

The COMET **COMMITMENT**

A study like this takes a lot of effort from everyone involved. You and your child will be very important members of our research team. If your child is eligible for COMET 2, we need you to make a special commitment to:

1. Accept either single vision or no-line bifocal lenses, as randomly assigned by the computer.
2. Make sure your child wears only the COMET glasses.
3. Bring your child to all COMET visits
4. Call COMET staff immediately whenever
 - glasses are broken
 - you have any questions about the study
 - your address or phone numbers change

COMET children agree

- to wear COMET glasses as instructed
- not to wear contact lenses until the study is over

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COMET 2

Correction

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Myopia

Evaluation

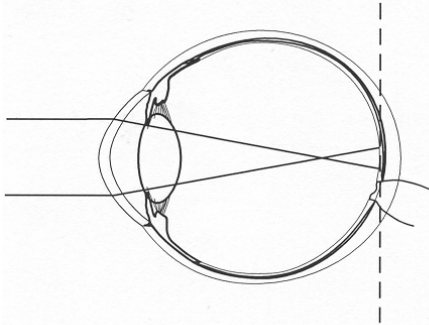
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What is myopia?

Myopia, or nearsightedness, causes distant objects to appear blurry.



How is myopia treated?

Nearsighted children need to wear glasses to see distant objects clearly. Eye doctors usually prescribe single vision lenses, but may prescribe bifocals or no-line bifocals.

How does myopia change as my child grows?

Nearsightedness usually gets worse during the school years. The worse the myopia gets, the more often new glasses are needed. Also, higher levels of myopia put children at greater risk for conditions that could damage their vision as adults.

What is COMET 2?

COMET 2 is a 3-year study of the progression of myopia in nearsighted children.

COMET 2 is studying whether wearing no-line bifocals is better for slowing the progression of nearsightedness than wearing single vision lenses for children with these characteristics. One hundred children will be enrolled at 8 eye care centers in the United States.

Why Join COMET 2?

The best reason to join COMET 2 is to help eye doctors learn the best way to treat nearsighted children.

Who can Join?

Approximately 100 children nationwide who:

- Are 8-11 years old
- Are nearsighted in both eyes
- Have not worn bifocals or contact lenses in the past
- Can participate for at least 3 years

What does COMET 2 Provide?

If your child enrolls in **COMET 2**, he or she will receive these benefits:

- Eye exams by experienced eye doctors
- A pair of eyeglasses at no cost to the family at the beginning of the study
- New lenses whenever a change in prescription is necessary

When will your child be seen

COMET staff will arrange visits at six month intervals (6, 12, 18, 24, 30, and 36 months) beginning with enrollment.

What will my child do?

Your child will complete tests which are part of routine eye care. In addition, we will test your child's focusing accuracy (accommodation) and eye teaming skills. The tests pose no known risks.

Follow-up visits will occur at 6, 12, 18, 24, 30, and 36 months from the time your child starts the study

What costs are my responsibility?

Study related exams and glasses will be provided at no cost. You or your insurance company will be responsible for the costs of any non-study related visits.