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## **InfantSee Program Information—[www.infantsee.org](http://www.infantsee.org)**

### **Why Infant Eye Exams so early in life? Early Detection = Early Correction / Intervention**

- 1 in 10 children is at risk from undiagnosed vision problems
- 1 in 30 children will be affected by amblyopia – often referred to as lazy eye – a leading cause of vision loss in people younger than 45 years
- 1 in 25 will develop strabismus – more commonly known as crossed-eyes – a risk factor for amblyopia
- 1 in 33 will show significant refractive error such as near-sightedness, far-sightedness and astigmatism
- 1 in 100 will exhibit evidence of eye disease – e.g. glaucoma
- 1 in 20,000 children have retinoblastoma (intraocular cancer) the seventh most common pediatric cancer
- Blocked Tear Duct very common
- Bacterial Conjunctivitis common
- Epicantal Folds will go away as child grows = pseudo lazy eye

### **InfantSEE Program**

- Provides no-cost access to an eye-care doctor who has the instruments and resources
- Detects potential problems that, if undetected, may lead to learning and developmental issues later
- Gives new parents the peace of mind that their infant's vision is developing properly

### **Infant Eye Exam Goals**

- Have fun!
- Recommend bringing infant just after nap and hold off on bottle until examination
- Educate parents on their child's vision and eye health.
- What to expect in next 18 months before next visit
- Letter back to InfantSEE headquarters and letter to pediatrician