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Eye Urgencies and Emergencies

When something happens to our eyes, we all become very concerned. The key is to remain calm and determine whether what has taken place is an urgent situation or a sight or life threatening condition that requires an emergency room/



9-1-1 phone call.

Fortunately, there are few eye conditions that might necessitate true emergency services, but if you have a sudden, substantial loss of vision (clarity or field of vision)

or severe pain, especially if any of the following neurological symptoms accompany your vision problems (numbness, loss of function, dizziness, severe headache), have somebody transport you to the nearest hospital emergency room or call 9-1-1.

If you wear contact lenses and your eyes become irritated or red, remove your lenses and call our office to make an appointment.

If you have a red, irritated eye that has not affected your vision/caused any light sensitivity, and is not producing a discharge, then you can use non-preserved artificial tears to soothe the eye[s] and call the next morning if our office is not open.

If there is a discharge, be sure to wash your hands often, as well as all items which may come in contact with your eyes everyday (pillowcases, towels, etc.) and call our office to schedule an exam.

Glasses Donations Appreciated

We would like to give a special thank you to those patients who have donated their used glasses so that they can be used to help the less fortunate in the San Gabriel Valley and beyond. We have been working with the Lions Club Charities who hold multiple clinics in Southern California and Mexico. Your generosity has helped thousands of people live better lives with clearer vision. Thanks again!

Enduring Heroes Memorial

For three years, it has been a labor of love for Dr. Lowe who experienced many ups and downs as she chaired the Enduring Heroes Committee. The committee was established in 2014 after a close family friend, Scott Studenmund, lost his life in Afghanistan. This set in motion the journey to create a memorial to remember soldiers from Pasadena and its neighboring communities. The committee worked hard to find and contact the families of soldiers who had lost their lives since 9/11, each family telling their own stories of pride and heartache. A common theme throughout their stories was that each soldier had felt a strong calling to serve our nation. In all, there are eleven soldiers that are recognized, 10 men and 1 woman. The artist recruited to design the sculpture, Christopher Slatoff, pasted photos of each soldier and their stories on the walls of his studio, inspiring him to create a sculpture that included features from each of the eleven soldiers. This 8-foot bronze sculpture of a soldier holding aloft an American flag was unveiled on Memorial Day in Pasadena's Defenders Park in the presence of the families of the eleven soldiers and several hundred people.

Thank you to our patients who donated to this great cause and to Dr. Lowe who unwaveringly pressed forward to establish this memorial so that we may remember our enduring heroes.



