



In order to help you understand the care we have provided; I have prepared this examination report to address the principal features of your eye health and your vision correction requirements.

DRY EYE SYNDROME

Dry eye syndrome describes a condition where the front of the eye becomes dry. This dryness may result from decreased tear fluid production, increased evaporation of tear fluid, or increased drainage of tear fluid from the eye. The most common symptom is an annoying burning, gritty, or foreign body sensation. These symptoms are often worse in dry environments and climates and later in the day. Occasionally, the dry-eye patient may experience a paradoxical excess or "reflex" tearing caused by the underlying eye-surface irritation.

The cause of dry eye syndrome is most commonly associated with a deficiency in the components of the complex tear film. Both sexes are affected by this common condition. However, women over age 50 with rheumatoid arthritis are most severely affected.

Although this chronic condition may exist as a primary problem, dry eye syndrome can be secondary to the use of certain medications, contact lenses or living, working environments. Special colored surface dyes and a timed tear production test, called a Schirmer test, may be performed to help understand the severity of your condition. Treatment of this condition may include artificial tears, eyelid scrubs, lubricating ointments at bedtime, an artificial tear insert, tear duct occlusion and in rare cases, surgical intervention.

I hope you have found this report interesting and informative. This personalized report has been motivated by my goal to provide excellence in eye care. I look forward to seeing you for your future eye care needs.