

# NEW PATIENT INFORMATION

## **EXCELLENCE IN RETINA CARE SINCE 1987**

We want you to be well informed and prepared for your first visit at Retina Consultants of Southern Colorado. At your initial exam, we strive to perform all necessary diagnostic tests and treatment.

Please follow the guidelines below and plan at least 3 hours for your appointment.

## **BE PREPARED**

- ✓ Allow 3-4 hours for your initial visit
- ✓ Both of your eyes will be dilated. Your vision may be blurry, and your eyes may be light sensitive for several hours
- ✓ Bring a driver and sunglasses with you, as dilation may affect your vision.
- ✓ Your first visit will include: A detailed history, comprehensive eye and retinal examination, additional diagnostic testing, discussion of your diagnosis and treatment plan with your doctor, and initial treatment if needed
- ✓ We are happy to include family members in the discussion of your condition, and we will keep your referring doctor informed of our findings

# **WHAT TO BRING**

- √ Valid picture ID, current insurance card and specialist copayment as noted on your insurance card
- ✓ A driver to assist you home
- ✓ Your current eyeglasses
- ✓ Medical history, list of all your medications (including vitamins and eye drops), and the name of your eye doctor and your primary care medical doctor
- ✓ A snack (especially if you are diabetic)
- ✓ Optional: New patient paperwork is available on our website (coloradoretina.com) and can be filled out prior to your visit to save time; if you prefer to fill out at our office, please arrive 15 minutes early



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## **TESTING**

- Optical Coherence Tomography (OCT) A non-invasive, light-based diagnostic imaging technology which can obtain high-resolution cross-sectional or tomographic imaging of the retina.
- Fundus photo is a digital picture of the back of the eye. This test takes seconds to do and provides your physician with a wide angle view of your retina.
- Fluorescein Angiography (FA) In this procedure, a small amount of organic dye (Sodium Fluorescein) is injected into a vein in the arm. Diagnostic photographs are taken as the dye passes through the retinal vessels of the eye. This test can be extremely valuable in evaluating macular problems, vascular disease, and directing laser treatment.

# **INSURANCE**

Retina Consultants of Southern Colorado is committed to providing our patients with cost effective care. We accept most major insurances and will directly bill your insurance carrier. We ask that you verify your benefits and eligibility with your provider before your initial visit. If your insurance provider requires a co-payment for your office visit, please expect to pay that amount in full on the day of your visit.

You are responsible for payment of all services that are not covered by your insurance plan.

Any balance not covered is **due** within 30 days of your scheduled appointment. We accept patients who do not have insurance and are self-pay, with payment plan options available. We also offer complimentary financial counselors to assist you with your payment arrangement needs.

Each treatment plan is unique. Please contact our billing department at 719-473-9595 or email billing@coloradoretina.com with any questions.



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# **LOCATIONS**

Retina Consultants of Southern Colorado continues to grow its network of coverage, accepting new patients from across the United States. We have 3 service locations in the Colorado Springs and Pueblo areas. Our central location is integrated with an ambulatory surgery center to facilitate immediate care for patients with surgical emergencies.

# **CENTRAL COLORADO SPRINGS**

2770 N Union Blvd, Suite 140 Colorado Springs, CO 80909

# **NORTH COLORADO SPRINGS**

10035 Pearl Pass View, Suite 110 Colorado Springs, CO 80924

### **PUEBLO**

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