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Quick Facts & Stats

Age-related Macular Degeneration

Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) causes progressive damage to the macula that leads to blurring or darkness in the center of a person's vision and, consequently, loss of ability to read, drive, or recognize faces.

1.75 million

People in the United States have AMD.

15%

Of Caucasian women older than 80 years having neovascular AMD and/or geographic atrophy.

7 million +

Individuals are at substantial risk for developing AMD.

50%

Is the expected increase in the rate of AMD by 2020.

2.95 million

People will have AMD by 2020.

1 in 120

Americans have undiagnosed AMD.

90%

Of AMD is dry macular degeneration.

2- to 3-fold

Is the increased risk of AMD among smokers compared with nonsmokers.

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