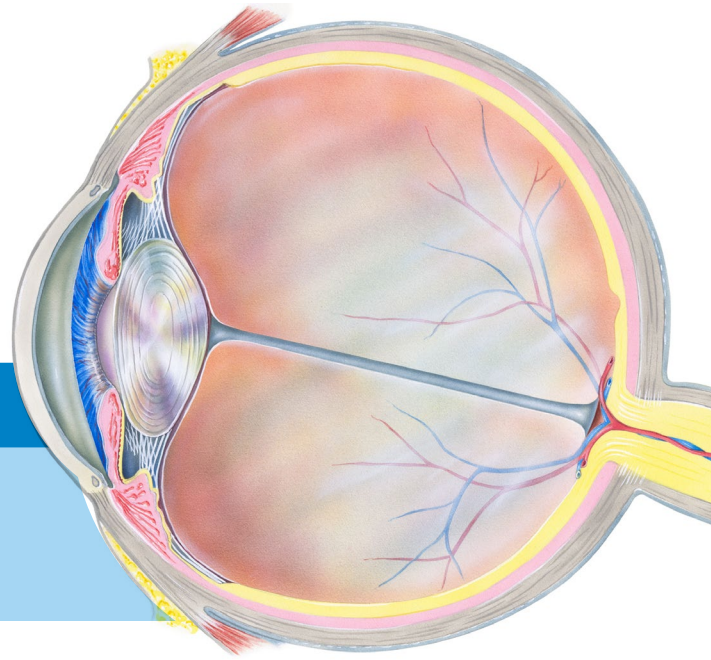


Understanding **DIABETIC RETINOPATHY**



What is diabetic retinopathy?

Diabetic retinopathy causes damage to tiny blood vessels inside the retina. It can lead to vision loss and blindness in diabetic patients.

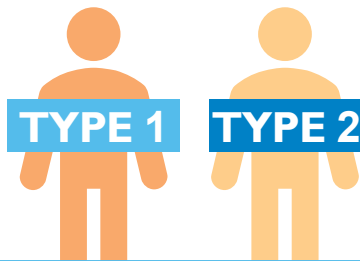
Why should you care?

Diabetic retinopathy **starts with no or mild** vision problems.

There are typically **no symptoms** or pain in early stages.

It is the **leading cause of blindness** in adults ages 20–74.

WHO IS AT RISK?



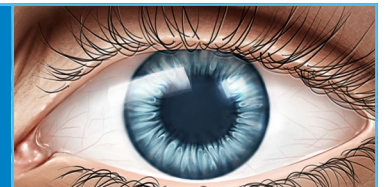
ALL PEOPLE with diabetes are at risk.

Protect your vision.



Get a diabetic eye exam every year.

Early detection and treatment can reduce the risk of severe vision loss **by 95%!**



Contact your doctor immediately

if you have sudden changes in your vision.

Manage your A1C (blood sugar or glucose), blood pressure and cholesterol to help prevent eye diseases and other diabetes problems.

