## Get OO **TESTED** FOR GLAUCOMA

Glaucoma is a group of related eye disorders, resulting in progressive damage to the optic nerve of the eye. The major risk factor is intraocular pressure (IOP) that, when sufficiently elevated, will damage the optic nerve.

Every one in 200 people aged 40 have glaucoma, which rises to one in eight by aged 80.

The most vulnerable include:









# the FACTS

Family members of those with glaucoma have a ten-fold risk of getting glaucoma themselves

Glaucoma is the most common cause of irreversible blindness

In many cases, glaucoma may be asymptomatic, meaning it shows no symptoms; half of those living with glaucoma are unaware that they are affected

Visual loss due to glaucoma is largely glaucoma attributed to subjective factors including:

NON-COMPLIANCE
LATE PRESENTATION
LACK OF KNOWLEDGE
HIGH SEVERITY AT TIME OF DIAGNOSIS

# **Smillion** have glaucoma

**111.8**million are predicted to have glaucoma by 2040 50% (or more) of glaucoma is undetected in develop countries

#### 90%

of glaucoma is undetected in developing countries

#### **1**billion

have no access to eye-care, due to unfair distribution

### **KNOW WHEN TO GET CHECKED**

Because, the **EARLIER** the diagnosis, the less damage will be done and the more vision will be saved!

BEFORE AGE 40 every 2 - 4 years

FROM 40 - 60 every 2 - 3 years

AFTER 60 every 1 - 2 years

## World Glaucoma Week March 10 - 16, 2024

World Glaucoma Week is a global initiative of the World Glaucoma Association (WGA) to raise awareness on glaucoma. It includes a series of global activities alerting people to have regular eye and optic nerve checks to detect glaucoma earlier, thus preserving sight.

#### What is the World Glaucoma Week trying to do?

Globally alert people to have regular eye checks & detect glaucoma earlier Increase glaucoma awareness

**Ultimate goal:** PRESERVE SIGHT GLOBALLY



# Uniting for a Glaucoma-Free World

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