

Ocular Screen



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GoCheck Kids - Phone Screening Tool

- Simple screen to detect common eye conditions
- A failed screen does NOT mean anything is wrong, just further evaluation is needed

What happens with a referral?

- If you receive a referral from Cardinal, we will setup an appointment at a provider that we feel will provide good care
- We send them your records and start the process
- The specialist office should then call you to discuss actual appointment time
- If you do not hear from anyone in 2 weeks, please text us at 304-599-8000 to get an update

What is it?

GoCheck Kids helps detect Myopia (nearsighted), Hyperopia (farsighted), Strabismus (cross eye), and Amblyopia (lazy eye). It can typically detect it before the pediatrician can even see anything! This allows your child to be seen by an eye specialist.

Why do we do this?

- To rule out Amblyopia or “Lazy Eye”
- In Amblyopia, vision is reduced because the eye and brain are not working together
- Affects 3% of children
- We do not want it to affect 1 Cardinal Kid!

How does insurance work? I don't have vision insurance!

- Failing this screen is considered a Medical Condition.
- **Most medical insurances cover a FULL vision exam once per year. Call your insurance company!**
- Please TALK to the pediatric optometrist/ophthalmologist to ensure its billed under medical insurance

I don't see anything wrong with my child and they passed the vision screen!

- We try and catch problems before your child even notices a problem
- Hopefully our screen is just that and your child is fine
- If caught early, most problems can be VERY easily corrected rather than waiting until in school.

What is the difference between an Optometrist and an Ophthalmologist

- Ophthalmologists are trained to perform eye surgery
- Both can perform routine eye exams
- Try to find a Pediatric Optometrist or Ophthalmologist – they are specialized in treating kids
- An optometrist will refer to an ophthalmologist if they see a bigger underlying problem



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Remember we are only a phone call / text away!