

Patient's Name: _____

Date _____

Checklist of Observable Clues to Vision Problems , Neurological issues and Head Injury

Vision is the most important source of sensory information consisting of a sophisticated complex of subsystems. The visual process of deriving meaning from what is seen involves the flow of information to the brain and an interaction between its subsystems. Injuries to the head and brain either from trauma or stroke can disrupt the visual process, interfering with the flow and processing of information. The result is a vision problem that can affect a variety of other behaviors. Symptoms indicating a vision problem are listed below.

Please check off all that apply.

1. APPEARANCE OF EYES

- One eye turns in or out at any time
- Squints, closes or covers one eye
- Sensitivity to light
- Rubs eyes during or after short periods of visual activity
- Tilts head

2. COMPLAINTS WHEN USING EYES

- Double Vision
- Headaches in forehead or temples
- Burning eyes after reading or desk work
- Print blurs after reading a short time
- Words move or "swim" on the page
- Blurry vision
- Difficulty using the computer

3. MOBILITY & FUNCTIONAL ISSUES

- Issues with standing balance
- Issues with balance during ambulation
- Discomfort when shifting gaze from distance to near
- Disoriented feeling when viewing large spaces
- Discomfort or Panic attacks in large spaces
- Difficulty with driving
- Bumps into things on left or right side
- Misjudgments with stairs, hallways, doorways
- Eating food on only one side of the plate
- Sees Slanted Floors

4. EYE MOVEMENT & TEAMING ABILITIES

- Head turns as reads across page
- Loses place frequently during reading
- Needs finger or marker to keep place
- Short attention span in reading or copying
- Frequently omits words

- Rereads or skips lines unknowingly
- Quickly loses interest in reading
- Poor comprehension when reading
- Omits letters, numbers or phrases

5. EYE-HAND/BODY COORDINATION ABILITIES

- Must feel things “to get the idea”
- Eyes not used to “steer” hand – foot movements
- Lack of orientation
- Writes crookedly, poorly spaced; cannot stay in lines
- Repeatedly confuses left-right directions
- Writes up or downhill on paper

6. COGNITIVE VISUAL FUNCTION

(Visual Comparison, Visual Imagery, Visualization)

- Comprehension difficulties
- Difficulty with decision making
- Concentration difficulties
- Short attention span
- Memory issues
- Difficulty with similarities and small differences

7. BEHAVIORAL ISSUES & ATTITUDES:

- Depression
- Low self esteem
- Frustration

MEDICAL

- Known Visual Neglect, Hemianopsia or Visual Field Loss
- Retinal pathology or damage

8. For Referring Professionals

VISION SCREENING TESTS

- OMD dysfunction noted
- NPC – receded

Additional Observations, Comments, Reason for Visit/Referral:
