

Your Eye Care is Our Number One Concern

At TLC Eyecare and Laser Centers, we are committed to providing premier eye care service. Our state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment allows early diagnosis of common eye problems such as cataract, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diabetic retinopathy, often before symptoms occur. Our board-certified ophthalmologists and optometrists use the newest technologies and treatments available in the United States today, allowing us to treat eye ailments safely and effectively.

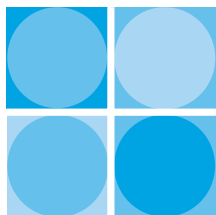
Offering State-of-the-Art Eye Care to Our Patients

Vision is one of the most important of the five senses, and healthy eyes are necessary for good vision. Eye problems can occur at any age, but the chance for developing them increases as we age. Vision problems can affect a person's overall health, causing disability, stress, and a decreased quality of life.

Early detection of eye problems is vital for maintaining healthy eyes. Diagnosing an eye disease in its early stages minimizes its damage and greatly affects the success of treatment. Because many eye ailments have no symptoms until their advanced stages, regular and thorough eye exams with our Affiliate Network of optometrists are necessary throughout your lifetime to help maintain healthy eyes.

We Make it Easy for You To Maintain Healthy Eyes

With several vision centers located throughout Michigan and Ohio, our patients enjoy easy access to quality eye care whenever and wherever they need it. Because TLC Eyecare and Laser Centers have doctors on call twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week, our patients have immediate access to treatment for unforeseen eye injuries and accidents.



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The complications of Diabetes

Diabetes can cause blood vessels in the retina of the eye to break down and bleed, this causes a blood clot and leads to loss of vision. Finding and treating the disease before it causes vision loss or blindness is the best way to control diabetic eye disease. Make sure you have a dilated eye exam by an ophthalmologist at least once a year.

What kinds of eye problems affect people with diabetes?

• Diabetic retinopathy

Diabetic retinopathy is the most common eye disease associated with diabetes and it is one of the leading causes of blindness among Americans. Blood sugar can get too high which can damage the blood vessels in your retina. This damage is known as diabetic retinopathy. The retina is a layer of light-sensing cells lining the back of your eye. As light rays enter your eye, the retina converts the rays into signals, which are sent through the optic nerve to your brain where they are recognized as images. The macula is the central portion of the retina responsible for clear, detailed vision which is needed for activities such as reading and driving.

• Cataracts

Cataracts are the clouding of the lens of the eyes that causes vision to become blurry. If you have diabetes you are twice as likely to develop a cataract than those without the disease.

• Glaucoma

Glaucoma is a disease of the optic nerve, the part of the eye that carries the images we see to the brain. When damage to the optic nerve fibers occurs, blind spots develop. If the entire nerve is destroyed blindness results.

How can diabetic eye disease be prevented?

If you have diabetes you should:

- Monitor your blood pressure.
- Control blood sugar as much as possible.
- Do not smoke.
- Control Blood Cholesterol.
- Maintain a healthy weight.
- Get regular physical activity.
- Take medications as prescribed by your doctor.
- Have a dilated eye exam at least once a year.

