

# Eye Outpatient Department



Where are we?	524 Hagley Ave, which is the same entrance used by Canterbury Laboratory Services.
Hours:	<p>7.30am – 5.30pm Monday to Friday.</p> <p>Closed week-ends and public holidays.</p> <p>If you have an urgent problem when we are closed please phone Christchurch hospital 3640-640 and ask for the eye doctor on duty. They will let you know when and where to go if you need to be seen.</p>
Who could you see there?	<p>Receptionist</p> <p>Orthoptists (specialised staff member working with children with eye problems)</p> <p>Eye Nurses Eye Doctors</p>
What do we do?	<p>The eye nurse or orthoptist will check your vision.</p> <p>They may also put eye drops into your eyes which helps us see your eyes better. These eye drops can last more than 24 hours. They make your eyes blurry and make you sensitive to light for that time.</p> <p>You may have an appointment with the orthoptist and with the doctor as well who will ask questions about your vision, medical history and look into your eyes and may ask you to look up or down.</p> <p>They will put a patch over one eye at a time and play matching games with you to test your vision.</p> <p>The consultation with doctor will be much the same as the orthoptist.</p>

<p>What to bring:</p>	<p>If you wear glasses please bring these with you.</p> <p>Sunglasses or a hat will protect you from being light sensitive after you have dilating eye drops. Also bring snacks, drinks and games or books to amuse you for what may be a long wait. Having a spare change of nappies for babies is also a good idea.</p>
<p>Please Note:</p>	<p>Delays can be experienced in our department so it is advised not to schedule another appointment within two hours of your appointment time. You may be required to see more than one health professional at this visit.</p> <p>There may be more than one clinic running simultaneously so the waiting times for each of these may differ.</p>
<p>Remember:</p>	<p>Have fun and don't be afraid to ask if you're not sure about anything, we are here to help.</p>

