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What is Amblyopia?

Amblyopia is the medical term used when the vision in one of the eyes is reduced because the eye and the brain are not working together properly. The eye itself looks normal, but it is not being used normally because the brain is favoring the other eye. It is the leading cause of blindness in a single eye among children and younger adults. Early detection improves treatment success.

**Recommended by the American Academy of Pediatrics
(and California Pediatrics, too!)**

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends **photo-ocular screening** for early detection of amblyopia risk factors:

- Myopia (nearsightedness)
- Hyperopia (farsightedness)
- Astigmatism (blurred vision)
- Anisometropia (unequal refractive power)
- Strabismus (eye misalignment)
- Anisocoria (unequal pupil size)

The Device

At California Pediatrics, we believe in providing state-of-the-art vision screening with the Welch Allyn Spot Vision Screener, which is a hand-held, portable device designed to help quickly and easily detect vision issues on patients from six months of age through adult. If a problem is detected, your child may be referred to an Ophthalmologist for further testing.

Insurance

Although the photo-ocular screen is recommended by California Pediatrics and the AAP, some insurance companies do not cover the cost of the screening.

Please Choose One	
Yes!	No, thanks!
<p>I would like my child's vision to be tested using the photo ocular screener (as young as 6 months old).</p> <p><i>I understand that I will be responsible for the cost of the vision screen if my insurance does not cover it.</i></p>	<p>I would prefer that my child's vision be screened using a Snellen chart (3 years old)</p>

Name		Relationship to Patient	
Signature		Date	