

## Urgent Eye Assessment Clinic Patient Information

Welcome to Misericordia's Urgent Eye Assessment Clinic, where we assess patients with vision concerns and direct you to the proper care provider.

We are staffed by a family physician and a nurse who perform basic eye assessments and treatments.

If your condition changes while you are waiting, please notify a staff member.

## **EMERGENCY**

If you have an emergency eye issue with a risk of immediate loss of vision we will begin treatment and refer you to an ophthalmologist.

You may see an ophthalmologist at Misericordia or at an on-call ophthalmologist's office in Winnipeg.

## Issues which may indicate an emergency:

• Severe eye pain

- Flashes of light in eye
- Sudden loss or change in vision
- Sudden black floaters or spots
- Chemical splash or burn to the eye
- Double vision or curtain in vision
- Foreign body or injury to the eye

## **NON-EMERGENCY**

If your concern is not an emergency, you may be assigned a same-day return appointment at Misericordia or directed to another care provider such as an optometrist or a walk-in clinic.

Please understand **patients are seen in order of medical need, not order of arrival.** This waiting room is used by multiple clinics and other patients may be seen ahead of you. We appreciate your understanding.