

## South Tampa Eyecare Welcomes You to Our Office

As a new patient to our practice, we would like to offer a warm welcome and our thanks for choosing us to provide your eye health and vision care. In order for us to establish your file, and provide the most beneficial use of your time with us, the doctor has asked you to complete the following tasks and bring the results to your appointment. The doctor needs this in order to give you the best care possible.

**Completed Patient History Form:** This diagnostic information includes personal and family information needed to establish your file, as well as your current eye health and vision status. Your responses will guide our doctor and staff and remind us to address any significant issues during your visit.

**Completed Medical and Eye Health History:** Since many general health conditions may be associated with visual symptoms and/or eye health problems, this important record (now required by state health boards and virtually any medical and optical insurance plans) will allow us to care for you as a “whole person” rather than just a pair of eyes. This form includes a complete list of prescription and non-prescription medication, which may be brought as a separate list for us to photocopy if you prefer.

**Eyeglasses:** Please bring ALL pairs of eyeglasses you currently use, including prescription or non-prescription reading glasses, sunglasses, etc. We have instruments to compare the optical power of your old lenses with your new exam findings, thus enabling us to determine and explain how your vision has changed over time. We can also evaluate the condition and fit of your current eyewear.

**Contact Lenses:** It is best to wear your current contact lenses to your appointment if possible. If you wear disposable lenses, it is very helpful if you bring along your cartons or lens packets that indicate the lens series, power, manufacturer, etc. Please also complete the contact lens evaluation form found on this website.

**Eye drops, ointments, etc:** Please place any eye drops or ointments (non-prescription or prescription) that you use (even if just occasionally) in a small bag and bring it along with you. The doctor will review whether these are still appropriate and whether there may be better options that are now available.

**Retinal Imaging & Visual Field Analyzer:** Our office is equipped with retinal imaging & visual field instruments and the doctor strongly recommends a screening which is performed at the time of the eye examination. Please review this form, also available on this webpage.

**Dilation Explained:** The doctor may need to use drops to dilate your eyes in order to fully evaluate their internal health. This has the effect of increasing sensitivity to light and causing “fuzzy” vision at near for several hours. Therefore, if you want new eyewear or feel you may need to select eyewear, please come in 15 to 20 minutes before your appointment time in order to look at our frame selection.