

# THE LONG DIAGNOSTIC JOURNEY

## DIAGNOSING A RARE VISION CONDITION CAN TAKE YEARS.

Patients may first visit their primary care provider and then multiple specialists in search of a diagnosis.

Patients can lose time waiting on:



Appropriate tests and results



Referrals and waiting lists for specialist appointments



Inconclusive or inaccurate diagnoses



As time goes by,  
**PATIENTS' HEALTH MAY SUFFER,**  
and they may experience:



Worsening symptoms



Disease progression



Vision loss

## PATIENT AND PROVIDER EDUCATION IS AN IMPORTANT STEP FORWARD.



### Patients can benefit from:

- ✓ Disease-state awareness
- ✓ Support from family and friends
- ✓ Involvement in a supportive community

### Providers need greater awareness about:

- ✓ Rare vision conditions & symptoms
- ✓ Diagnostic tools
- ✓ Treatment options

**INCREASING AWARENESS INCREASES PATIENTS' CHANCES OF A TIMELY DIAGNOSIS.**



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