Optometry’s Role in Vision Rehabilitation:

- **Primary Eye Care Services**, such as regular comprehensive eye examinations, are an important entry point to VR care and can:
  - Identify symptoms and visual sequelae of vision impairments and brain injuries
  - Educate patients on how vision rehab can address their low vision
  - Refer and connect patients to appropriate VR specialist (ODs, MDs, OTs, PTs, etc.)

- **Vision Rehabilitation Providers** – As eye doctors, optometrists can provide:
  - Low Vision & Neuro-Optometric Evaluations
  - Referrals to appropriate VR specialists
  - Coordination of care among the VR treatment team
  - VR Treatment and supervision of optometric care

The AOA is committed to:

- Building a VR workforce:
  - Educational Resources, such as webinars, manuals, and CE lectures
  - Advocating for increased scope and coverage of VR services & devices
  - Raising awareness among the VR community, policymakers, patients and the public

Vision Rehabilitation Advocacy Network (VRAN)

- 700+ AOA members with an emphasis in Vision Rehabilitation
- Find doctors with VR emphasis using Doctor Locator: [aoa.org/DoctorLocator](http://aoa.org/DoctorLocator)
- Find AOA’s VR resources and join the VRAN at [aoa.org/VR](http://aoa.org/VR) or contact VR@aoa.org

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Neuro-Optometric Rehabilitation for TBIs

Specific Symptoms Caused By TBI:
- Double vision
- Light sensitivity
- Dizziness
- Balance problems
- Visual fatigue
- Reading and concentration problems
- Decreased spatial awareness

Optometric Treatment Modalities
- Lenses, prisms, filters, occlusion
- Coordination and implementation of therapy
- Communications with the rehabilitation team
- Providing treatment plans and information to care givers
- Guiding the patient through the rehab process
- Employing strategies to help with daily living skills

Low Vision Rehabilitation

Specific Aspects besides visual acuity and magnification
- Visual field deficits
- Contrast enhancement
- Possibility of reverse contrast in reading
- Training eccentric viewing
- Recognizing the “balance eye”
- Binocularity & actual reading performance
- Specific lighting and color temperature
- Training by therapists requisite to success

Optometric Treatment Interventions
- Contrast Filters, specific lenses, magnification
- Electronic video aids
- Headborne low vision aids

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