

Understanding the Glaucoma Patient Experience



The Glaucoma Community
Prevent Blindness

Insights on Treatment Experience, Emerging Therapies, and Clinical Research.

66

Survey Participants

70 years

Average Age

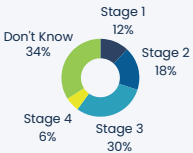
12 years

Average Time Living with Glaucoma

66%

Had Glaucoma Procedures or Surgery

Do Patients Know Their Glaucoma Stage?



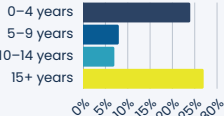
1 in 3

patients **don't know** their glaucoma stage.

To learn about glaucoma stages: [CLICK HERE](#)

Living With Glaucoma Over Time

While every glaucoma journey is different, many survey participants had been managing their condition for a decade or more.



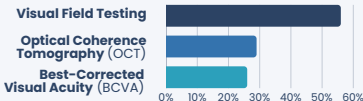
More than **60%**

have been living with glaucoma for 5 years or longer.

Treatment and Testing Experience

Participants reported a wide range of experiences with glaucoma testing, medications, laser procedures, and surgery.

Below is the percentage reporting they were "very" or "extremely" experienced with each test.



What Patients Want Most

Most common themes from open-ended responses



Preserve Vision



Slow disease progression



Reduce dependence on eye drops



Maintain independence

Awareness of Emerging Therapies

Participants were asked whether they had previously heard of **gene therapy** as a possible future glaucoma treatment.

Had never heard of gene therapy

73%

Were already familiar with it

27%

Key Takeaway

Many participants were learning about gene therapy for the first time, highlighting a **need for patient education around emerging treatment approaches.**

Concerns About Gene Therapy

Participants were also asked about **possible risks associated with a hypothetical gene therapy treatment.**

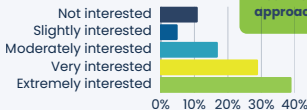


53%

Reported to be **concerned** about potential risks.

Interest in Future Treatments

Participants were presented with a hypothetical one-time treatment approach and asked about their level of interest.



68%

were very or extremely interested in a **potential one-time treatment approach.**



Travel requirements



Scheduling appointments



Length of visits



Potential treatment risks

Key Takeaway

Practical considerations such as transportation, scheduling, and time commitment **can be just as important as medical factors** when deciding whether to participate in a clinical trial.