

MYTHS ABOUT GLAUCOMA

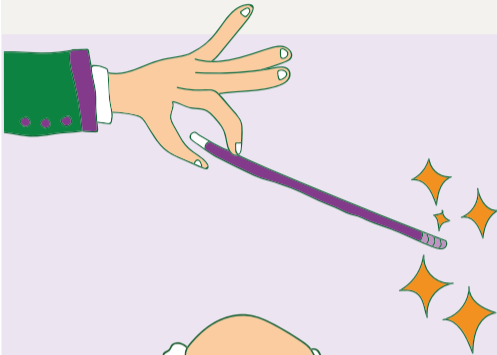
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Glaucoma Aware is working to raise awareness about glaucoma. But how much do you really know about this degenerative eye disease? Here are some common myths about glaucoma:

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MYTH:

Glaucoma is curable

FACT: There is currently no cure for glaucoma, but early diagnosis and proper treatment can potentially help to delay the progression of this disease.¹



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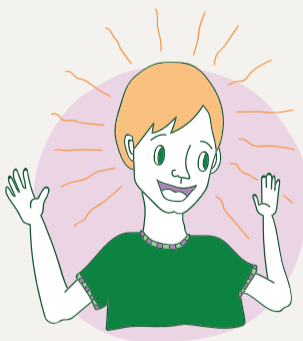
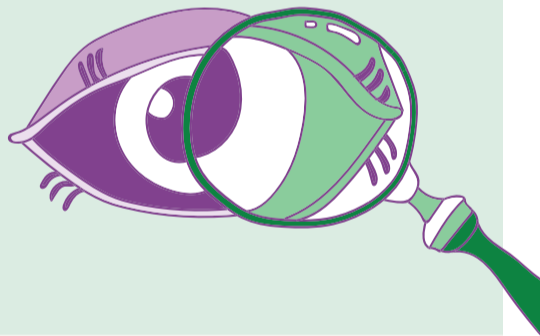
Only older people develop glaucoma

FACT: Although it often occurs in people over age 60,² even an infant can develop glaucoma.³

MYTH:

Glaucoma symptoms are easily detected

FACT: Most cases of glaucoma are asymptomatic, so it can go undetected until an advanced stage.³



MYTH:

Vision lost to glaucoma can be restored

FACT: The effects of glaucoma are irreversible. Once vision is lost to glaucoma, it cannot be restored.¹



MYTH:

Glaucoma contributes only to a small proportion of blindness globally

FACT: Glaucoma is the leading cause of irreversible blindness worldwide.⁴

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