

A step-by-step approach

Having an eye scan is simple and painless, just follow the steps below to bring about peace of mind.

Step 1

Book an appointment with your optometrist

Step 2

The optometrist will scan your eyes using the state-of-the-art 3D OCT camera from Topcon

Step 3

The high resolution 3D images are examined by the optometrist using specialist built-in analysis tools

Step 4

The results are presented to you

Step 5

Any future scans can be compared with previous ones for comparative diagnosis



OCT screening will safeguard your eye health

The health of your eyes matters to you and it matters to us too, which is why we are offering OCT to all our patients.

OCT is a new, completely painless and highly advanced screening system that checks for potentially serious conditions such as glaucoma, diabetes, age-related macular degeneration, vitreous detachments and more.

Why not book your OCT scan appointment today

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Why do I need an OCT scan?

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Seeing
beneath
the surface is essential
...to the health of
your eyes

OCT scanning can help diagnose potentially serious conditions that can affect your eyesight and your overall well-being.

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What is OCT?

Similar to the scans a radiologist takes in hospital, Optical Coherence Tomography is a harmless light scan of the most sophisticated layer in the human body, the Retina.

We now have the next generation of OCT technology called swept source which gives us visualisation of the deepest parts of the eye, never seen before.

The Scientific Stuff!

Using 3D imaging software the Optometrist can take a detailed scan of your eyes, this can help to discover early damage before it effects you. The ultimate treatment for all sight threatening disease is of course prevention, early action and continued monitoring which is why having OCT scanning should form the part on any modern day visual assessment.

What does OCT cost?

Sadly the NHS does not fund the OCT scan so we do have to make an additional charge, we keep this as low as possible. The benefits are obvious and you can enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing that your eyes are in great condition.

What can the scan check for?

Common conditions identified through regular OCT screening include:

1. Age-related macular degeneration

Macular degeneration causes the gradual breakdown of the macular (the central portion of the eye). OCT can identify this condition and its type (there are two types, wet and dry) and also monitor its progress, for example if you are undergoing treatment for such a condition. Unfortunately the risk of developing macular degeneration increases with age, and it is the most common cause of vision loss in individuals over the age of fifty.

2. Diabetes

Diabetic retinopathy is a major cause of visual impairment among adults. Here in the UK, more than two million people have been identified as having diabetes. OCT examination enables early detection, which greatly improves the success rate of treatment.

3. Glaucoma

Glaucoma damages the optic nerve at the point where it leaves the eye. Recent statistics suggest that some form of glaucoma affects around two in every 100 people over the age of 40. The danger with chronic glaucoma is that there is no pain and your eyesight will seem to be unchanged, but your vision is being damaged. An OCT examination will confirm if you are at risk, or indeed what stage of glaucoma you may have.

4. Macular Holes

A macular hole is a small hole in the macular – the part of the retina which is responsible for our sharp, detailed, central vision. This is the vision we use when we are looking directly at things, when reading, sewing or using a computer. There are many causes of macular holes. One is caused by vitreous detachment, when the vitreous pulls away from the back of the eye and sometimes it does not 'let go' and eventually tears the retina, leaving a hole. Extreme exposure to sunlight (for example staring at the sun during an eclipse) can also cause a macular hole to develop.

5. Vitreous Detachments

Vitreomacular traction can clearly be diagnosed through OCT providing invaluable information about the current relationship between the vitreous and the retinal surface of the eye. As people get older the vitreous jelly that takes up the space in our eyeball can change. It can become less firm and can move away from the back of the eye towards the centre, in some cases parts do not detach and cause 'pulling' of the retinal surface. The danger of a vitreous detachment is that there is no pain and your eyesight will seem unchanged but the back of your eye may be being damaged.

