

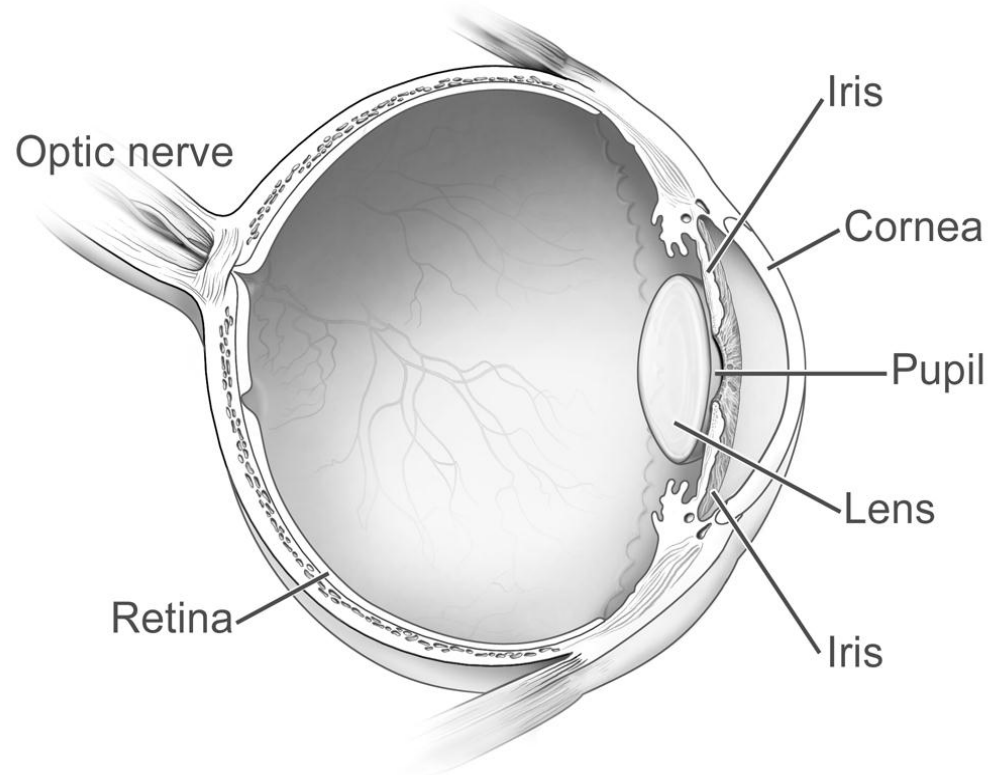
Glaucoma can take your sight away.

Keep Vision in Your Future.



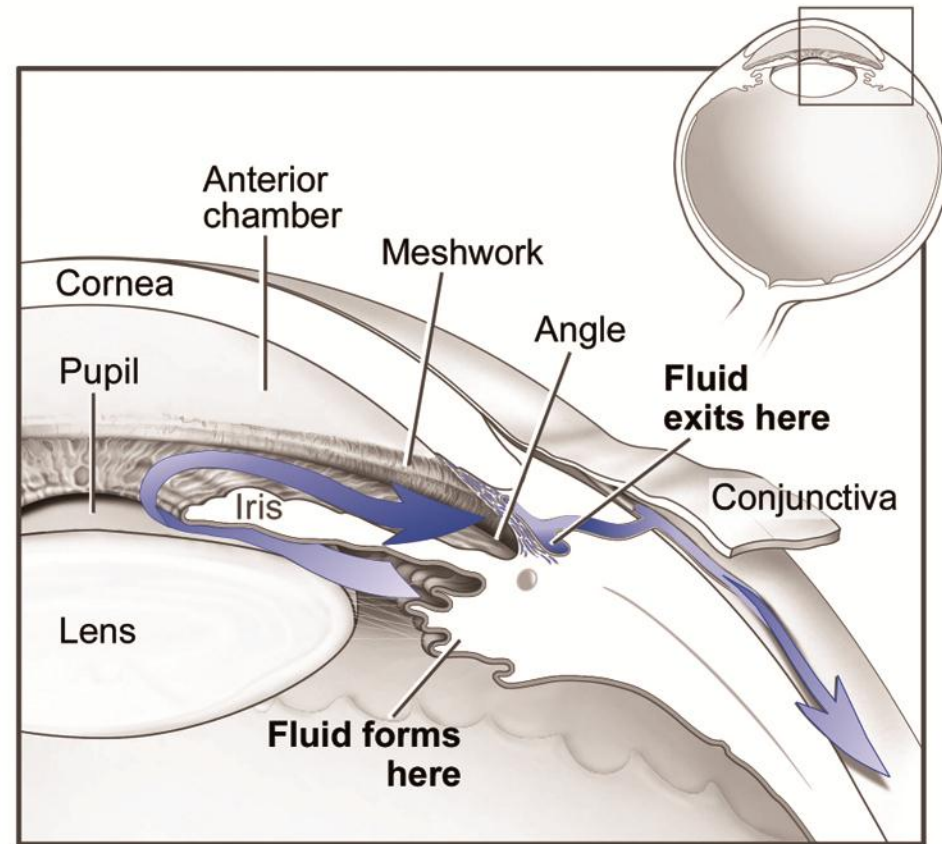
What is glaucoma?

- Classified as a group of diseases.
- Damages the optic nerve.
- Can cause permanent vision loss if left untreated.



What causes glaucoma?

- Slow fluid drainage.
- Pressure builds up and damages the optic nerve.
- Optic nerve damage can occur at different pressure levels for different people.



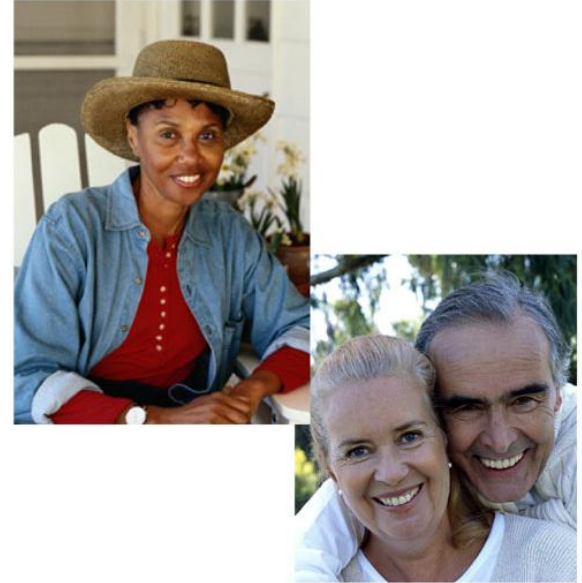
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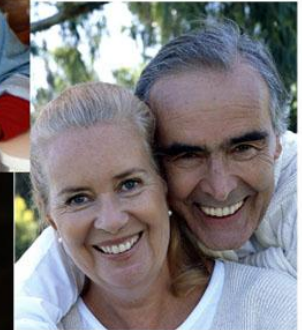
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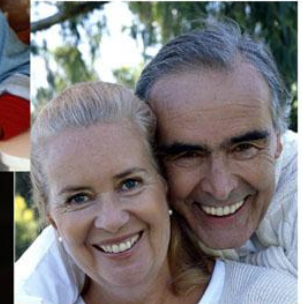
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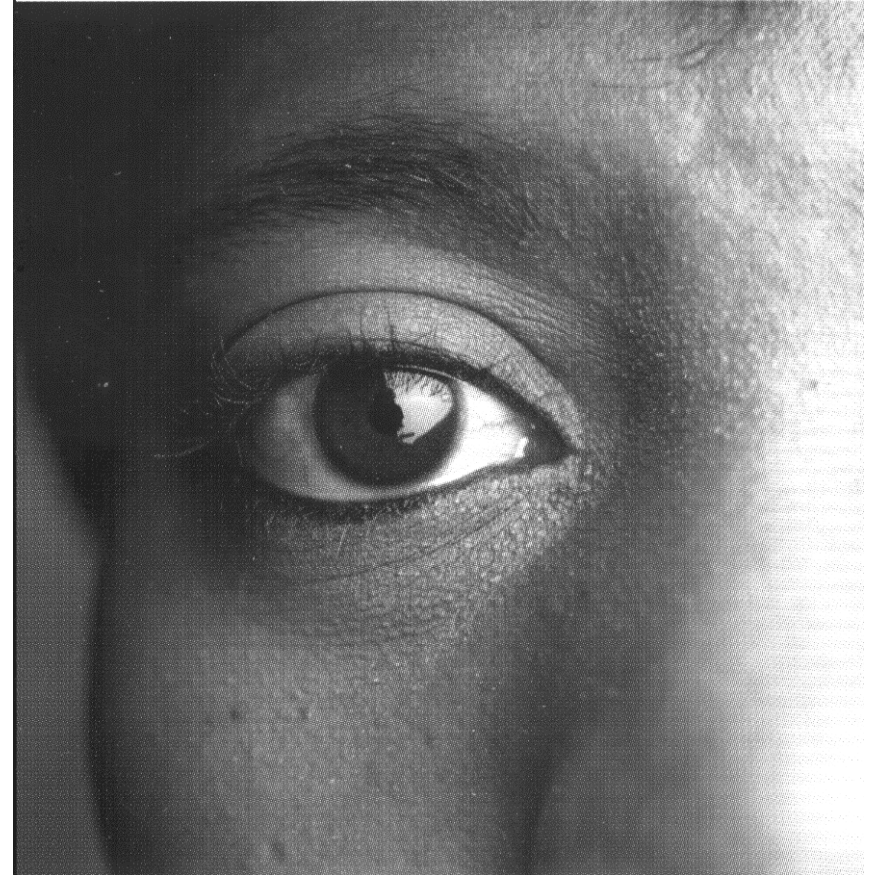
Who is at higher risk?

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- People with a family history of the disease.

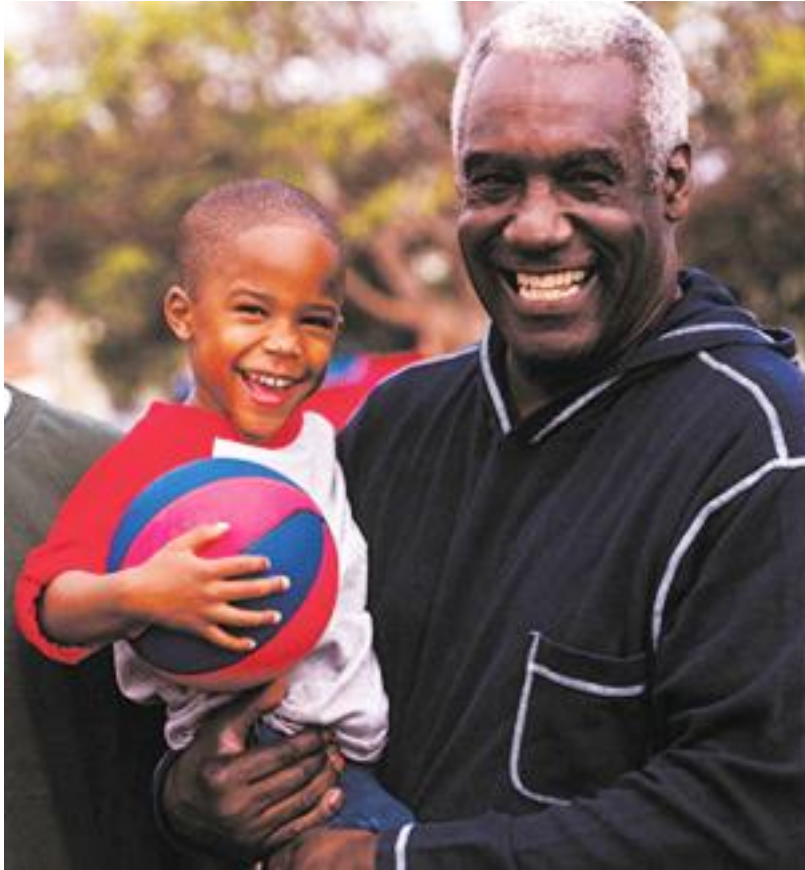


What are the symptoms?

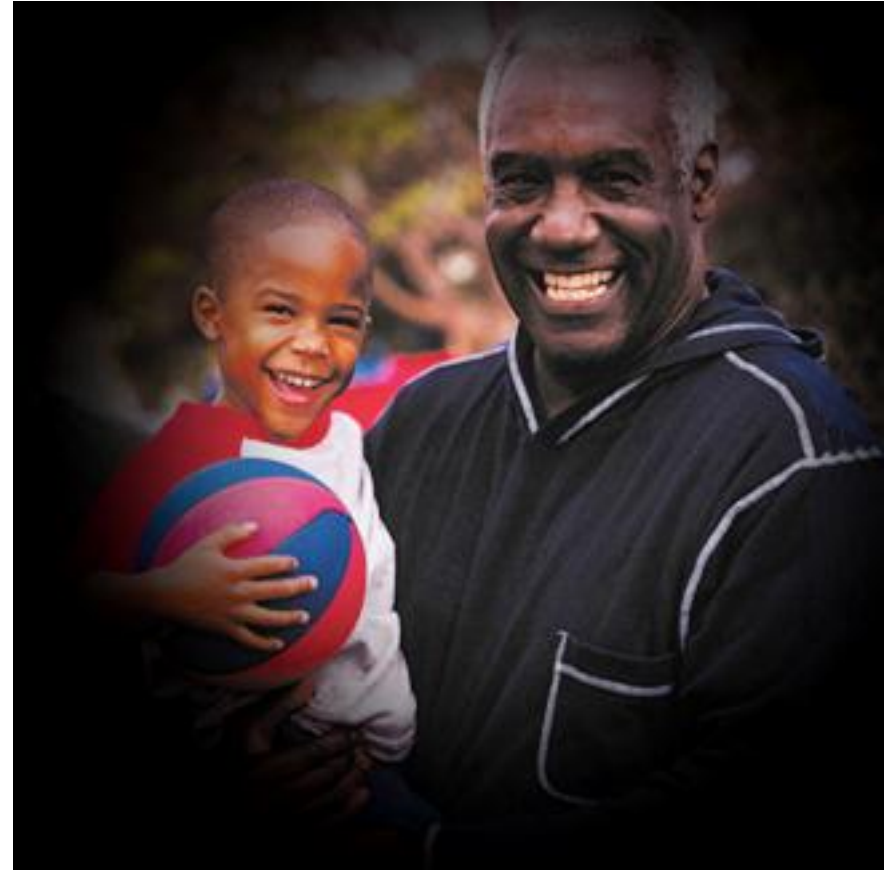
- At first, there are none.
- As glaucoma progresses, side vision fails.
- Field of vision narrows as glaucoma worsens.



What does vision with glaucoma look like?



Normal Vision



Vision with Glaucoma

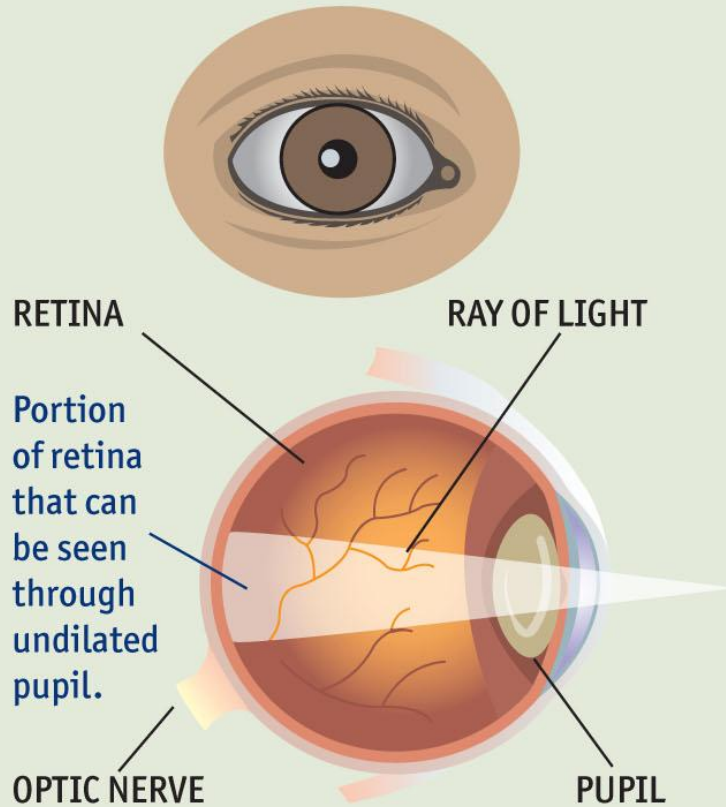
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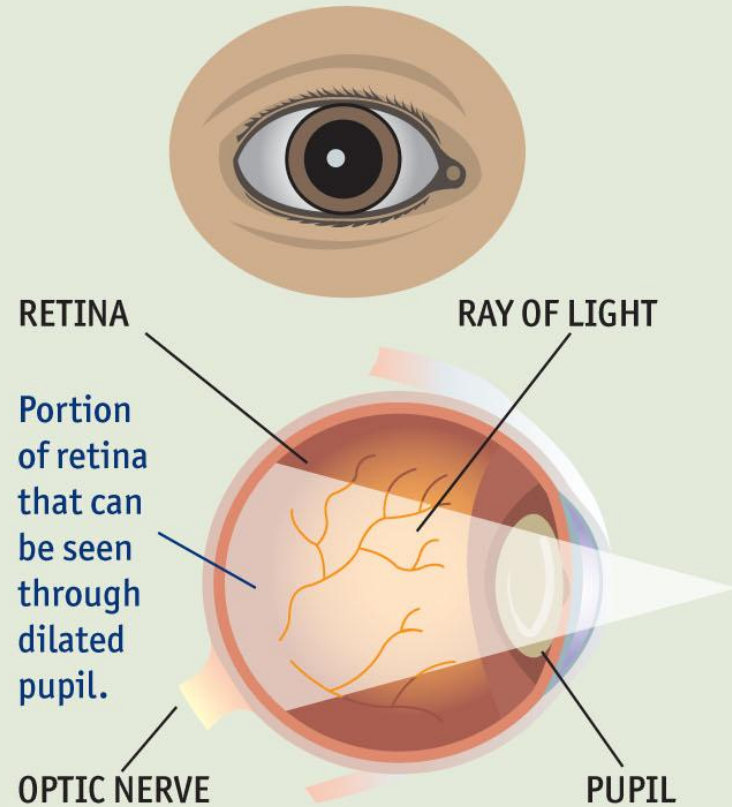
Glaucoma can be detected through a comprehensive dilated eye exam.

How is glaucoma detected?

UNDILATED PUPIL



DILATED PUPIL



How is glaucoma treated?

- Medications
- Surgery
 - Laser
 - Conventional



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What can you do to protect your vision?

- See your eye care professional.
- If eligible, use Medicare.
- Get a dilated eye exam every one to two years.



How can you help family and friends?

- Spread the word!
- Encourage others to get dilated eye exams.
- Visit the National Eye Institute Website at <http://www.nei.nih.gov/glaucoma>



What should you remember?

- Glaucoma has no warning signs.
- Glaucoma can cause permanent vision loss.
- Early detection and treatment can protect your vision.
- Get a dilated eye exam.



Where can you get more information?



<http://www.nei.nih.gov/glaucoma>