GDX EXAM & OPTOMAP INFORMED CONSENT

GDX Nerve Fiber Layer Analysis is the most advanced technology available today for analyzing the health of the optic nerve simply taking a photograph of your eye. Conventional testing methods often do not reveal glaucoma until after some vision loss has already occurred. It allows the Doctor to detect glaucoma and other optic nerve diseases in their earliest stages, before vision is lost. This test is recommended once every three years for patients 18 to 40, and once a year for patients over 40 years of age.

The Optomap exam is fast and comfortable, and is utilized as an alternative to pupil dilation. It is a retinal scan (photography) that allows the doctor to assess the health of the retina, checking for retinal holes, tears, detachments, retinal tumors, diabetic eye disease and other systemic conditions that could previously only be detected through pupil dilation. Since the test does not require a dilated pupil, there are no side effects! Because full assessment of the health of the inside of the eye cannot be determined without the optomap or the dilation, we strongly recommend that patients of all ages choose this test yearly.

Please note: Insurance does not cover the screening of either of these tests. If something is detected on either of the tests, insurance may or may not cover the test and interpretation depending on your police and benefits. Your insurance may or may not cover dilation. Please ask our staff if there are any questions. The individual fees for these tests are $20.00 each. If you choose to have both tests done on the day of your examination, the fee is $35.00.

Please check the appropriate box on the forms page regarding these tests.

Below are a few sample images of our actual patients. The first shows a suspected melanoma, the second a Retinal Detachment and the third a normal retina.