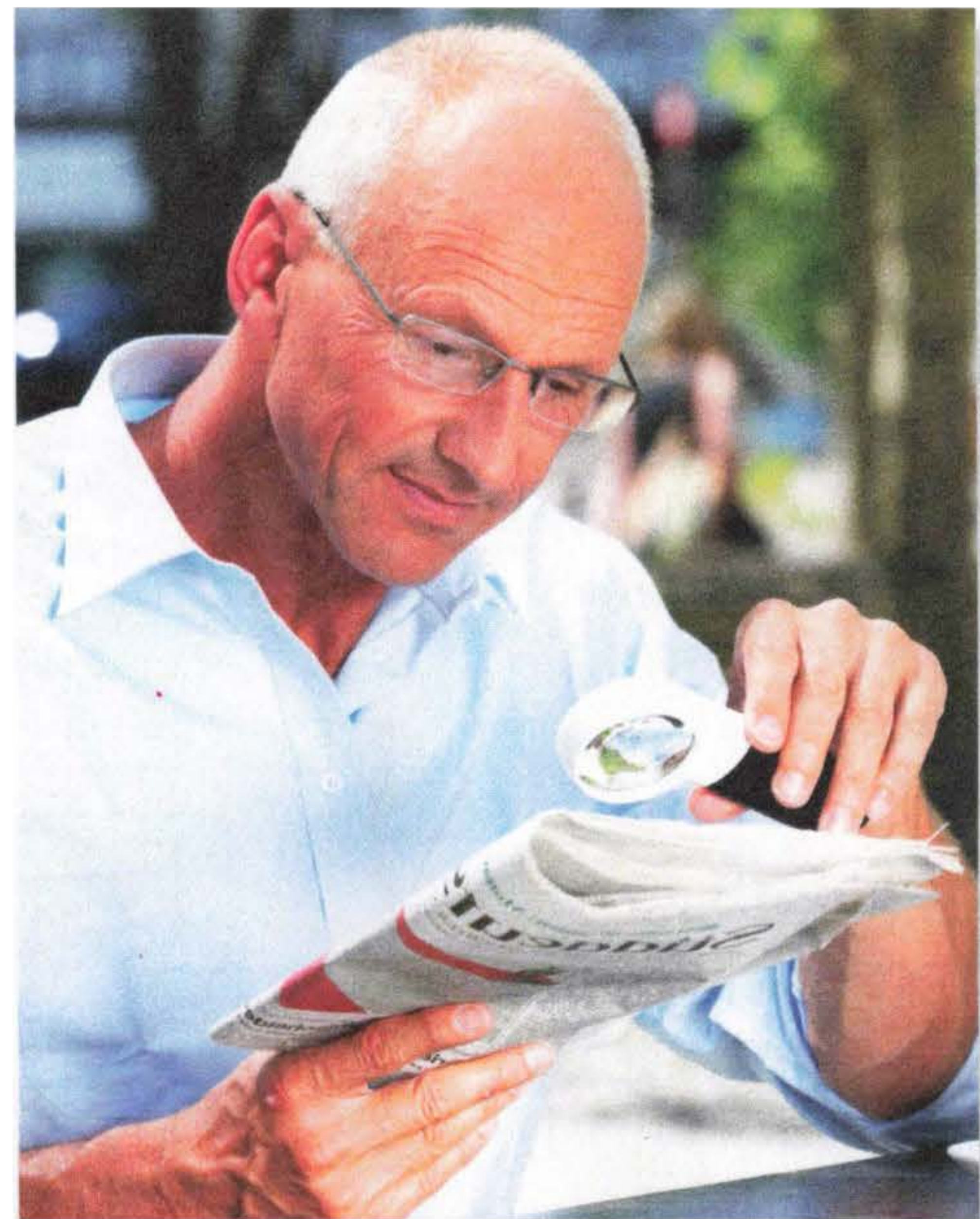


What Can I Expect From the Low Vision Care I Receive?

Typically, low vision care is an ongoing service in which professionals work with visually impaired patients over time to help them meet their visual goals. An initial exam usually takes two hours, but additional follow up visits of one to two hours may be needed so that all of the visual goals are met.

Please note that low vision care will not restore lost sight. Instead, this type of care assists visually impaired patients in maximizing their remaining functional vision.



Do you or someone you know have:
Macular Degeneration
Diabetic Retinopathy
Glaucoma
Retinitis Pigmentosa
Stargardt Disease
Keratoconus

Or do you have difficulty reading small print or text on the TV even with eyeglasses?

Low vision care may be able to help!

This brochure contains information on what low vision is, what types of low vision aids are available and what you can expect from the low vision care you receive.

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What is Low Vision?

Low vision refers to a visual condition that cannot be corrected by conventional eyeglasses, contact lenses or through surgical or medical means. There are a variety of disorders that can cause an individual to develop low vision.

including macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma, or tgenetic retinal or optic nerve diseases.

What are low vision aids?

Low vision aids are special devices that can magnify, contrast enhance, and/or illuminate an optical image in order to improve visual function.

Is low vision common?

Yes! Low vision is among the most common physical impairments for those over the age of 65.

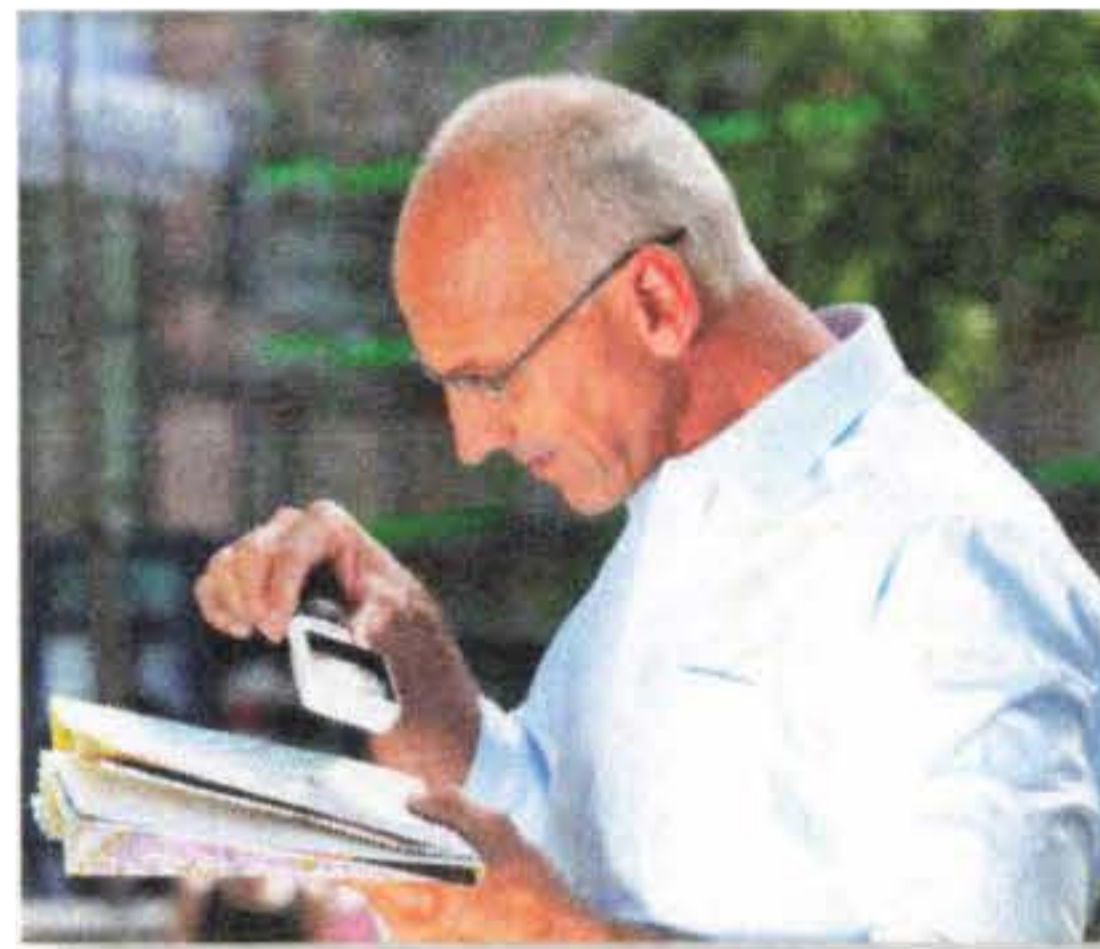
What is low vision care?

Low vision care is the evaluation and management of those who are visually impaired by an eye care or vision rehabilitation professional. The goal of low vision care is to overcome the limiting impact of the vision impairment and help each individual attain their visual goals. These goals may include returning to work, resuming school or career training, or simply reading mail or prescription bottles independently.

TYPES OF LOW VISION AIDS

Hand-Held Magnifiers:

Hand-held magnifiers are used for near spotting tasks such as reading menus, price tags, maps or prescription bottles.



Stand Magnifiers:

Stand magnifiers are used for extended visual tasks such as reading books, newspapers or writing notes.



Spectacle Magnifiers:

Spectacle magnifiers are a hands-free magnification option to read books, letters, or newspapers.



Telescope Vision Aids:

Spectacle-mounted telescopes are used for distance tasks such as watching television or near tasks like sewing or doing crafts.



Absorptive Filters:

Specialized optical filters can reduce glare and improve contrast to improve visual comfort, improve reading performance, and reduce eye strain.



Video Magnifiers:

Electronic magnifiers provide minimal distortion and improve contrast. Desktop, portable, and wearable systems are available.

