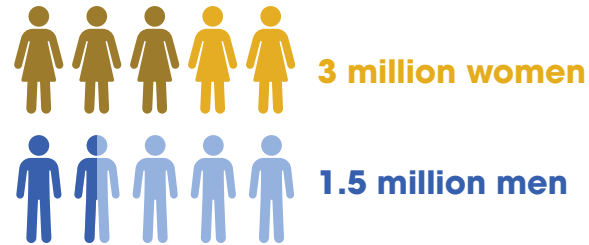


Dry Eye Disease: How Did We Get Here?

Prevalence

Who is likely to develop dry eye?

Nearly 5 million Americans 50 years of age or older are estimated to have dry eye



Risk Factors

Common causes of dry eye



Age

The majority of people over the age of 65 experience some symptoms of dry eye



Gender

Women have higher rates due to hormonal changes



Medications

Antihistamines, decongestants, blood pressure medications, and antidepressants



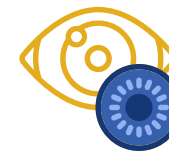
Medical Conditions

Certain autoimmune diseases, diabetes, and thyroid problems



Environmental Conditions

Smoke, wind, dry climates, lengthy screen exposure time without blinking



Other Factors

Contact lens use, refractive eye surgeries