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## GUIDELINES FOR OBJECTIVE VISION SCREENING

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### 1. PARENTAL/CARE GIVER CONCERN

**2. At age three**, all children who have health supervision visits. In the event that the child is unable to cooperate for vision testing, a second attempt should be made 4 to 6 months later. For children 4 years and older, the second attempt should be made in 1 month. Children who cannot be tested after repeated attempts should be referred to an ophthalmologist experienced in the care of children for an eye evaluation.

**3.** Infants and children at high risk of eye problems. This includes children who are very premature;  
those with family histories of congenital cataracts,  
those with family histories of retinoblastoma,  
those with family histories of metabolic or genetic diseases;  
those who have significant developmental delay or neurologic difficulties;  
and those with systemic disease associated with eye abnormalities

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