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## Internal Medicine Enduring Material

# Saving Sight Vision Protection and Blindness Prevention in Diabetes <a href="mailto:ttuhsc.dkbmed.com">ttuhsc.dkbmed.com</a>

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#### **Fast Facts:**

- Up to 20% of patients with DM2 have evidence of retinopathy at the time of diagnosis.
- Only about 60% of people with DM in the U.S. receive the recommended yearly screening and our clinics at Texas Tech Physicians of El Paso are even lower than this.
- In order to better serve our patients at TTP El Paso, we are providing education to patients and providers as well as making retinal cameras available in selected clinics.

**Objectives**: Upon completion of this session, the participant should be able to:

- Explain the pathophysiology of diabetic retinopathy.
- Reinforce the importance of early screening and treatment as needed.
- Describe treatment strategies for diabetic retinopathy.
- Describe importance of early referral and treatment for age-related macular degeneration and retinal vein occlusion.

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