

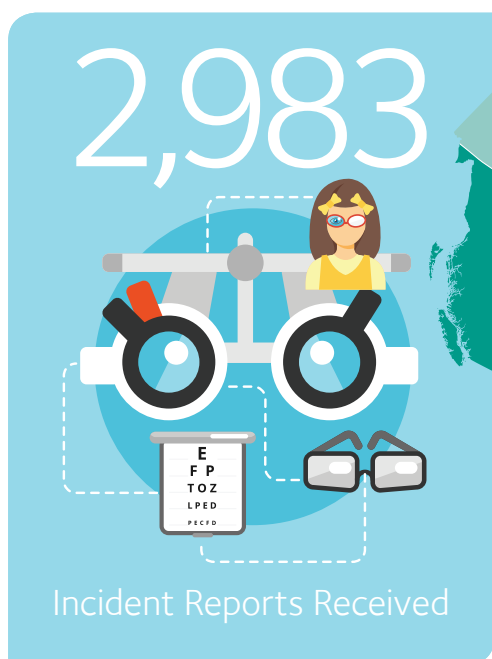
THE OIR OVERVIEW

The economic value of regular eye exams



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Optometry Incident Report data shows the impact of early diagnosis on long-term healthcare costs. This infographic provides an overview of the data disclosed in the Optometry Incident Reports between December 2011 and June 2015.



Top provincial average response rates

BC
19%

ON
21%

70%

of reported incidents occurred in patients over the age of 45.



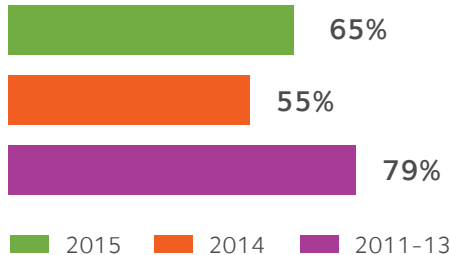
Reported incidents showed a relatively even split between women and men from 2011 – 2014.

77%

of the cases reported, the patient did not present with symptoms related to the underlying condition or diagnosis.



Prescription updates were the #1 reason for Optometrist visits

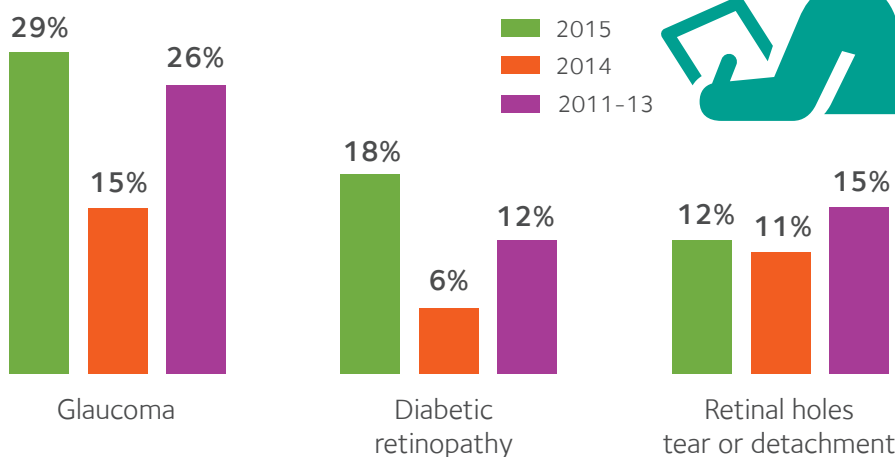


THE INTERNET EFFECT



13% of incidents were based on contact lenses and glasses that were purchased from the Internet.

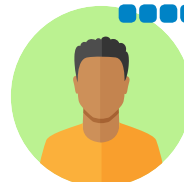
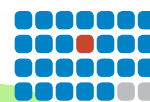
MOST FREQUENTLY REPORTED INCIDENTS



27% of patients wait more than

5 YEARS

between visits. An additional 39% of patients wait between 2 and 5 years. But early detection is crucial



THE BOTTOM LINE

The majority of patients exhibit asymptomatic eye disease, early detection is crucial to treatment. However, a significant portion of the population are not aware of their eye health. Frequent eye examinations can identify issues before they become a significant burden to patients and the public healthcare system.

<https://opto.ca/incident-reporting-0>

