



WHO SHOULD ATTEND THE EVALUATION AND CONSULTATION APPOINTMENTS?

1. **The Comprehensive & Ocular Motor Evaluation:**

During this testing, a thorough evaluation will be performed by Dr. Jenna McDermed, OD, FCOVD to assess a patient's visual skills. This will include the evaluation of distance and near visual acuity, glasses refraction, assessment of eye movement skills & eye teaming (binocular) skills, as well as the check of the overall eye health. The testing procedure takes approximately 1 hour. If the patient is under 18, at least one parent needs to be present during the evaluation.

2. **The Visual Developmental Evaluation:**

(This Evaluation may be on the same day at the Comprehensive Evaluation)

During this testing, a complete evaluation of the patient's visual processing skills will be performed. This includes visual memory, visual discrimination, hand-eye coordination, copy skills and handwriting, and visual spatial relations. This exam will take approximately 1 hour, and will be done one on one with a vision specialist to ensure there will be no distraction. The purpose of this assessment is to understand the patient's learning style and to find any underlying issues that could be of existence, in order to determine if the optometric vision therapy program is recommended.

3. **The Consultation:**

The doctor will need to get input from all parents/guardians in order to ensure that all necessary information is taken into account in designing your child's treatment plan. During the consultation, the results of the evaluation will be discussed along with any recommendations for treatment. Over the years we have found that it is very important for the patient that all parents/ guardians understand what is going on with their child's vision and how it is affecting his or her life. As such, it is strongly recommended that both parents are present. If you are in a situation where there are one or more step-parents, we often recommend that ALL parents be present. If it is uncomfortable for you for everyone to be present at the same time, please let us know, and separate consultations will be arranged.

The doctor will be reviewing a great deal of information about your child with you and may ask questions of a sensitive nature. Our experience has been that children are self-conscious about these discussions and it is best if they are not in the room at that time. We do not provide childcare, so please arrange for care of children.

The consultation takes approximately an hour. There will be a number of demonstrations that have been designed to help you understand what the patient is experiencing.

If there is any problem with both parents being present, please let us know immediately so that other arrangements can be made before the day of the consultation.