



Somers Eye Center

Full Service Practice: We offer everything from routine eye exams to Cataract and Lasik Surgeries. Dr. Somers has been in practice for 27 years and is as passionate about the care of his patients and the outcome of his surgeries as he was when he started. He wants everyone to have the best care and to see the best they can!

Optical Gallery: We have a wide variety of frames to pick from and a very knowledgeable Optical Associate that loves to help patients pick out glasses. She also wants to make sure you get the lenses best suited for you. She truly wants you to love your glasses!

Contacts: We offer any type of contact lenses. We order the contacts for you and they are delivered to your home so you don't have to even pick them up. Our prices are competitive with most major retailers.

When is it time for Yearly Eye Exams?

Diabetes Patients: Any patients that have diabetes need to have an annual eye exam by an ophthalmologist that looks at the health of the eyes to make sure they are doing well with the disease.

50 and up in age: This is a good age for patients to start getting an annual eye exam. To make sure that no cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration ,or any other degenerating disease is setting in. Especially if they have a family history of any of the eye diseases. Also Dry becomes more of a factor with age, and we do testing that also.

What is an urgent referral:

Any Eye Pain w/ Red Eye or Light Sensitivity: This could be something more serious. The more severe the pain, the more urgent the referral.

Sudden or Gradual Loss of Vision: This could be the start of a much deeper issue, that should be addressed. Much of the time, the timeliness of catching some eye diseases, means the difference in the amount of vision kept in the eye.

Unnecessary Referrals

Contact in the Eye: Sometimes the contact is already out and the eye is irritated. If not, the eye may be very dry and the contact is really stuck to the eye. In this case, using daily eye drops to moisten the eye usually helps, so that the contact can be removed.

Red Eye or Eye Infection: Try an antibiotic drop for 4 to 7 days, depending on the severity. Make sure the patient discontinues the drops when prescribed. If they continue use of the drops for too long this also can cause inflammation in the eye.

What should be done by primary care before referral is made:

Send records: Sending any related patient records and notes to our office before or on the day of their visit is greatly appreciated.

Insurance: If your office could let our office know the type of Insurance the patient has, so we can make sure we are in Network for them. We take most Medical Insurances.

New Patients: Are welcome to go on our website somerseyecenter.com and print out the new patient forms and fill them out before their visit. They are also welcome to do it in office, the day of their visit.

Communication Flow

Most Important: Patient information and notes to us. Including Health records, sometimes their health issues have impact on their vision.

Insurance: So we can make sure we can make the visit as easy as possible, and less of a burden on the patients and their families.

Retinal Specialist:

William N. Rosenthal , MD We have a Retinal Specialist that comes to our office location twice a month. Usually the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. He is based out of Overland Park.

Retina Associates We also refer to located in Kansas City, MO.

Informative Information

Care Packets: We have brochures on **Cataract Surgery** and **Lasik Surgery**. We also have several brochures on the different types of lenses that are available on the cataract surgery.

We also have brochures on **Dry Eye Syndrome**. This is becoming more common in all age patients than ever before.

We have brochures on our Practice also available.