

Glaucoma

Glaucoma is actually a group of eye diseases that cause vision loss through damage to the optic nerve. Three million Americans have glaucoma, but at least half don't know it because the early stages usually progress without symptoms. Glaucoma is the major cause of blindness and threatens 2% of the population over age 40. Early diagnosis and treatment can almost always save vision. Peripheral vision, or the vision on either side of the eye is affected so that a person with glaucoma must look directly at an object to see it.