INFORMATION REGARDING DILATING DROPS

PURPOSE: dilate or enlarge the pupils of the eye to allow the ophthalmologist to get a better view of the interior of the eye. This enables a better view of the optic nerve, retina and blood vessels in the eye. Detection of any changes is crucial in preventing loss of vision due to conditions such as diabetes, glaucoma, retinal tears/detachments, and macular degeneration.

SIDE EFFECTS:

· **frequently blurs vision** for a length of time which varies from patient to patient. This blurring of vision can last from 3 to 6 hours.

· **may make bright lights bothersome.** It is not possible for your ophthalmologist to predict how much your vision will be affected. It is recommended that sunglasses be worn and a pair will be provided for you if needed.

· **driving may be difficult** immediately after an examination. Most patients drive themselves as the dilation blurs near vision and not your distance vision. However, if you are uncomfortable driving, please be sure to have someone come with you to your appointments as it is most likely you will be dilated.

· **an adverse reaction** such as acute angle-closure glaucoma can be triggered from the dilating drops. This is extremely rare and treatable with immediate medical attention.

I hereby authorize Dr. Vic Khemsara and/or such assistants as may be designated by him to administer dilating eye drops. The eye drops are necessary to diagnose and/or follow my condition. This authorization is in effect until I deem otherwise.

PATIENT /or person authorized to sign ___________________ Date ___________________