WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT GLAUCOMA

WHO'S AT RISK?

- Individuals over the age of 60 are at increased risk
- People with a family history are about 20 percent more likely to develop the disease
- People with existing medical conditions like diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease

Glaucoma causes damage to the optic nerve over time with high levels of intraocular pressure and is often referred to as the “silent thief of sight.”

Because the disease is often asymptomatic, a delayed diagnosis can lead to irreparable harm, loss of vision, or even blindness in extreme cases.

More than three million individuals in the United States suffer from glaucoma. Unfortunately, the Glaucoma Research Foundation projects the numbers to increase to 4.2 million by 2050.

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