

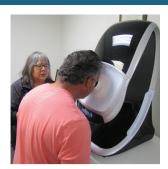
## **Taking Care of Your Eyes** When You Have Diabetes

Mr. Johnson, you're due for an annual diabetic eye exam.



Dr. Smith, my vision is fine. I don't know why I need an eye exam every year.

**Protect your vision: A diabetic eye exam can detect problems early.** High blood sugar or high blood pressure over time can cause damage to the eyes. In some cases, this can lead to vision loss.



Get a diabetic eye exam at least once a year to find and treat eye problems early.



Take care of your blood sugar and blood pressure.



If you notice sudden changes in your vision, talk with your health care provider right away.



"I'm glad I went for my eye exam. Small problems were found that can be treated."



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