



DILATED EXAM WAIVER FORM

Thank you for choosing Palmetto Cataract and Eye Specialists as your healthcare provider. We ask that you carefully read and sign this form to acknowledge your understanding of our eye dilation policies.

What is dilation?

Eye dilation requires the use of eye drops to enlarge your pupils (the dark circular open in the center of your eyes). Without this procedure, physicians may only see 30% or less of the eye's interior surface.

Why is dilation necessary?

Dilation is necessary in order to detect and treat eye diseases such as cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, and diabetes. It is especially important for this part of the eye exam be completed at least once a year. Photographs through an undilated pupil do not substitute for a dilated examination.

What is the cost for dilation?

There is *NO* additional cost involved.

How long does dilation lasts?

You eyes will usually dilate within 15-20 minutes after drop instillation. Your eyes will typically be dilated for a total of 4-6 hours.

What precautions are necessary after dilation?

After dilation, your eyes may be light sensitive and slightly blurry for distance. Your eyes may be very blurry for near vision after dilation. The degree of light sensitivity and blurriness varies among patients. While most patients can drive without any additional assistance, we do recommend that you call a friend or family member if you feel unsafe to drive.

**I UNDERSTAND YOUR DILATION POLICY AND TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ANY ACTIVITIES
I PERFORM AFTER DILATION.**

Signature of Patient or Guarantor:	Date
Print Patient's Name:	
Print Legal Guardian's Name, if applicable:	