

## Common Eye Diseases & Terms

**Cataracts** - Clouding of the lens of the eye.

**Diabetic Retinopathy** - Characterized by fluctuating vision due to hemorrhaging of blood vessels in the retinas of persons with diabetes.

**Glaucoma** - Elevated pressure within the eyes.

**Macular Degeneration** - Deterioration of the macular part of the eye affecting central vision. Common disorder of persons over age 65.

**Retinal Detachment or Tears** - Condition where the retina detaches from the back of the eye or tears. Can be the result of other underlying eye disorders or may have no obvious explanation.

**Retinitis Pigmentosa** - Characterized by loss of peripheral vision; progressive. Gradually results in "tunnel vision" and may lead to total blindness.

**Retinopathy of Prematurity** - Congenital blindness caused by an oversupply of oxygen administered to premature babies in an incubator.