

## What is InfantSEE®?

InfantSEE® is a public health initiative of the American Optometric Association designed to complement the routine wellness care that a baby receives from their pediatrician. The purpose of this program is to improve the visual health and well-being of America's children by providing eye and vision care in the first year of life.

## Why InfantSEE®?

The first year of life is one of the most critical stages of human development. Early assessment of eye and vision health can provide for early diagnosis and treatment of certain eye and vision conditions that can act as barriers to normal child development.

## Who are InfantSEE® Volunteers?

InfantSEE® volunteers are all licensed Doctors of Optometry and members of the American Optometric Association.

## What does it cost?

Because eye doctors participating in InfantSEE® are volunteers, the initial vision assessment within the first year of life is provided as a no cost public health service.

Former President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter are National Honorary Chairs of the InfantSEE® program.

## How do I locate an InfantSEE® Doctor?

- Use the Doctor Locator at [www.infantsee.org](http://www.infantsee.org)
- Call Toll Free 888 -396-EYES (3937)

Or,

- Call the University Eye Center and ask to be scheduled for an InfantSEE® assessment in the Pediatrics and Binocular Vision Service.

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## An Eye Care Program Dedicated to Infants in their First Year of Life

*Did you know:*



Vision disorders are the fourth most common disability in the United States?



Vision disorders are the most prevalent handicapping conditions in childhood?



That 1 out of 10 children are at risk from undiagnosed vision problems?

That amblyopia (lazy eye) could possibly be eliminated if all children received routine eye and vision exams?

All children during the first year of life can receive an eye and vision assessment without charge by an eye doctor?

*If you, or someone you know, is the parent of a child in their first year of life you need to know about*

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The first year of life is full of wonder and learning for both a parent and a child. As a parent, you are captivated watching each move your infant makes—her first smile, her first laugh, the first time she recognizes your face and your voice. Your infant is also doing a lot of watching—in fact the use of her eyes is among the most important things she'll do in the first year because her eyes must "learn" to see.



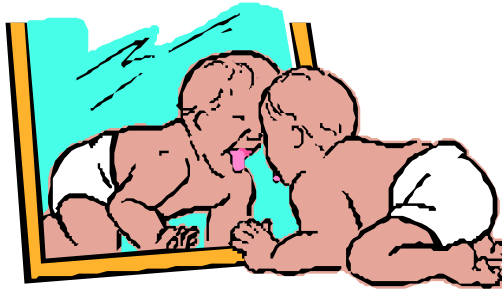
As the first year of life is one of the most critical stages of human development, the American Optometric Association (AOA) recommends that infants receive their first eye assessment at six months.

To encourage a lifetime of healthy vision, AOA Members volunteering for InfantSEE® will provide one-time eye and vision assessments to infants in their first year of life.

Three to four million babies are born every year in the U.S. A significant number of cases of treatable eye conditions will develop. Many of these conditions may not be detected in time for proper management or treatment. The InfantSEE® eye assessment serves as a resource for early detection and treatment for potential eye conditions.

## What can I expect during my infant's eye assessment?

The InfantSEE® eye doctor may use instruments, lenses, and medications during the course of the assessment. The optometrist will encourage your presence and participation during the assessment. The highest priority is your child's health. This means we must and will be flexible and adjust to the needs of your child.



## What should I bring?

Prepare with your infant's comfort in mind. Please bring a pacifier or your infant's bottle. Favorite toys or books are helpful. If you know that your child has a "good" or "bad" time of day, please let the doctor's office know about it when you schedule your appointment.

It is very important for the doctor to learn about your infant's and family's health histories. You will be asked to fill out a history form. The form can be downloaded or mailed to you ahead of time so that you can bring it with you to the appointment. It is important that all risk factors be identified. The health history form will ask the following questions:

*Were there any complications during pregnancy? Was the baby full term or premature?*

*If premature, how early? Were there any complications during delivery? Was oxygen used?*

*What was your baby's birth weight and Apgar score?*

*Have you noticed any abnormalities in expected visual or overall development?*

*Is there a family medical or visual history of related congenital or acquired conditions?*

*Is the baby taking any medications? Do they have any allergies?*

*Is there a history of high fevers or tubes in the ears?*

*How long did mother and baby stay in the hospital?*

