



Support Services and Adaptive Devices for Older Adults with Low Vision

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What is low vision?

- According to the American Foundation for the Blind

“vision that cannot be fully corrected by ordinary prescription lenses, medical treatment, or surgery”

Quick facts about vision and aging

- 12.2% of Americans aged 65-74 years report having vision loss while 15.2% aged 75 years or older report vision loss (2011 National Health Interview Survey)
- More than 3.4 million Americans aged 40 years or older are either legally blind or are visually impaired (CDC)
- Vision loss is among the top ten disabilities for adults aged 18 years or older (CDC)
- The population of adults with vision impairment and age-related eye diseases is expected to double by 2050 due to the growing “Baby Boomer” population (CDC)

National Organizations for Low Vision*

- [American Printing House for the Blind](#)
- [Lighthouse International](#)
- Newsline for the Blind
- Jewish Braille Institute of America
- [American Foundation for the Blind \(AFB\)](#)
- Low Vision Gateway
- American Council of the Blind
- [National Federation of the Blind \(NFB\)](#)
- [The Blinded Veterans Association](#)

*Not an exhaustive list

Consumer Information and Resources

- Lighthouse International provides various "[tip sheets](#)" concerning eye health
- The American Foundation for the Blind offers an entire section titled [Living with Vision Loss](#) that provides information on a multitude of topics regarding vision loss
- The National Federation of the Blind provides resources for [living, working, learning, and recreation](#) for both patients and health care professionals as well as various [brochures and flyers](#) for order (*free)

Devices for Low Vision



Advocating for patient access to services



Contacting the group of interest



