We are dedicated to providing expert pediatric eye care with special consideration, patience and kindness. The Eye Center Team is experienced in calming the fears of young patients and in creating a comfortable environment for you and your child.

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Visual Diagnosis Lab
WE OFFER DIAGNOSIS AND TREATMENT OF ALL FUNCTIONAL AND COSMETIC EYE DISORDERS IN INFANTS AND CHILDREN, INCLUDING:

- Wandering eye (strabismus)
- Eye tracking disorder (nystagmus – eye wiggling)
- Lazy vision (amblyopia)
- Abnormalities of Down syndrome, cerebral palsy or brain trauma
- Vision disorders of prematurity
- Genetic eye disorders
- Cataracts and intraocular lens implantation
- Glaucoma
- Tear duct disorders (watery or goopy eye)
- Eyelid drooping (ptosis)
- Hemangiomas, cysts and lumps
- Retinoblastoma and other eye tumors
- Orbital infections (cellulitis)
- Inflammation (uveitis)
- Lasik and lens implants for children who won’t wear glasses (refractive surgery)

SAME DAY SURGERY

If your child requires surgery, he or she will undergo a short exam. Parents will meet with a pediatric anesthesiologist who tailors anesthesia to their child’s needs.

After surgery, your child will be taken to a special recovery area called the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), where the initial stage of wake-up occurs.

Your child will arrive about an hour before the procedure and go home a few hours later. For more information on Same Day Surgery, please visit our web site at stlouischildrens.org.

VISUAL DIAGNOSTIC LAB TESTING

The tests do not rely on verbal communication, and provide additional information on the vision of infants, non-verbal and delayed children in an objective manner.

- The tests are non-invasive and generally require no sedation.
- While the child views a video screen, the response of the visual brain is measured by scalp electrodes, and eye tracking is measured with digital camera goggles.
- A special ERG test of retina function may be needed in some children, and for this sedation is required.

RANGE OF TESTS

- Visual Evoked Potential (VEP):
  - visual acuity
  - optic nerve function
  - visual brain development
  - albinism
- Target Recognition (Preferential Looking) Tests:
  - visual acuity and central visual field
  - contrast sensitivity
- Electoretinography (ERG):
  - retinal diseases of the rods and cones
  - night (dark) vision
  - pigment abnormalities

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