Glaucoma Aware is working to raise awareness about glaucoma. But how much do you really know about this blinding eye disease? Here are some facts about glaucoma:

**GLAUCOMA IN AUSTRALIA**

In Australia, over 300,000 people have glaucoma but only half have been diagnosed.1

**GLAUCOMA WORLDWIDE**

More than 60 million individuals aged 40 to 80 years worldwide are estimated to live with glaucoma.2 It is anticipated that by 2020, glaucoma diagnoses in this age group will have reached 76 million.3 By 2040, that number could reach 111.8 million.4

**ASYMPTOMATIC**

Primary open-angle glaucoma accounts for 74% of all cases of glaucoma and often has no signs or symptoms.4

**IRREVERSIBLE**

Vision lost to glaucoma is gone forever.5

**TREATMENTS**

Glaucoma treatment can include eye drops, oral medications, laser surgery, surgery, or a combination of these methods.3

**RISK FACTORS**

- **Age:** The risk of developing glaucoma increases slightly with each year of age, particularly among people over the age of 60.6
- **Ethnicity:** Regular eye health checks are recommended for Caucasians and Asians over the age of 50.7
- **Hereditary Factors:** First degree relatives of Australian glaucoma patients have a ten-fold increased risk of developing the disease.8

**Facts on the Number of People with Glaucoma**

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**EYE DROPS**

**ORAL MEDICATION**

**SURGERY**

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