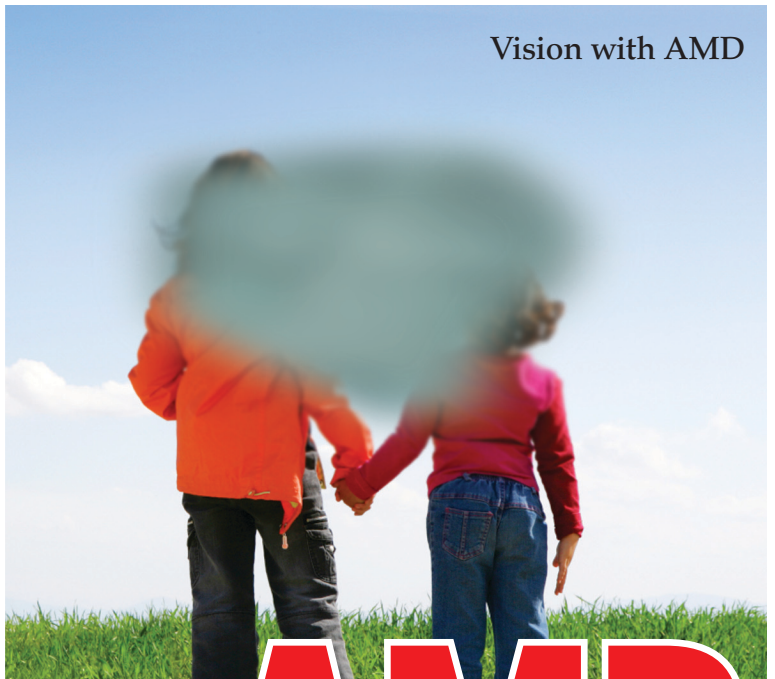


Normal Vision



Vision with AMD



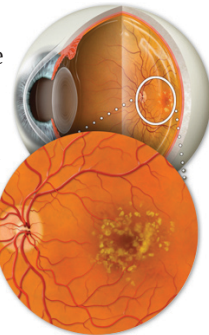
FAQs on AMD

Learn More About The #1 Cause of Blindness in Adults 60+

What is AMD? AMD stands for Age-related Macular Degeneration, a disease that breaks down the macula - the light-sensitive portion of the retina that allows you to see fine detail. It blurs the straight-ahead vision required for activities such as reading or driving.

What causes AMD? The causes of AMD are still unknown. One form of AMD (Dry) may be caused by aging and thinning of the macular tissues, pigment deposits in the macula, or a combination of the two. The other form of AMD (Wet), results when new blood vessels grow beneath the retina and leak blood and fluid. This leakage causes retinal cells to die and creates blind spots in central vision.

What are the symptoms of AMD? Early symptoms of AMD include blurred vision or dark spots in the center of vision. The symptoms can appear painlessly and gradually, making early detection and treatment essential.



How can AMD be detected? Early-stage AMD can be detected through a comprehensive eye exam that includes a visual acuity test and dilated eye exam. If AMD is detected, further tests may be required.

Who is at risk for AMD? Risk factors for AMD include: Smoking, High Blood Pressure, Obesity, and Family History of AMD. Caucasians and females are more prone to AMD. Certain prescription drugs may also increase your risk.

Can AMD be cured? There is no cure for AMD at this time. There are, however, certain treatments that can slow or minimize vision loss, and, in some cases, even improve vision.

How is AMD treated? There are several treatment options that your eye doctor may consider, including:

- Vitamins. Research suggests that certain vitamin supplements taken in combination may reduce vision loss in some stages of AMD
- Laser Surgery (Wet AMD)

It is estimated that between 13 and 15 million Americans have evidence of AMD. If you or someone you know is at risk for AMD, schedule a comprehensive eye examination now.