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How can an eye exam detect a brain tumour?

Changes in your vision could be more than just needing new glasses. In some cases, they may be a sign of something more serious, like a brain tumour.

Why vision changes matter

Many people affected by a brain tumour first seek help due to problems with their eyesight.

Common vision-related symptoms include:

- Blurred or double vision
- Vision loss
- Abnormal eye movements
- Unusual changes in pupil size or reaction
- Visual field loss

These signs can sometimes be early indicators of a brain tumour, depending on its type and location in the brain.




How can eye exams help detect brain tumours?

A comprehensive eye exam can sometimes detect signs of a brain tumour before other symptoms appear.

What your eye doctor may look for:

- Swelling of the optic disc (*papilloedema*)
- Pressure on the optic nerve
- Unusual pupil response
- Discolouration or abnormal shape of the optic nerve
- Visual field changes



Eye exams don't diagnose brain tumours, but they can spot red flags that lead to further testing, sometimes making a life-saving difference.

Early detection starts with awareness.

For more information about brain tumours, visit [BrainTumour.ca](https://www.braintumour.ca).

May is Vision Health Month and Brain Tumour Awareness Month.

Brain Tumour Foundation of Canada is the only national charity offering information and support to Canadians affected by any kind of brain tumour—malignant, non-malignant or metastases.

Every day, the organization strives to bring HOPE to all those affected by a brain tumour. HOPE through support. HOPE through information and education. HOPE through research. HOPE for a cure.



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