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Questions to Ask an Eye Care Professional

During your first, or next, appointment with your eye care professional (ECP), it's important to be prepared. It's also important to remember that your ECP is there to help you. The following are introductory questions you can ask to engage a solid dialogue with your ECP and help ensure you stay informed about your eye health.

Basic Questions

- Can you explain the tests I will be undergoing during today's examination?
- What do you expect to find out from these tests and when will I know the results?
- What is the cause of my vision loss or poor vision (i.e. nearsightedness, farsightedness, astigmatism, etc.)?
- What is my visual acuity?
- How is my peripheral or side vision?
- What do the numbers on my prescription mean?
- What are my vision correction options and the advantages for each?
- Based on my age, what symptoms should I watch out for in order to preserve healthy vision?

If Diagnosed with an Eye Condition

- What is my diagnosis?
- What caused my condition?
- Do you have any educational materials I can take home with me to learn more about my condition?
- Are there treatments for my eye condition?
- Should I expect to experience any vision loss as a result of my condition?
- If my condition can progress, what symptoms should I watch out for?

If Treatment is Required After Diagnosis

- What are my treatment options?
- When will my treatment begin and how long will it last?
- What are the benefits of this treatment and what are the success rates?
- What are the risks and possible side effects associated with this treatment?



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