

Tuesday, April 22, 2014

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Dear Mr. Mitchell:

The purpose of this letter is to emphasize the importance of performing visual field testing in a Primary Care facility. I have been involved in visual field screening projects related to evaluation of the general population, indigent people, testing of individuals with limited access to health care, and remote locations in India and Nepal. I have published these results in various ophthalmic journals. I believe that there are several important reasons for performing visual field screening: (1) Peripheral vision loss is often the first early sign of ocular and neurologic diseases such as glaucoma, other optic neuropathies, retinal dysfunction and damage to the higher visual pathways. (2) The pattern and shape of visual field loss is useful for determining the site of the problem along the visual pathways. (3) The integrity of the visual field is important for navigation, avoiding falls, and driving. (4) People are often not aware of peripheral vision loss, particularly if the progression is gradual.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you would like any further information.

Sincerely,



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