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Save Sight: Only You Can Prevent Vision Loss

Announcer:

Welcome to ReachMD. This activity is part of a special series provided in partnership with the National Eye Institute of the National Institutes of Health, of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, along with Prova Education. To learn more about this educational series please visit EyeHealthAcademy.org/SaveSight

Dr. Weinstock:

We know that diabetes is the leading cause of new cases of blindness among adults in the United States. But did you know that each year about 8,000 eyes become blind due to diabetic retinopathy or diabetic macular edema? This staggering fact is not surprising, given that less than 50% of adults with diabetes have annual dilated eye examinations and, therefore, many don't know that they are at risk of losing their vision.

We began our initiative of "Saving Sight, Preventing Vision Loss" in 2019, and our mission continues today. Let's all do our part. With proactive screening we can achieve early diagnosis and early treatment. If we keep our goal of preserving vision in mind, then together we can lessen the burden of vision loss from diabetes.

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