Pathfinder for Low Vision

Introduction to the topic

Low vision is “vision considered to be inferior to normal vision as represented by accepted standards of acuity, field of vision, or motility. Low vision generally refers to visual disorders that are caused by diseases that cannot be corrected by refraction (e.g., macular degeneration; retinitis pigmentosa, diabetic retinopathy, etc.).” Retrieved from National Library of Medicine, Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) on July 26, 2011 http://www.nlm.nih.gov/cgi/mesh/2011/MB_cgi?mode=&index=14708&field=all&HM=&II=&PA=&form=&input=,.)

Online databases

Suggested search terms are: vision, low; low vision; vision disorders; vision, diminished; vision, reduced; vision, subnormal; vision loss.

MedlinePlus®
Health information for patients, families and health care providers. Also in Spanish. Access to this government-supported database is free.

OT SEARCH
OT Search contains over 40,000 citations for occupational therapy literature and related subject areas dating from the early 1900's. Citations may include links to full-text content. It is a subscription-based service.

PubMed
PubMed comprises more than 20 million citations for biomedical literature from MEDLINE, life science journals, and online books. Citations may include links to full-text content from PubMed Central and publisher web sites. Access to this government-supported database is free.

Reference resources (print and electronic)

ClinicalTrials.gov
ClinicalTrials.gov offers up-to-date information for locating federally and privately supported clinical trials for a wide range of diseases and conditions.

Dirline
Directory of Health Organizations

**National Eye Institute. National Institutes of Health.** *What you should know about low vision*. (NIH Publication No. 99–4672)

**NIHSeniorHealth**  
This website features basic health and wellness information for older adults from the National Institutes of Health.


**Associations, Foundations, and Organizations**

- **American Foundation for the Blind**
- **American Optometric Association**
- **Council of Citizens with Low Vision International** - American Council for the Blind (CCLVI)
- **Lighthouse International**
- **Macular Degeneration Support (MD Support)**
- National Eye Institute, **National Institutes of Health**

**Image, video or podcasts**

NIHSeniorHealth. *What is low vision?*


**American Occupational Therapy Association/American Occupational Therapy Foundation**


**Board and Specialty Certification**
Fact Sheet


Online Courses


Practice Guidelines Series


Self-Paced Clinical Courses (SPCC)  http://www.aota.org/CE/spcc.aspx


Articles on the role of occupational therapy


Liu, CJ, Brost, MA, Horton, VE, Kenyon, SB & Mears KE. (2013), *Occupational therapy*


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