

PURPOSE:

The visual acuity test is used to determine the smallest letters you can read on a standardized chart.

POLICY:

Visual Acuity tests are indicated for specific well child checks and Medicare annual wellness appointments.

This policy applies to all healthcare providers, including physicians, nurses and any staff involved in the testing process at Family Medical Specialties (FMS).

EQUIPMENT:

- Snellen Eye Chart
- LEA Symbols Chart for Children that do not know how to read.
- Paper to cover eye if needed

PROCEDURE:

- Verify you have the correct patient's chart open
- Open the flowsheet section of the patient's chart
- Add new visual acuity test if one has not been performed prior.
- **Position:** Have the patient stand or sit 20 feet away from the chart.
- **Cover one eye:** Have the patient use their hand, a paddle, or a piece of paper to cover one eye.
- **Read:** Have the patient start at the top of the chart and read the letters out loud, moving down to smaller rows until they can't read them clearly.
- **Score:** Use the corresponding numbers on the smallest line the patient can read. For example 20/20, 20/30, etc.
- **Repeat:** Repeat the test for the other eye. Repeat, writing score down.
- **Both** Have them read with both eyes. Repeat writing score down
- **Color** Have them state the color of the colored lines, letter color and the background color.
- **Score:** Write the colors they got correct, if they missed a color write that color and what they said they saw.
- Document the procedure.

DOCUMENTATION:

- Under the flowsheet in the chart, in one row you will chart the date, right eye, left eye, both eyes, for example: 20/20, 20/30, etc. If they were wearing glasses or contacts, and if they got all the colors correct, example: red correct, green correct, blue=green.