



**Orthoptic
Association of
Australia Inc.**

THE ORTHOPTIST AS PART OF THE NEUROLOGY TEAM

(Head injury, Stroke and other Neurological disorders)

REDUCED VISION

- Underlying pathology
- Amblyopia (*Lazy eye, a decrease in vision that can occur in the first 8 years of life*)

Orthoptists can assess the causes of reduced vision.



Aged Related Macular Degeneration

EYE MOVEMENT DISORDERS

- Nystagmus
- Nerve Palsy
- Saccades / Pursuits
- Convergence

Orthoptists can diagnose and recommend ways for patients to manage acquired eye movement disorders.



Reduced Vision

DIPLOPIA (Double Vision)

Orthoptists can help overcome the symptoms of diplopia by recommending prisms, exercises or occlusion.



Looking straight ahead

Looking to the right

Right Sixth Nerve Palsy

VISUAL FIELD LOSS

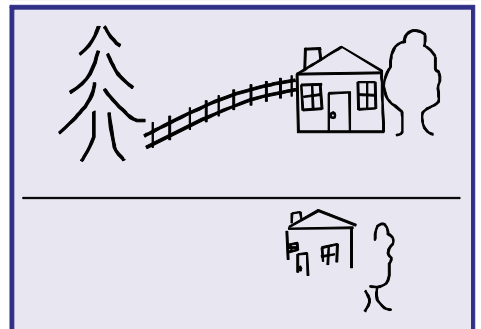
Orthoptists can diagnose and document visual field loss.



Bi-Temporal Visual Field Loss

VISUAL NEGLECT

Orthoptists are involved in training the patient to be aware of their visual neglect.



Visual Neglect

WHERE IS AN ORTHOPTIST?

- Ophthalmic Clinics
- Public Hospitals
- Rehabilitation & Low Vision Clinics
- Private Practices
- Community Health Centres.

QUALIFICATIONS

4 Year Full Time Bachelor degree obtained at either the University of Sydney or Latrobe University Melbourne.

LOOKING AT ORTHOPTICS

Orth = Straight Optics = Eyes

Orthoptist: University trained Allied Health Professional