TWOP Low Vision Awareness Month









Definition of Low Vision

 According to World Health Organization (WHO), Low vision is defined as visual acuity of less than 6/18 but equal to or better than 3/60 or a corresponding visual field loss to less than 20°, in the better eye with the best possible correction.



• Blindness is defined as visual acuity of less than 3/60, or a corresponding visual field loss to less than 10°, in the better eye with the best possible correction. Visual impairment includes both low vision and blindness

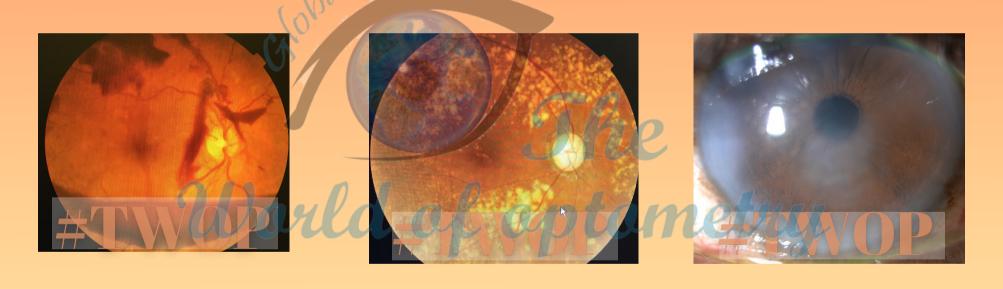






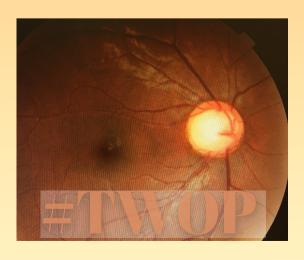
Prevalence of Low Vision

Globally, 1 billion people have a vision impairment that could have been prevented or has yet to be addressed.













Common Causes of Low Vision

Uncorrected refractive errors

(123.7 million)

Glaucoma (6.9 million)

Cataract (65.2 million)

Corneal opacity (4.2 million)

Diabetic retinopathy (3 million)

Trachoma (2 million)





Options for low vision

- Uncorrected refractive error can be corrected with glasses while cataract surgery can restore vision.
- Vision rehabilitation is also effective in improving functioning for people with an irreversible vision impairment.
- Most conditions stated above can be monitored and assessed by Optometrists.









