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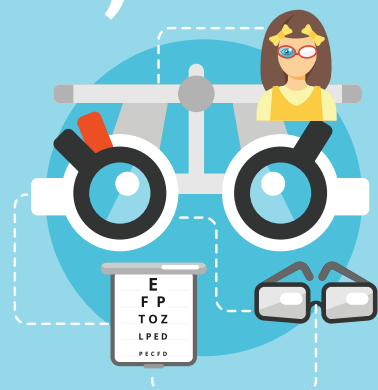
The economic value of regular eye exams



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Optometry Incident Report data shows the impact of early diagnosis on long-term healthcare costs. This infographic provides an overview of the data disclosed in the Optometry Incident Reports between December 2011 and June 2015.

2,983



Incident Reports Received

Top provincial average response rates

BC
19%

ON
21%

70%

of reported incidents occurred in patients over the age of 45.



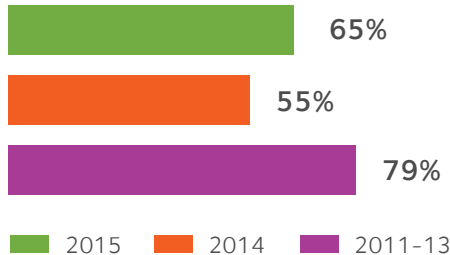
Reported incidents showed a relatively even split between women and men from 2011 – 2014.

77%

of the cases reported, the patient did not present with symptoms related to the underlying condition or diagnosis.



Prescription updates were the #1 reason for Optometrist visits

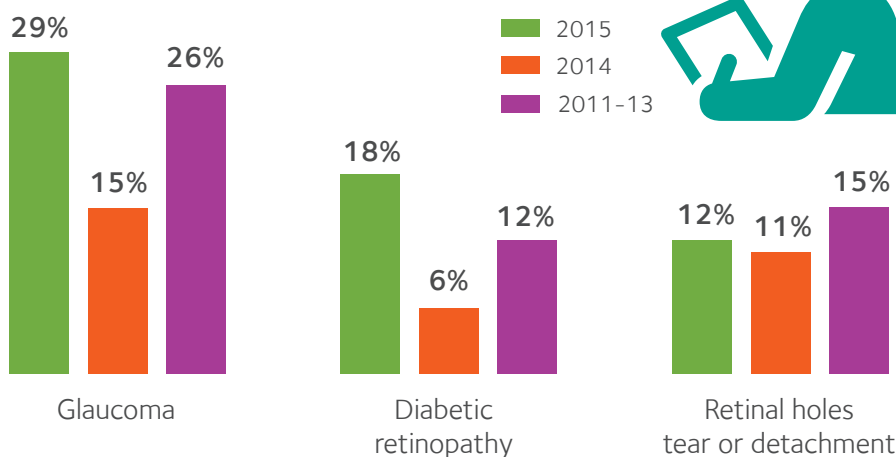


THE INTERNET EFFECT



13% of incidents were based on contact lenses and glasses that were purchased from the Internet.

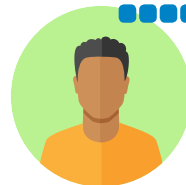
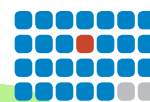
MOST FREQUENTLY REPORTED INCIDENTS



27% of patients wait more than

5 YEARS

between visits. An additional 39% of patients wait between 2 and 5 years. But early detection is crucial



THE BOTTOM LINE

The majority of patients exhibit asymptomatic eye disease, early detection is crucial to treatment. However, a significant portion of the population are not aware of their eye health. Frequent eye examinations can identify issues before they become a significant burden to patients and the public healthcare system.

<https://opto.ca/incident-reporting-0>

