



**Key Questions:**  
***Assessing Need for Eye Care at a Community Health Center***  
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1. All patients

- How are you assuring that your patients are receiving comprehensive eye exams, including dilations, and that a report of their eye exam is received by their PCP?
- How are you assuring that your patients have access to an optical dispensary to fill eyeglass prescriptions and to have eyeglasses replaced, repaired or adjusted?
- Does your pharmacy have all the eye care medications that your patients need?

2. Pediatric Eye care

*Infants/toddlers*

- Is a dilated eye examination being done in this age group as part of routine care?

*School-aged children*

- How are you assuring that your children receive comprehensive vision care to diagnosis vision and eye problems that could affect learning? (such as refractive errors, focusing problems, eye turns, and eye coordination problems)

3. Refractive Errors

- How are you determining if your patients need eyeglasses?
- Do you have a process in place for patients who need glasses to obtain them?

4. Racial Disparities

- Are you referring at risk individuals for annual eye exams, such as African-Americans who have a higher prevalence of glaucoma and Latinos who have a higher prevalence of diabetic retinopathy as compared to Whites?
- How do you track results and need for follow up eye care in high risk patients?

5. Diabetes and Hypertension

- How are you assuring that all patients with diabetes and hypertension have annual dilated eye examinations?
- Are you getting regular reports back on findings both negative and positive?
- How do you track results and need for follow up eye care in high risk patients?

6. Chronic Eye Problems

- If patients are diagnosed with chronic eye conditions (e.g. dry eye, glaucoma) needing regular follow up and treatment, how are you assuring this is being done?

7. Low Vision Eye Care

- How are you assuring that elders and those at risk for permanent vision loss are receiving comprehensive and preventive eye services?
- Are you assessing older patients in the area of falls prevention and providing them with falls prevention education?