DRY EYE EVALUATION – INSURANCE COVERAGE

The evaluation and treatment of Dry Eye Disease is covered by most medical insurance plans. Depending on the details of your insurance plan, however, you may be personally responsible for some of the costs. This is especially likely if you have not yet met your annual deductible. **We encourage you to contact your insurance company prior to your visit** to determine your coverage and estimated out-of-pocket costs for the medical visit and following dry eye tests and treatments. We have included the CPT codes for typical testing and potential treatment options to help you make this determination.

Diagnostic Testing

Dry eye evaluations typically include the following tests to help your doctor determine the primary causes and best treatments for your dry eye disease.

Meibography & Tear Film Imaging (CPT 92285)
Live images of the meibomian (oil) glands and tear film to assess gland anatomy and function.

TearLab® (CPT 83861)
Measures the salt content of the tears to determine the level of dryness.

InflammaDry® (CPT 83516)
Assesses the level of dry eye related inflammation in the tears.

Therapies

There are many treatments for dry eye disease, including over-the-counter medications, prescription medications, and in-office treatments. Your doctor will discuss personalized treatment recommendations during your dry eye evaluation visit.

LipiFlow® (CPT 0207T)
In-office treatment that warms and gently massages the eyelids to enhance oil gland function.
Not covered by insurance.

Punctal plugs (CPT 68761; supply code A4263)
Permanent or temporary plugs placed in the region that drains tears off the eyes. Helps keep tears and lubricating drops on the eyes longer. Covered by most insurance plans, but subject to the terms and conditions of your policy.

Amniotic Membrane (CPT 65778)
Temporary device, like a contact lens, which is positioned over the eye to initiate rapid healing of the ocular surface. Covered by most insurance plans, but subject to the terms and conditions of your policy.