

# PARENTS' GUIDE TO VISION SCREENING

APPROXIMATELY 1 IN 4 CHILDREN ARE AT RISK FOR PERMANENT VISION LOSS<sup>1</sup>

While wall charts are often effective with older kids, they don't catch issues before children can read or talk. Photoscreening enables pediatricians and nurses to detect vision issues in young children. Catching vision issues early leads to better outcomes.

## Why does the American Academy of Pediatrics Recommend Photoscreening<sup>2</sup>

- Most children with vision issues are not identified in time to prevent permanent vision loss and learning disabilities. Photoscreening enables doctors and nurses to detect vision issues during early childhood that are not typically detectable by any other method.
- It's important to identify risks (e.g. amblyopia) before permanent vision loss takes place. Treatment becomes less effective starting at age 5.
- Vision plays a central role in learning. A significant portion of mental stimuli during early childhood comes from visual observation (e.g. colors, shapes, movement, etc.). Correcting or treating issues early also reduces the risk of learning disabilities.

## Why Your Pediatrician Screens with GoCheck Kids™

- **Ease and Effectiveness:** With a fast and kid-friendly smartphone photo, pediatricians can detect vision risks that can lead to permanent vision loss and learning disabilities.
- **Early Detection:** GoCheck Kids does not require your child to read or give a verbal response, enabling pediatricians to screen even the youngest children who cannot read or talk.
- **Affordability:** GoCheck Kids delivers the greatest value to parents and pediatricians. Many insurance companies help cover the cost. Please discuss with your pediatrician's office.

## What Parents Should Know About the Results

- Not all identified risks will lead to permanent vision loss. Some children may require no additional treatment, some may require glasses or patching, and some may require surgical intervention.
- At risk children should be referred for a complete eye exam.
- No screening replaces the instructions and guidance of your pediatrician.

### References:

<sup>1</sup> Donahue SP, et al; Guidelines for automated preschool vision screening: A 10-year, evidence-based update. J AAPOS. 2013 Feb;17(1):4-8

<sup>2</sup> AAP. Visual System Assessment in Infants, Children, and Young Adults by Pediatricians: policy statement. Pediatrics. 2016;137:1-3

