

What is Low Vision?

- Low vision can limit a person's ability to complete every day activities, but allows for some usable vision.
- Low vision is common. It affects 1 in 6 adults over the age of 45. Two-thirds are over 65 years of age.
- The three primary diseases causing low vision are Macular, Degeneration, Diabetic Retinopathy and Glaucoma.
- Low vision is a chronic medical condition.

Take note:

Occupational therapy for low vision does not restore lost sight.

Reimbursement for Occupational Therapy

- An ophthalmologist, primary care physician, or optometrist referral is required.
- Medicare covers occupational therapy.

To make an appointment or for more information please call
319.272.7200

Low Vision Rehabilitation Program



Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare

In Partnership with Schoitz Health Resources

Living With Low Vision

Occupational Therapy: Low Vision Rehabilitation Program

Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare is providing low vision rehabilitation through our outpatient Occupational Therapy department. This program focuses on enabling the person with visual loss to safely and independently complete every day tasks.



Occupational Therapy Can Help

- Identify an area of vision around existing blind spots which maximizes your remaining vision.
- Change activities so that they can be completed with less vision.
- Teach effective use of adaptive equipment and low vision aids such as magnifiers.
- Recommend simple modifications in your home to increase safety and independence

Why is rehabilitation needed?

- Complete every day activities such as grooming and dressing.
- Dial emergency numbers.
- Identify and take medications
- Use the stove and microwave safely.
- Reading and writing tasks such as paying bills and reading the newspaper.