

Taking a Closer Look at

AGE-RELATED MACULAR DEGENERATION

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) destroys the macula, the part of the eye that gives us sharp, central vision. There are two types of AMD: wet and dry. AMD rarely causes complete blindness. However, it can cause legal blindness without proper treatment.

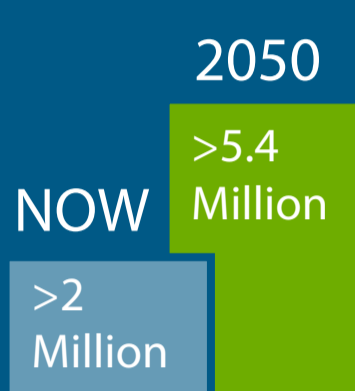


ADVANCED AMD RISK:



PEOPLE AGES 50-59
HAVE A **2% RISK**

THIS GROWS TO **30%**
FOR PEOPLE AGES 75+



PEOPLE AFFECTED BY AMD
EXPECTED TO MORE THAN
DOUBLE BY 2050

AMD IS A LEADING CAUSE OF VISION LOSS IN
AMERICANS AGE 60+

ANNUAL DIRECT MEDICAL COSTS:

~\$575 MILLION

LEADING RISK FACTORS



ALTHOUGH AMD CURRENTLY HAS NO CURE, YOU CAN
HELP PREVENT OR DELAY VISION LOSS:



REGULAR COMPREHENSIVE DILATED
EYE EXAMS ARE CRITICAL

Wet AMD
treatments
stabilize vision
loss in
most and
restore in 40%



The earlier AMD
and other eye
diseases are
detected, the
more treatment
options are available



Vision loss can be scary,
but there's a lot of help out there.

For more information, visit:
agingresearch.org/amd
brightfocus.org/macular

