

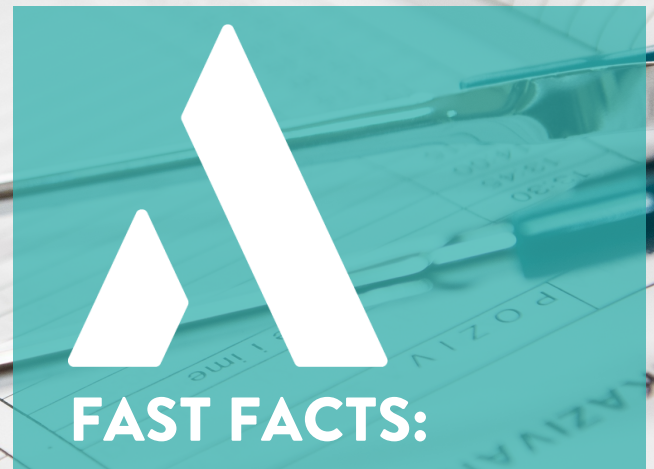
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HEALTH

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National Glaucoma Awareness Month

Glaucoma is called "the sneak thief of sight" since there are no symptoms and once vision is lost, it's permanent. As much as 40% of vision can be lost without a person noticing. Over 3 million Americans have glaucoma. We must raise awareness about the importance of regular eye examinations to preserve vision.

- What is Glaucoma?
 - Glaucoma is a group of eye diseases that gradually steal sight without warning. Although the most common forms primarily affect the middle-aged and the elderly, glaucoma can affect people of all ages.
 - Vision loss is caused by damage to the optic nerve. It is responsible for carrying images from the eye to the brain.
- Regular eye exams are important
 - Vision loss begins with peripheral or side vision. You may not notice anything until significant vision is lost.
 - The best way to protect your sight from glaucoma is to get a comprehensive eye examination
- Risk Factors
 - African, Asian, and Hispanic descent.
 - People over 60
 - Family members of those already diagnosed
 - Diabetics
 - People who are severely nearsighted

