

# Diabetic Retinopathy Exams

## JVN-IHS

Who: Native Diabetic Patients

Where: Chehalis Tribal Wellness Center

When: **Thursday, Sept. 18th, 2025 9:00am to Noon and  
Thursday, Sept. 25th, 2025 1:00pm to 3:00pm**

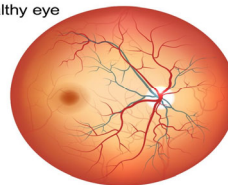
Call the clinic at 360.273.5504 to schedule your appointment.

It will take about 15 minutes total. Questions Contact: Christina Hicks  
Community Wellness Manager @ 360.709.1741

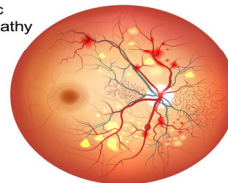


### Diabetic Eye Disease

Healthy eye



Diabetic Retinopathy



### Increasing Access to Eye Care

Annual retinal examination of all people with diabetes can help prevent diabetes-related blindness. These exams identify people at high risk for losing their sight and requiring treatment to prevent vision loss. In addition to preserving vision, eye exams and laser treatment of high-risk individuals is very cost effective, saving many health care dollars annually by preventing diabetes-related vision loss. For many people with diabetes, there are no symptoms of eye disease and travel to a specialty eye clinic for a dilated eye exam can be difficult, so some might defer the exam. For this and other reasons only half of American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) with diabetes obtain the annual retinal examination needed to identify high risk disease and prevent vision loss.