

10 tips promoting eye health for people with dementia



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These helpful tips should support you, your family and carers to feel more confident about getting access to eye care services.

1. Ensure you have a sight test every two years, unless advised otherwise by an optometrist.
2. If you or your family or carer feel a traditional letter chart is unsuitable, don't worry. Optometrists have alternative ways to examine your vision.
3. When arranging appointments tell the optometrist that you or the person you support has dementia.
4. Some optometrists will visit people in their own home.
5. Take a list of medications to eye appointments as some may affect your vision.
6. Advise your optometrist of any recent changes in behaviour which may indicate undetected sight loss such as a disinterest in hobbies, falls or persistent glasses cleaning.
7. Ask your optometrist to recommend the most appropriate glasses for you.
8. Think about the four C's – Correct, Clean, Current and Comfortable glasses.
9. Tell your optometrist if your glasses are uncomfortable.
10. You may be entitled to financial support towards the cost of glasses or a sight test. All sight tests in Scotland are free.

Download further information from our dementia and sight loss leaflet and complete the checklist before your next sight test: rnib.org.uk/aboutdementia

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