

## Who we are

The Macular Degeneration Partnership (MDP) is an outreach program of the Discovery Eye Foundation, a non-profit organization.

The Partnership includes patients, families, researchers, physicians, industry partners and workers in the fields of vision and aging. Our thousands of members come from dozens of countries around the globe.

The Partnership has three components:

- Education
- Support
- Advocacy

Our mission is to provide comprehensive, easily understood and up to the minute information about macular degeneration to people with age-related macular degeneration, their families and caregivers.

The Macular Degeneration Partnership works collaboratively with professional organizations, advocacy groups, government programs and international organizations to raise awareness of AMD, educate the public, advocate for patient rights, support research and recruit for clinical trials.



## We need your support

The Macular Degeneration Partnership relies on contributions to allow us to continue this important work. Every dollar goes directly toward services – large print information, AMD Update e-newsletter, the AMD Warmline, presentations and seminars. All our information and services are provided free of charge.

Your donation helps patients and families who deal with the daily impact of macular degeneration and low vision. Help us help them by sending a tax-deductible contribution to the Macular Degeneration Partnership.

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**A Program of the Discovery Eye Foundation**

**Information • Support**  
**Resources • Advocacy**

# Macular Degeneration Partnership Programs, Support and Materials

## Resources

**AMD.org** is a comprehensive and accessible source for information, resources, tools and referrals for patients, families and caregivers.

**AMD Update** is a monthly e-newsletter with important breaking news, articles on research, vision rehabilitation and personal stories about living with AMD.

**The AMD Toolkit™** is a large print packet of information and tools especially useful for the person newly diagnosed with AMD and their family members. It describes both dry and wet AMD and includes a magnetic Amsler Grid, a Vision Simulation Card, nutrition guidelines and a list of local resources.

**The AMD Warm Line** is a toll-free number. Callers connect to a professional and caring staff member who can answer questions about AMD, find local resources, act as an advocate and give emotional support.

**Support Groups** – A local support group meets in the Los Angeles, California area. Assistance is provided to individuals and groups in other parts of the United States.

**Presentations** are available for senior groups, medical facilities and health fairs. These include one hour lectures with a question and answer period or longer seminars which include retinologists, low vision specialists and a vision resource fair.

## For Professionals

**The Macular Degeneration Partnership** provides teaching tools for use in your office and to distribute to your patients. To order materials, email MDP at [contact@discovereyeye.org](mailto:contact@discovereyeye.org) or call 888-430-9898.

**Vision Simulation Card** is an easy-to-use tool that shows what it's like to see with macular degeneration, diabetic retinopathy, glaucoma and cataract. The user closes one eye and holds the card directly against the face. Looking through one of the windows gives a personal experience of what it is like to have these eye

diseases. Patients tell us that they like to share the card with family and friends to help them understand the challenges of AMD.

**Educational Posters** for your office help explain macular degeneration and vision loss to patients and family members. The 30 x 24 inch full color poster shows: a normal Amsler Grid and one as seen by a person with AMD; a normal fundus and one with drusen and exudate; an image of two children as seen with normal sight and as seen by a person with AMD.

**Amsler Grids** are available in two forms - a magnet with black lines on a white background or an 8x10 peel and stick version with white lines on a black background, including instructions and an image of Betty White showing the testing technique.

