QI Weekly

Diabetic Retinal Eye Exam



- Diabetic retinopathy is the most common cause of vision loss for people with diabetes.
- Having diabetes makes you 2 to 5 times more likely to develop cataracts.
- Having diabetes nearly doubles your risk of developing a type of glaucoma called open-angle glaucoma.

Comprehensive Diabetes Care (CDC): Diabetic Retinal Eye Exam:

Patient Population: Diabetic patients 18 to 75 years of age

Service Needed:

 A retinal or dilated eye exam by an optometrist or ophthalmologist in the measurement year (valid for one year)

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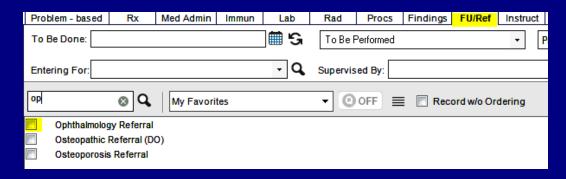
• A retinal or dilated eye exam <u>negative for retinopathy</u> by an optometrist or ophthalmologist in previous measurement year (valid for two years)

Note: excludes patients with gestational or steroid-induced diabetes

How to order a diabetic retinal eye exam in Allscripts:

To be done at an ophthalmology/optometry office: Order an ophthalmology referral from the FU/Ref tab.

If your patient is not able/willing to go to an ophthalmologist or optometrist: Ask office staff to perform a RetinaVue.



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