

# FACTS ABOUT GLAUCOMA

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

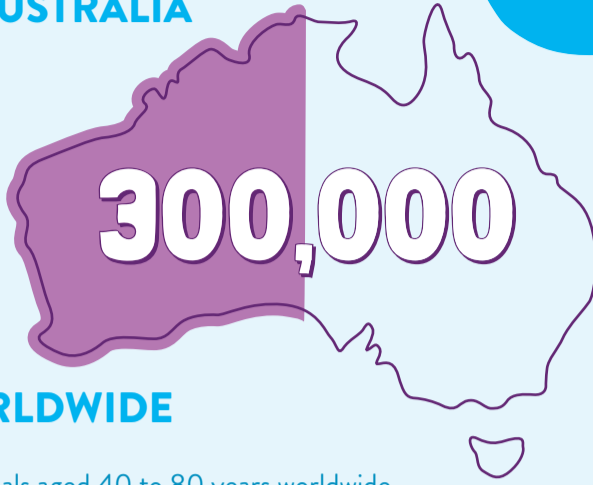
Here are some facts about glaucoma:

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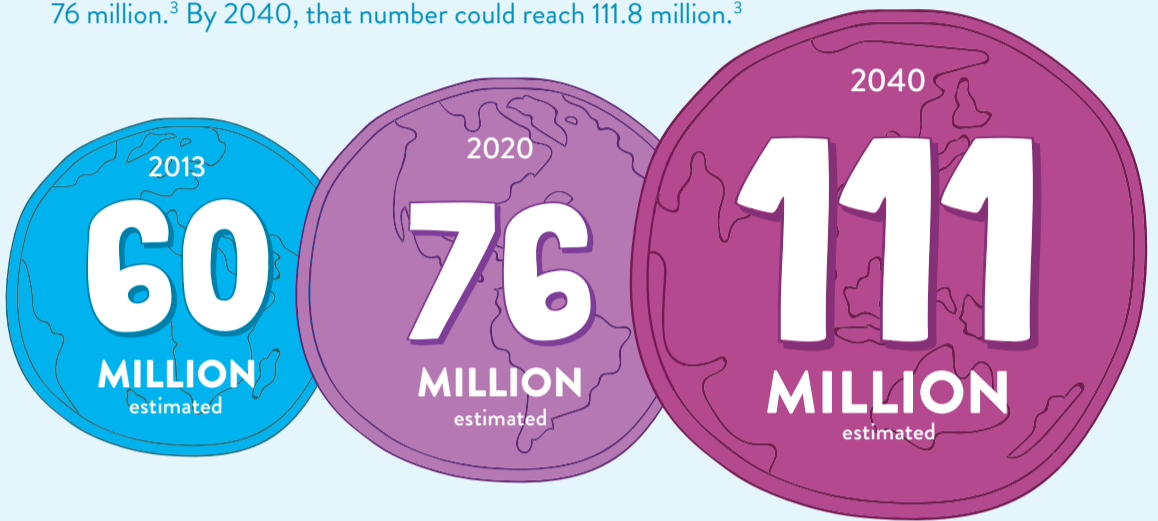
## GLAUCOMA IN AUSTRALIA

In Australia, over 300,000 people have glaucoma but only half have been diagnosed.<sup>1,2</sup>



## GLAUCOMA WORLDWIDE

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

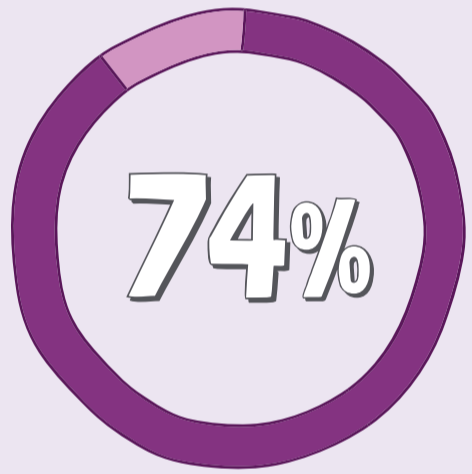


## ASYMPTOMATIC

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

## IRREVERSIBLE

Vision lost to glaucoma is **gone forever**.<sup>3</sup>



**THERE IS NO CURE**

## TREATMENTS

Glaucoma treatment can include eye drops, oral medications, laser surgery, surgery, or a combination of these methods.<sup>5</sup>



EYE DROPS



ORAL MEDICATION



SURGERY

## RISK FACTORS

**Age:** The risk of developing glaucoma increases slightly with each year of age, particularly among people over the age of 60.<sup>6</sup>

**Ethnicity:** Regular eye health checks are recommended for Caucasians and Asians over the age of 50.<sup>7</sup>

**Hereditary factors:** First degree relatives of Australian glaucoma patients have a ten-fold increased risk of developing the disease.<sup>7</sup>

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