

Vision Screening Procedure

Refer 3 yr. old's $\geq 10/25$, 4 yr. old's $\geq 10/20$, 5 yr. old's & older $\geq 10/16$

1. Evaluate literacy of the child to determine which chart to use.
2. If child wears glasses/contacts, perform screen with them on.
3. Show chart to child close up, explaining the procedure in detail.
4. Review symbols with child to make sure child is familiar with symbols.
5. Adjust appropriate eye chart with referral line close to the child's eye level.
 - *3 yrs. old: eye level at the 10/25 line (20/50 line on 20 ft. chart)
 - *4 yrs. old: eye level at the 10/20 line (20/40 line on 20 ft. chart)
 - *5 yrs. old & older: eye level at the 10/16 line (20/32 on 20 ft chart)
6. Have child place heels on the 10 or 20 ft. line, depending on chart used and age of child.
7. Give occluder to parent or child (if old enough) and have them practice by placing it over their eye, demonstrate correct placement. Be sure the eye is covered.
8. Examiner stand by the chart.
9. Examine the right eye first by covering the left eye.
10. Watch the child to make sure that the left eye is completely covered with the occluder.
11. Point to the letters/symbols the child is to identify, being careful not to touch or cover the figure.
12. For 3 yrs. old, start at 10/32 , 4 yrs. old start at 10/25, and 5 yrs. & older start at 10/20 or 20/40 (on 20 ft chart).
13. When the child responds, acknowledge their efforts with "good", "right", etc. each time even if child is incorrect.
14. To pass a line, the child must correctly identify more than half the figures on the line without squinting.
15. Record the smallest line of figures the child can identify for the right eye.
16. Repeat above procedure for the left eye by covering the right eye and record results.
17. Repeat above procedure with both eyes uncovered and record results.
18. Any child who has not passed the vision screening should be referred to an eye care professional.
19. If needed, teach parent the importance of referrals.

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