

Macular degeneration

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of blindness and visual impairment in people over the age of 50 years. It is a chronic painless eye disease associated with ageing that causes blurred vision and loss of central vision, but not complete blindness.

Approximately 1 in 7 Australians over 50 have some evidence of AMD. Population-based studies suggest that approximately 1 in 3 people over 80 have early signs of the disease and 1 in 8 people have late-stage disease.

Types of AMD

Stages of AMD

Risk factors

Symptoms of AMD

Treatment

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