

Virginia Pediatric Eye Center

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CONSENT FOR DILATING EYE DROPS

Dilating drops enlarge the pupils of the eye to allow for the examination of the inside of your or your child's eye. These drops usually cause blurred vision. The length of time that vision will be blurred and the degree of eyesight impairment varies from person to person. This may impair near and distance vision activities. It is not possible for your ophthalmologist to predict how much or how long your vision will be affected.

Driving even in low-light conditions may be difficult or impossible after an examination with dilating drops, and, if possible, you should not drive yourself afterwards. Instead, we strongly suggest you make alternative arrangements for transportation after your examination. If you do choose to drive yourself, you acknowledge that you understand the risks and accept full responsibility for any injuries to yourself or others. Also, we strongly suggest you use sunglasses to reduce your increased sensitivity to light while driving.

Adverse reaction, such as acute angle-closure glaucoma, may be triggered from the dilating drops. This is extremely rare and treatable with immediate medical attention.

I hereby authorize Dr. Crouch, and/or his associates, nurses or other assistants to administer dilating eye drops during the course of your or your family member's treatment. You understand that these eye drops are necessary to perform a complete eye exam and diagnose medical conditions. Dilating drops are also necessary to accurately measure children's refractive errors. You further understand and acknowledge that you have been warned of the potential risks that dilating eye drops may have on the ability to drive and will take appropriate steps to reduce this risk by not driving immediately after your eyes have been dilated or by wearing sunglasses while driving.

Patient (or patient's authorized representative)

Date

Witness

Date

