

Guideline Clinical Criteria for

Digital Retinal Images

NEW PATIENTS:

- **Baseline** documentation for **all patients** is recommended
- **Smokers** (earlier detection of AMD & vascular changes)
- **Baseline** documentation for all patients with a **family history of glaucoma, macular degeneration, or vision loss**

RETURNING PATIENTS:

- **Any changes from Baseline** - haemorrhages, cupping, drusen, macular changes, etc
- New diagnosis of **diabetes**
- New diagnosis of **hypertension**
- New diagnosis of **glaucoma**
- Recent **stroke**
- Unexplained **headaches**
- Reported **visual disturbances** (transient field defects, blind spots, vertigo, etc)

The fee for Digital Retinal Images (DRI) also includes the storage of the images. If a patient decides not to pay this fee, the images will be deleted and there will be no cost. However the images will then not be available for reference in their future eyecare.

