



The Vision Vitals Foundation is a new 501(c)(3), public charity formed to address the growing prevalence of age-related eye disease within the United States. This foundation uses specially equipped mobile eye screening units to perform free vision screenings for diseases such as glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration and cataracts.

Vision screenings have proven to be a valuable adjunct to an in-office vision evaluation. They serve as an entry level investigative procedure where the goal is to identify individuals in need of referral for a comprehensive examination.

Vision Vitals focuses its efforts on underserved and underinsured groups where access to care is often limited. The elderly and minority populations are disproportionately represented in these groups. Minority groups in particular are hard hit as they have a greater incidence for most age-related eye diseases. For example, African-Americans have a five times greater risk for glaucoma than Caucasians. Hispanics and Native Americans over 40 with diabetes have a 50% and 70 % rate respectively for retinopathy compared with 27% for Caucasians.

Each mobile eye screening unit is self contained requiring no outside support. As such, it can go anywhere from inner city neighborhoods to rural communities. Screenings are supervised by either a licensed optometrist or ophthalmologist. Specific tests performed include visual acuity, visual field, intra-ocular pressure and retinal imaging using a state-of-the-art non-mydratic camera. Results are shared with each individual with recommendations for follow-up when necessary. Persons with an inability to pay are informed of local, free referral resources.

The goals of the Foundation are straightforward: breaking down the barriers to care; early disease detection when treatments are less costly and more effective; preserving each person's precious sight!

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