



Low Vision Rehabilitation Service

AT INDIANA UNIVERSITY

The inability to perform daily tasks makes life extremely difficult. The Low Vision Rehabilitation Service at Indiana University School of Optometry helps patients regain some independence in doing such activities as:

- * Reading
- * Paying bills
- * Managing household tasks
- * Recognizing faces
- * Driving
- * Returning to Work
- * Classroom Participation



The Evaluation

The low vision evaluation focuses on the functional problems caused by vision loss. The low vision specialist concentrates on your personal vision needs and goals, and determines what devices may help you perform tasks you find difficult to do. Insurances often cover cost.

The low vision evaluation includes:

- * Discussing medical history to find out what areas of vision have been affected.
- * Setting activity-oriented goals.
- * Using special eye charts for more accurate measurements.



- * Education about lighting to make vision as comfortable as possible.
- * Selection, training on use, and care of low vision devices.
- * Information on resources and services available to the visually impaired.
- * Devices available include:
 - * Magnifiers and telescopes
 - * Microscopes
 - * Bioptic telescopes
 - * Prisms
 - * Glare/contrast controlling filters
 - * Special lamps
 - * Electronic reading systems
 - * Head mounted video systems

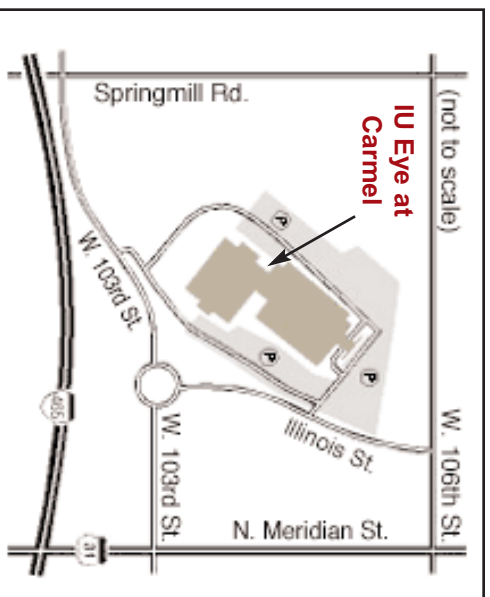
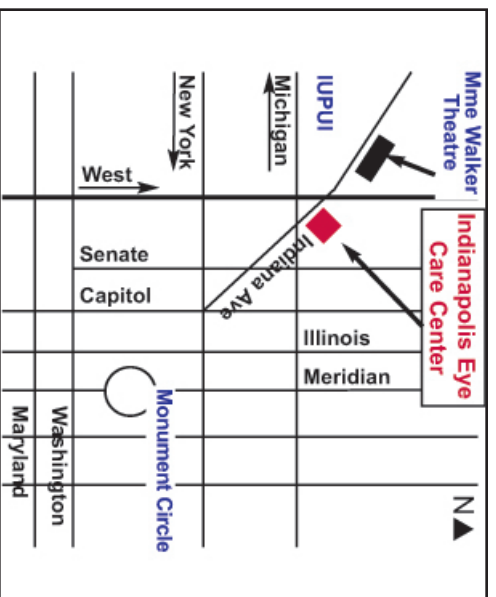
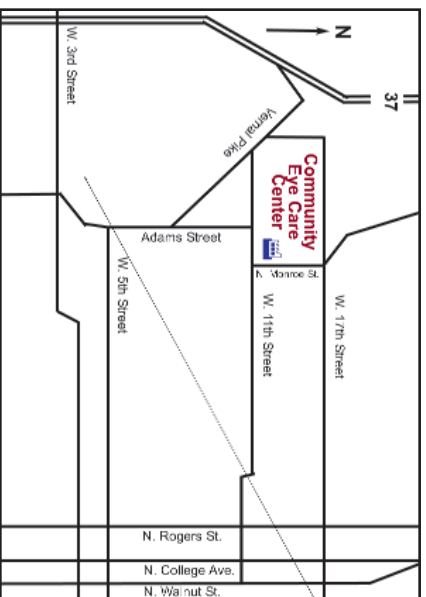
Low Vision Devices

Selection of low vision devices is based on your specific activity goal. It is not unusual to have more than one device to reach all your visual goals.

Some Causes of Low Vision

- Albinism
- Cataract
- Congenital Cataract
- Congenital Nystagmus
- Cone-rod or Rod-cone Dystrophy
- Diabetes
- Glaucoma
- Macular Degeneration
- Myopia
- Retinitis Pigmentosa
- Retinopathy of prematurity
- Oscillopsia
- Optic Atrophy
- Palsy
- Stroke
- Traumatic Brain or Head Injury
- Tumor
- Visual Field defects

We welcome partially sighted children and tailor evaluations toward educational and age-appropriate accommodations.



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In addition to the Low Vision Rehabilitation Service, the IU School of Optometry provides vision services for general vision exams, binocular vision & pediatric service, ocular disease, contact lenses, sports vision and ophthalmology co-management.

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