Low Vision Rehabilitation Service

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- Paying bills
- Recognizing faces
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- Discussing medical history to find out what areas of vision have been affected.
- Setting activity-oriented goals.
- Using special eye charts for more accurate measurements.
- Selecting activity-oriented goals.
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- Gathering information on resources and care of low vision devices.
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Low Vision Devices

Selection of low vision devices is based on your specific activity goal. It is not unusual to have more than one device to reach all your visual goals. Devices available include:

- Magnifiers and telescopes
- Microscopes
- Prisms
- Biologic telescopes
- Glare/contrast controlling devices
- Head mounted video systems
- Electronic reading systems
- Special lamps

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In addition to the Low Vision Rehabilitation Service, the IU School of Optometry provides vision services for general vision exams, binocular vision & pediatric service, ocular disease, contact lens, sports vision, and pediatric services. The IU Rehabilitation Service, the IU Community Eye Care Center, and the IU Indianapolis Eye Care Center provide these services.

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Some Causes of Low Vision
- Albinism
- Cataracts
- Congenital Cataract
- Congenital Nystagmus
- Cone-Rod or Rod-Cones Dystrophy
- Diabetes
- Glaucoma
- Macular Degeneration
- Retinitis Pigmentosa
- Retinopathy of Prematurity
- Optic Atrophy
- Stroke
- Palsy
- Traumatic Brain or Head Injury
- Tumor
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Macular Degeneration
- Glaucoma
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Myopia
- Macular Degeneration
- Glaucoma
- Diabetic Retinopathy
- Myopia