



Low Vision Rehabilitation Program

The Low Vision Rehabilitation Program at Aurora Health Care provides a comprehensive service to assist persons who have low vision.

Common causes of vision loss include macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma or cataracts. Low vision does not necessarily mean total loss of vision. The majority of individuals with vision loss have some form of usable vision. It may present as a loss of visual field, light sensitivity, distorted vision or loss of contrast. Individuals may have difficulty with regular activities of daily living such as cooking, shopping, managing finances and medication, reading, writing, watching television and taking care of personal needs.

Occupational therapists who specialize in low vision will work with you, your significant other, primary physician, ophthalmologist and/or optometrist to conduct an initial evaluation. Based on the results of the evaluation, a treatment plan will be established. The therapist will provide individualized instruction to help you achieve your personal rehabilitation goals.

What does Aurora's Low Vision Evaluation include?

- Gathering information and identification of your personal goals related to your lifestyle, work and leisure interests.
- Assessing the functional needs, capabilities and limitations of your vision.
- Education about your eye problem and its affect on function.
- Introduction to glare control, contrast enhancement and lighting to improve ability to see.
- Strategies for reading, writing, watching television, marking appliances and use of optical/non-optical aids.
- Trial use of magnification devices in the clinic.
- Recommendations for home and community safety.
- Information on community resources, support services and driver readiness.

Aurora's Low Vision Rehabilitation Program wants to support and allow you to use your remaining vision so that you can live an independent, safe, functional and meaningful life.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call Aurora West Allis Medical Center at (414) 328-6633 or Aurora Sinai Medical Center at (414) 219-5241.

