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## How to Find an Eye Care Professional<sup>1</sup>

Finding an eye care professional (ECP) for yourself or for your family can be a simple process. The easiest method would be to ... ask around:<sup>1</sup>

- Ask family members and friends who they use
- Ask your family doctor for a recommendation
- Ask your insurance company to provide a list of ECPs covered in your plan
- Contact a state or national association of ophthalmologists or optometrists, which may have a list of ECPs in your area
- Get online to research and look up ECPs in your area

For some people though, finding an ECP can be a more difficult process. Alcon believes everyone deserves access to quality eye care regardless of economic status or where they live in the world.

If you can't afford a routine eye exam, prescriptions or other eye health needs, many national resources often provide financial aid or free eye care to people who otherwise cannot afford it.

This is often done through patient assistance programs, community eye care clinics and similar types of programs. You may also contact a social worker at a local hospital or community agency. Social workers are often knowledgeable about community resources available to help people facing financial and medical problems.

In the U.S., Alcon has a patient assistance program, Alcon Cares, Inc., to help individuals, clinics and hospitals gain access to eye care and medicines they need. To learn more or find out if you qualify, visit [www.alcon.com/corporate-responsibility/patient-assistance-programs.aspx](http://www.alcon.com/corporate-responsibility/patient-assistance-programs.aspx).

1. National Eye Institute, *Finding an Eye Care Professional*. <http://www.nei.nih.gov/health/findprofessional.asp> [accessed June 12, 2014]



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