



*Providing the Best Possible Eyecare*

### **RTA™ Laser Scan**

Dr. Steckman constantly strives to provide his patients with the most up to date technology for optimum eye care. The **RTA Retinal Scanner** is a highly sophisticated, computerized instrument that allows us to provide you with a more thorough medical analysis of the eye. The RTA™ scan takes digital pictures of the retina (the nerve layer inside the back of the eye), and allows us to look at cross sections of the retina. This greatly assists Dr. Steckman in the early detection of many disorders, including glaucoma, diabetic retinopathy, macular degeneration, hypertensive retinopathy and other sight threatening conditions. The pictures are stored in our database and will be used to compare with the future images to observe any changes in the health of the inside of your eyes. Our office has the only RTA-5 scanner in Central Oregon.

Serious eye conditions often have **no symptoms** and it is important to identify them. DR STECKMAN STRONGLY RECOMMENDS THAT ALL PATIENTS HAVE THE PROCEDURE PERFORMED, INCLUDING CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS FOR A BASELINE SCAN. If you are under 40 years old, every other year is routine, unless specified by a doctor. If you are over 40 years old, Dr. Steckman recommends yearly photos. It is extremely important if you have been diagnosed with or have a family history of:

Glaucoma	Headaches
Diabetes	High Cholesterol
Macular Degeneration	High Blood Pressure
Blindness	

Medical and/or Vision Insurances DO NOT pay for routine photo scans. The charge is \$39.00. If the routine screening reveals a potential medical eye condition, your medical insurance may pay for a more comprehensive series of tests. Most insurance companies require you to come back on a separate visit to complete these tests.

Please check the appropriate line and sign at the bottom:

**Yes**, I would like the RTA™ retinal photo/scan.

**No**, I decline to have the RTA™ retinal photo/scan.

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Signature

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Date