Stable monitoring clinic: Patient information

Glaucoma screening service

What is the glaucoma screening service?
Your general practitioner (GP) and/or optometrist has referred you to have your eyes examined to assess whether you might have a condition called glaucoma. Glaucoma is a condition that affects the nerve at the back of the eye and, if left untreated, can lead to irreversible sight loss.

How does the glaucoma screening service work?
The service is run at Moorfields by two specialist trained ophthalmic technicians. You will not see a doctor on the day, but you will have several eye tests including:

- Tonometry: an eye pressure check
- Visual fields: a test to evaluate whether there is any sight loss affecting your side vision
- Digital imaging: two specialist instruments will be used to give a detailed assessment of the appearance of the optic nerve at the back of your eye

The results of all of the tests will be reviewed by a consultant eye doctor at a later date. Once your results have been reviewed, we will send you a letter explaining the outcome, which will be copied to your GP. Depending on the test results, you might be given an appointment at Moorfields for further assessments, or be discharged back to your local optician for yearly check-ups.

What do I need to bring with me on the day?
We would be grateful if you could bring with you to your screening appointment:

- A copy of a list of any medications you are taking
- A copy of a list of any eye drops you are taking

These will be kept in your hospital notes. In addition, please bring your most recent spectacle prescription or most recent distance and reading glasses.
How long is the screening appointment?
We aim to finish all your tests in one hour.

Do I need to bring someone with me?
We will not use any eye drops that will affect your vision on the day, so there is no need for you to bring someone with you on the day.

Your comments
Your views on the service are important to us. At the end of the assessment, we will provide you with a feedback form so that you can let us know what you think of the service, to improve it for others in the future.

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Patient advice and liaison service (PALS)
Phone: 020 7566 2324 or 020 7566 2325
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Moorfields' PALS team provides confidential advice and support to help you sort out any concerns you may have about the care we provide, guiding you through the different services available at Moorfields. The PALS team can also advise you on how to make a complaint.

Your right to treatment within 18 weeks
Under the NHS constitution, all patients have the right to start their consultant-led treatment within 18 weeks of being referred by their GP. Moorfields is committed to fulfilling this right, but if you feel that we have failed to do so, please contact our patient advice and liaison service (PALS) who will be able to advise you further – see above for contact details. For more information about your rights under the NHS constitution, please visit www.nhs.uk/choiceinthenhs.