

PARENTAL DIRECTIONS FOR ATROPINE ADMINISTRATION PRIOR TO REFRACTION

- 1 The purpose of using Atropine drops is to fully relax the focusing muscles in the eye so we can more accurately measure the eyes for glasses.
- 2 Wash hands thoroughly after administering the eye drops. If you don't do this, and if any of the drops is present on your fingers, when you touch your own eye you may accidentally dilate yourself.
- 3 The drops must be given in the morning and evening three days prior to the appointment and then the morning of the appointment.
- 4 It is normal for some sensitive patients to get pink cheeks and/or feel thirsty. If there are any other stronger responses to the drops, **STOP THE DROPS AND CALL THE OFFICE IMMEDIATELY**. Like any medication, rarely a patient can be allergic or have an adverse reaction.
- 5 One drop is safe, but the whole bottle is not. **KEEP THE EYE DROPS AWAY FROM YOUNG CHILDREN AND PETS.**
- 6 Atropine should not be used by patients who have a history of heart problems. If your child has, or has had any heart problems, do not use the drops. Please call and notify the doctor.
- 7 It may take several days for the pupils to go back to normal size; however, vision is usually normal 24 – 36 hours after the last drop was given. Call our office only if the pupil is not normal size one week after the last drop was given.