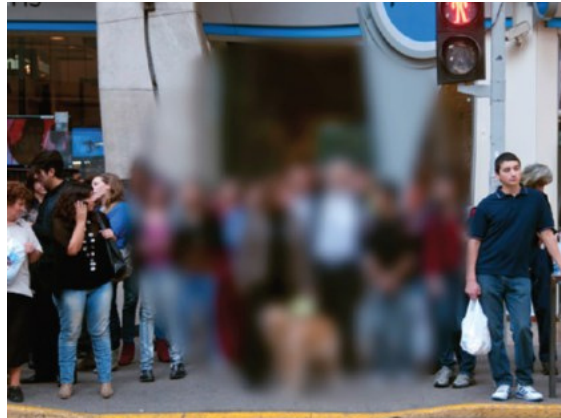
A rare, degenerative disease that affects the retina's ability to respond to light. The disease is inherited and causes a gradual decline in vision because photo-receptor cells (rods and cones) die. As RP progresses, the field of vision narrows and causes "tunnel vision" until only central vision remains.



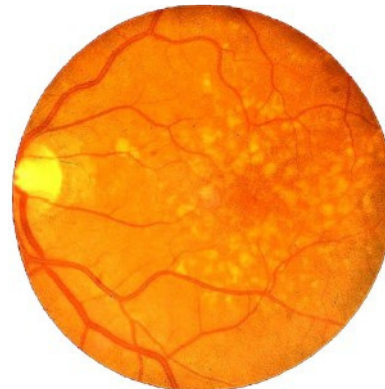
The retina with retinitis pigmentosa.

Macular Degeneration

What you see:



Vision loss occurs when the central portion of the retina (the macula) deteriorates from a combination of hereditary and environmental reasons. Risk increases with age with most people being over 55.



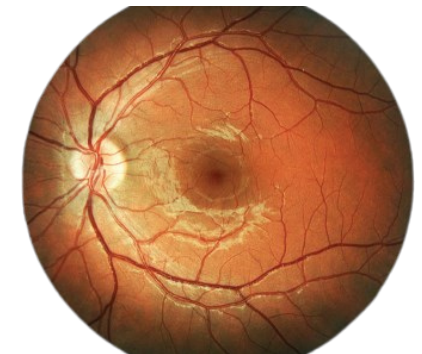
The retina with macular degeneration.

Detached Retina

What you see:



If you suddenly notice spots, floaters and flashes of light, you may be experiencing the warning signs of a detached retina. Your vision might become blurry, or you might have poor vision. Another sign is seeing a shadow or a curtain descending from the top or the side of the eye.



The retina with detached retina.