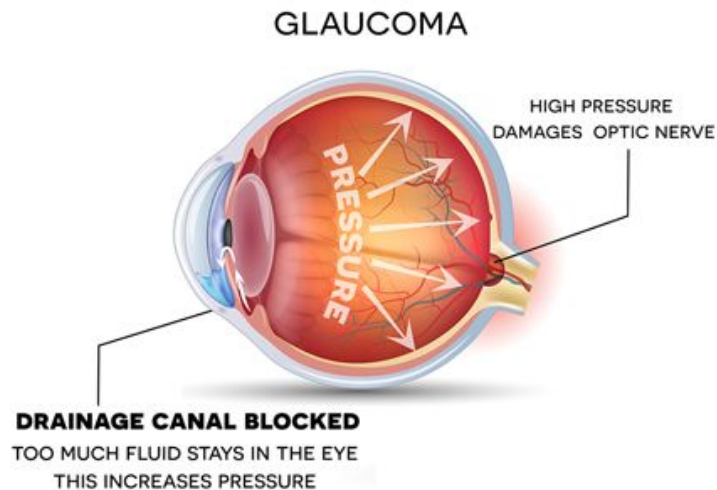


What's the treatment for glaucoma?



Doctors use a few different types of treatment for glaucoma, including medicines (usually eye

drops), laser treatment, and surgery.

If you have glaucoma, it's important to start treatment right away. While it won't undo any damage to your vision, treatment can stop it from getting worse.

Medicines. Prescription eye drops are the most common

treatment. They lower the pressure in your eye and prevent damage to your optic nerve.

Laser treatment. To lower pressure in your eye, doctors can use lasers to help the fluid drain out of your eye. It's a simple

procedure that your doctor can do in the office.

Surgery. If medicines and laser treatment don't work, your doctor might suggest surgery. There are several different types of surgery that can help the fluid drain out of your eye.

Talk over your options with your doctor. While glaucoma is a serious disease, treatment works well. Remember these tips:

- If your doctor prescribes medicine, be sure to take it every day

- Tell your doctor if your treatment causes side effects
- See your doctor for regular check-ups
- If you're having trouble with everyday activities because of your vision loss, ask your doctor

about low vision services
or devices that could help

- Encourage family members to get checked for glaucoma, since it can run in families