

Checklist of Observable Clues to Vision Problems caused by trauma, stroke or mild head injury

Patient's Name: _____

Date _____

Vision is the most important source of sensory information consisting of a sophisticated 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 cognitive processes with a variety of symptoms. 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

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

3. MOBILITY & FUNCTIONAL ISSUES

- Dizziness
- Balance Issues with walking
- Floor appears to be tilted
- Things appear to move or spin
- Discomfort when shifting gaze from distance to near
- Disoriented feeling when viewing large spaces
- Discomfort or Panic attacks with making spatial judgment
- 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

- Words move or "swim" on the page
- 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
- Floor looks tilted.
Balance problems

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 Referral:
