Alexandria, MN

ALEXANDRIA EYE CLINIC PA 320.762.2166
Timothy L Gess, Ophthalmologist
Deb Ristvedt, Ophthalmologist
1501 Hawthorne Street
Alexandria

CENTRAL MINNESOTA RETINA SPECIALISTS 866.667.8585
2633 Jefferson Street, Suite 802
Alexandria
Providers: Ophthalmologist

EYE ASSOCIATES OF ALEXANDRIA 320.763.4321
1610 Broadway
Alexandria
Providers: Optometrist

GESS EYE CLINIC 320.762.5112
John A Gess, Optometrist
109 15th Avenue East
Alexandria

LAKE REGION EYE CENTER 320.763.7055
610 30th Avenue West, Suite 200
Alexandria
Providers: Optometrist, Ophthalmologist

MIDWEST VISION CENTER 320.762.8104
Viking Plaza Mall
3015 Hwy 29 South
Alexandria
Walk-Ins welcome
Providers: Optometrist

MINNESOTA EYE INSTITUTE 320.759.2020
3401 South Broadway
Alexandria
Providers: Ophthalmologist
RANDY’S FAMILY OPTICAL          320.763.7782
2306 South Broadway, Suite 12
Alexandria
Providers: Optometrist

RUNESTONE EYE CARE           320.759.1130
Viking Plaza Mall
3015 Hwy 29 South
Alexandria
Providers: Optometrist

WALMART VISION CENTER  (Inside Walmart) 320.762.4044
4611 Hwy 29 South
Alexandria
Providers: Optometrist

**Appleton, MN** ..........................................................

CONROY EYE CARE PC          320.289.1810
229 North Miles Street
Appleton
Provider: Optometrist

**Fergus Falls, MN** ..........................................................

FERGUS FALLS OPTOMETRIC CENTER LTD  800.585.2015
117 East Lincoln
Fergus Falls
Providers: Optometrist

20/20 OPTICAL               218.998.2020
111 West Vernon Avenue
Fergus Falls
Providers: Optometrist

MIDWEST VISION CENTER   218.739.2236
Westridge Mall
2001 West Lincoln, Suite 19
Fergus Falls
Providers: Optometrist
Glenwood, MN

GLACIAL RIDGE EYE CLINIC 320.634.4516
24 First Street Southeast
Glenwood
Providers: Optometrist

GLENWOOD FAMILY EYE CARE 320-334-3264
16 West Minnesota Avenue, Suite 102
Glenwood
Providers: Optometrist, Ophthalmologist

Morris, MN

MIDWEST FAMILY EYE CARE 320.589.1300
512 Atlantic Avenue
Morris
Providers: Optometrist

STEVENS COMMUNITY MEDICAL CENTER EYE CLINIC 320.589.7673
400 East First Street
Morris
Provider: Optometrist

Wahpeton, ND

MIDWEST VISION CENTER 701.642.9302
517 Dakota Avenue
Wahpeton

SANFORD HEALTH WAHPETON 701.642.7057
Ophthalmology Department
332 Second Avenue North
Wahpeton, ND 58075

Wheaton, MN

CONROY EYE CARE 320.563.4610
1011 Broadway
Wheaton, MN 56296
Provider: Optometrist

Other Organizations

Other organizations may be able to help with the eye costs for your children such as the Lions Eye Health Program or the Minnesota Vision Project. Ask Public Health for more information.
*Optometrist or Ophthalmologist*

One of the most common mistakes many patients make is to consider an optometrist and ophthalmologist as the same position. There is a huge difference between the two. **Optometrists are usually the primary health provider for normal vision problems and yearly checkups.** The position requires a Doctor of Optometry degree and a license, and allows the diagnosing for common vision acuity problems like farsightedness and nearsightedness, prescribing corrective eyeglasses, contact lenses, dispensing and prescription of certain medication, plus testing for eye diseases and conditions. Optometrists can handle all this, usually in their own office or for a firm.

Ophthalmologists can perform the same functions as optometrists, but are considered a higher position as they actually are medical doctors with Doctors of Medicine or Doctors of Osteopathic Medicine degrees who specialize in the eyes and vision care. This means an ophthalmologist can diagnose and treat highly complicated eyes issues, can perform surgeries like Lasik and repair retinal damage, and can handle more area specific cases in vision care. **The main difference between the two eye-related careers is that an ophthalmologist can handle surgeries and other issues that require more training on the medical side.**

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