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## **Most Patients with Open-Angle Glaucoma Fail to Receive Adequate Follow-Up**



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In this retrospective study of US claims data, more than 380,000 older adults were investigated to determine frequency of follow-up visual field testing after open-angle glaucoma (OAG) diagnosis. Despite recommendations for once-annual testing, only 11% of patients met this guideline, and 68% had less than one visual field test per year (median 0.63 tests).

Older age, female sex, and diabetic retinopathy were associated with less frequent testing. Individuals who saw an ophthalmologist were 24% more likely to test regularly than those who saw an optometrist only. The authors conclude that there is widespread bias among clinicians toward insufficient testing, which may significantly contribute to OAG progression.

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