



WHAT IS THE OHIO AMBLYOPE REGISTRY?



The Ohio Amblyope Registry (OAR) is the first and only statewide program in the United States designed to serve the needs of children with amblyopia, commonly known as “Lazy Eye”. The Ohio Amblyope Registry provides free eye patches for the treatment of amblyopia, free literature about amblyopia and causes, as well as other important services. All services are free of charge (restricted to Ohio residents only). The Ohio Amblyope Registry is part of the Save Our Sight program.

The **Amblyope News** is the newsletter for the Ohio Amblyope Registry (OAR). It is designed to highlight the services and resources available through the OAR. There are also fun activities on the back!

NEW MYOPIA TREATMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!

Eye conditions like myopia (nearsightedness) and amblyopia can cause problems in how your child learns and even plays. These common vision disorders often go unnoticed in daily life, which is why routine comprehensive eye exams are so important. Especially after a diagnosis, consistent care of your child’s eyes is critical to their development.



In the past, eye doctors traditionally treated the symptoms (blurry distance vision) of nearsightedness, but until recently little was done to reduce the amount of nearsightedness that one may experience. That is especially important because greater amounts of nearsightedness are associated with higher risks of sight-threatening complications that result in poor vision even when wearing glasses or contact lenses. Until recently, we didn’t have any good options available to slow the progression of nearsightedness.

We now have two treatments that have been approved by the Food and Drug Administration to slow the progression of nearsightedness in children. The first treatment approved was specific soft contact lenses, and very recently specific spectacle lenses were approved to slow the progression of nearsightedness. The contact lenses (MiSight) are currently available, and the spectacle lenses (Stellest) will be available in the United States late 2025 or early 2026. These treatments are typically prescribed for children, as opposed to adults, because nearsightedness typically starts around age 8-10 years and continues to progress until age 15-16 years. Parents who are interested in treatments that can potentially lower the sight-threatening risks associated with nearsightedness should contact their eye doctor.

-Jeffrey J. Walline, OD PhD
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HELP THE SNOWFLAKE FIND ITS WAY TO THE EYE PATCH!

Instructions: Oh no! A snowflake got lost in a winter storm. Can you help it find its way through the maze to the cozy eye patch at the other side? Follow the path carefully and don't get stuck in a snow drift!



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