

Mayo Clinic Medical Edge

Treating Glaucoma

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Intro with music	GIVING YOU THE EDGE ON HEALTHY LIVING, HERE'S MAYO CLINIC MEDICAL EDGE.
	IF A DRAIN IN YOUR HOUSE IS BLOCKED IT CAN CAUSE BIG PROBLEMS. THE SAME IS TRUE FOR YOUR EYES. IT'S CALLED GLAUCOMA. WHEN THE FLUID THAT NORMALLY HELPS OUR EYES FUNCTION DOESN'T DRAIN, PRESSURE BUILDS UP, DAMAGING THE OPTIC NERVE. MAYO CLINIC OPHTHALMOLOGIST DR. ARTHUR SIT SAYS...
Arthur Sit, M.D. Track 1 (2:12)	"PRESSURE IS THE MOST IMPORTANT RISK FACTOR THAT WE KNOW OF FOR GLAUCOMA, AND THE ONLY FACTOR THAT WE

	CAN TREAT.”
	FOR MOST PATIENTS THAT MEANS MEDICATIONS – EYE DROPS. THEY WON’T RESTORE LOST VISION, BUT SHOULD KEEP IT FROM GETTING ANY WORSE.
Dr. Sit Track 2(5:40)	“WHEN I TELL THEM THEY HAVE A DIAGNOSIS OF GLAUCOMA, THEIR FIRST QUESTION IS “HOW LONG TO I HAVE?”, SO THEY’RE USUALLY RELIEVED TO KNOW THAT.”
	FOR PATIENTS WHO DON’T RESPOND TO OR CAN’T TOLERATE THE MEDICATIONS, THERE ARE LASER AND SURGICAL PROCEDURES THAT ALSO WORK VERY WELL.
	FOR MORE INFORMATION, TALK TO YOUR DOCTOR OR VISIT MAYOCLINIC.ORG . I’M VIVIEN WILLIAMS.

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