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HRT3 Screening Letter

Important information you should know about glaucoma/macular degeneration

Dr. Vensand and his staff are proud to provide our patients with the latest in glaucoma and macular degeneration screening, the HRT3. We are one of the few offices in Orange County where this technology is available. It is our commitment to you to provide the best in eye care.

Dr. Vensand highly recommends the HRT3 screening exam as part of a comprehensive eye examination to assist in the detection of these vision-threatening pathologies.

As an example, glaucoma is a disease that affects 67 million people worldwide. More than 3 million of these afflicted are Americans. Left untreated, glaucoma can lead to blindness. Because it often has no symptoms and causes no pain, many people are unaware that they have this disease until they experience vision loss. Dr. Vensand feels it is vital to screen for both glaucoma and macular degeneration as part of a quality, comprehensive eye health exam.

- Glaucoma is the leading cause of preventable blindness in the U.S.
- It's estimated that millions more have glaucoma and are unaware of it.
- For glaucoma patients with three living relatives, the chance that one of them has undiagnosed glaucoma is 27% among Caucasians and 50% among African Americans and Hispanics.

The HRT3 Screening Exam

When used as part of comprehensive eye exam, the HRT3 detects glaucoma and macular degeneration up to six years ahead of other technologies by evaluating the actual site where the damage occurs. The exam takes less than one minute, is non-intrusive, requires no pupil dilation and causes no discomfort. The HRT3 is a significant breakthrough over other existing tests. The standard air-puff pressure check (tonometry) is ineffective for detecting glaucoma in one-half of patients diagnosed with the disease. Visual field testing (perimetry) is limited to measuring vision already lost to glaucoma. In just one minute, you can learn more about the health of your eyes!

Your insurance plan may provide you with basic vision examination coverage but may not include advanced disease detection procedures like the HRT3.

Screening Exam. The fee for this extended exam is \$225.00

I want to take advantage of this new, advanced technology.

At this time, I decline this screening exam against medical advice.

Patient signature: _____ Date: _____

Please note: While this test is "optional" for some patients as it represents preventive health care, for others the HRT3 exam is "required" because of certain eye conditions that may be present or need to be "ruled out." In this latter case, you may be able to submit your bill for the visual field exam to your major medical insurance company for possible reimbursement.