

# Amblyopia Treatment Studies

## RECRUITMENT UNDERWAY FOR NIH-SPONSORED STUDIES

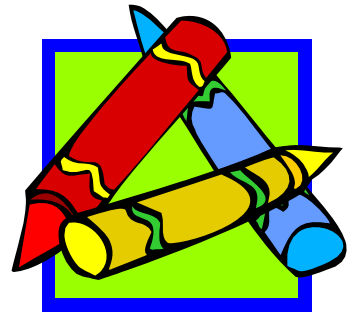
Amblyopia is the most common cause of monocular visual impairment in children. To evaluate the effectiveness of intensified amblyopia treatment in patients with amblyopia still present after visual acuity has stabilized with initial treatment, the Pediatric Eye Disease Investigator Group (PEDIG) is conducting two randomized clinical trials. The studies are supported through funding from the National Eye Institute of the U.S. National Institutes of Health, and are being coordinated by the Jaeb Center for Health Research in Tampa, Florida.

Currently, we are recruiting patients 3 to less than 8 years old with amblyopia for the following studies:

### *Increasing Patching for Amblyopia*

#### **Study Specifics**

- 158 children to be enrolled with visual acuity in the amblyopic eye between 20/50 and 20/400
- Enrollment into a run-in phase, consisting of 2 hours of daily patching and follow-up visits every 6 weeks for at least 12 weeks until the amblyopic eye no longer improves
- Random assignment to either 2 hours of daily patching or an average of 6 hours of daily patching
- Follow-up visits every 10 weeks until the amblyopic eye stops improving



### *Augmenting Atropine Treatment for Amblyopia*

#### **Study Specifics**

- 158 children to be enrolled with visual acuity in the amblyopic eye between 20/50 and 20/400
- Enrollment into a run-in phase, consisting of treatment with weekend atropine and follow-up visits every 6 weeks for at least 12 weeks until the amblyopic eye no longer improves
- Random assignment to treatment with atropine alone or atropine plus a plano lens for the sound eye
- Follow-up visits every 10 weeks until the amblyopic eye stops improving

### **How Can You Help?**

- Your assistance is needed in referring children 3 to less than 8 years old whom you suspect have amblyopia
- Referrals can be sent to the investigator listed below, or for more information, visit the PEDIG website at <http://pedig.net/> or call the PEDIG Coordinating Center toll free at 888-79PEDIG



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