
Potential Acuity Meter (PAM) Eye Test

What is a PAM test?

A PAM test is done before cataract surgery to see how much of your vision lost because of the cataract.

Why do I need a PAM test?

A PAM test is done people who have other eye disease as well as a cataract. A PAM test helps you and your eye doctor decide if removing the cataract will help you see better.



The day of your appointment:

- Plan to arrive no more than 15 minutes before your appointment time.
- You will have freezing drops and tear drops. Your eyes will not be dilated. You can drive after this test.

When you arrive:

1. Clean your hands with the pump provided.
2. Sit in the waiting room
3. Wait to be called to the Registration desk. You will be called according to your scheduled appointment time – not the time you arrive
4. Register at the Registration desk when called. Be prepared to show your Ontario Health card.
5. After registering, you are taken to the exam room where you get freezing drops in your eyes.
6. This test takes about 15 minutes.



Plan to be at the Eye Clinic about 1 hour. There are many doctors and patients in this clinic for many tests and procedures so you may see people go in “out of order”.