

Because evaluation of the inside of your eyes – the retina – is an essential part of every comprehensive eye examination, dilation of the pupils is usually necessary. An undilated retinal exam compromises the ability to see the entire retina. Pupil dilation, however, creates many inconveniences for you, including the inability to see clearly and the need to use sunglasses for many hours after the exam. It is not possible for your optometric physician to predict how much your vision will be affected. Because driving may be difficult for a few hours after having your eyes dilated, it is best that you either make arrangements not to drive yourself, or exercise great caution if you are driving.

The dilating drops may trigger adverse reactions, such as acute angle-closure glaucoma, and hypersensitivity. This is extremely rare and treatable with immediate medical attention.

In 2003, Broadway Vision Source therefore acquired a new retinal imaging technology, which enables us to perform retinal evaluation thoroughly and efficiently, in most cases without the need for pupil dilation. It is fast, safe, and comfortable.

This technology – called Optomap – enables us to better detect any problems and also permits us to photodocument (the creation of a permanent photographic record) your retinal image for future medical reference. Optomap has now become a standard within the ophthalmic industry.

We strongly recommend having an Optomap performed – or having your pupils dilated - for all patients, of all ages, during each comprehensive eye examination. However, because vision insurance does not cover advanced screening procedures such as Optomap, this is an out-of-pocket expense. This additional fee is \$39.00.

Please indicate below whether you would like to have an Optomap performed for your exam today. If you have any concerns or questions regarding this, you may leave this blank and discuss this with Dr. Matsunami or Nakatsu.

I elect to have an Optomap of my retina

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

