

Welcome – Instructions for New Patients

Thank you for choosing our practice for your eye care. We look forward to meeting you! In order to make your first visit to our office as easy for you as possible, we encourage you to register online. To do so, please return to the home page or New Patient Information page and click on “My Online Clinic.” This will allow you to securely enter your personal as well as your insurance information. You can also record your medical history online, which will transfer to your electronic chart when you come in.

If you prefer NOT to register online, please complete these four forms from the website before you come for your appointment:

Patient Registration

1. On our home page (www.MarshallWarehamMD.com), find the *New Patient Information* section heading.
2. Select New Patient Written Registration and print it out
3. Complete the form, sign it, and bring it with you to your appointment.

Patient Authorization for Discussion of Healthcare and/of Billing Information, and Receipt of Notice of Privacy Practices

1. On our home page, click on *Patient Privacy* at the top right, and read the document if you desire (It's long and boring, but required by the government!)
2. On our home page, find the *New Patient Information* section heading
3. Select Med Info Release & Receipt of Privacy Notice and print it out
4. Fill out the top section if you want your medical or billing information to be shared with anyone else (such as family members)
5. Sign the bottom section acknowledging that you received online the Notice of Privacy Practices at the Patient Privacy tab above (#1)
6. Bring it with you to your appointment.

Medical History

1. On our home page, find the *New Patient Information* section heading
2. Select Medical History, and print it out.
3. Check to the LEFT of problems that apply to you, and bring it with you to your appointment.
Please bring a list of all your medications.

Review of Systems

1. On our home page, find the *New Patient Information* section heading
2. Select Review of Systems, and print it out.
3. Check to the LEFT of problems that apply to you, and bring it with you to your appointment.

If your appointment is scheduled with Dr. Wareham, expect the exam to take **1½ to 2½ hours**. If your appointment is scheduled with Dr. Cannon, expect the exam to take ½ to 1 hour. We will probably **dilate** your eyes (enlarge the pupils with drops), so your vision will be blurry and sensitive to light for a few hours after you leave. Please have someone come with you to drive you home, or have them drop you off and pick you up from your appointment. Our staff will be happy to phone and let your driver know when you are ready to be picked up.

You should bring with you the four forms that you completed at home, along with the following:

- a list of all your questions about your eyes
- a list of all your medications, including systemic and eye medications, both prescription and non-prescription
- sunglasses to protect your dilated eyes against the light
- your contact lens (if you wear contacts), their carrying case, & glasses

- all your medical insurance information, and drug formulary information
- your referral, if required by your insurance company
- a photo ID

Your eye exam will include:

- a complete history of your problem (if any), past ocular & medical history
- an exam to determine how well you see
- an exam to determine how your pupils react to light
- an exam to determine how well your eyes move
- an exam of the front part of the eye with a slit lamp microscope
- a measurement of your intraocular pressure (to help determine if you have glaucoma)
- **a dilated exam** (in most cases) of the back of your eye to determine if you have cataracts, glaucoma, macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, etc. (lens, vitreous, optic nerve & retina)

If you have any questions regarding your exam, please feel free to call our office at 937-433-2300. Again, thank you for choosing us for your eye care.