

Most people feel anxious about finding a new healthcare provider. Where do I start? How much will it cost? Will my insurance cover the exam?

Will the staff actually listen to me? How long will I have to wait for an appointment?

You're not alone in having these concerns. In healthcare today, the quality, cost, access, and results can be very different from one place to another. We know you want the best care for you and your family. But how can you tell which eye clinic is the best for your family? This guide will help you make the best choices for your visit to the eye doctor, so your eyes can see clearly and confidently.

Having 2-3 clinics to compare will help you confidently choose a provider. Use the guide below to keep your notes organized and compare each office you call.

Practice A: Small Wonder Eyecare

Dr. Maria Bontrager 512-229-5911 1320 Hwy 290 Frontage Road, Elgin, 78621 Next Available Appointment: 2-3 business days

F	Practice B	
Name:		

Dr. Name:
Phone Number:
Address:
Next Available Appointment:

Practice C

Name:

Dr. Name:_____

Phone Number:_____

Address:

Next Available Appointment: _____

Optometry Office Comparison

	Practice A: Small Wonder Eyecare	Practice B Name:	Practice C Name:
How much of my exam will be performed by an assistant or technician?	none		
How many patients does the doctor see per hour?	one patient per hour- me!		
How much time will the doctor spend with me?	up to an hour		
Will the doctor ask me if I have questions?	Yes! They love questions!		
Does the doctor use dilation or a retinal photo to evaluate the health of my eyes?	Dilation		
Does the doctor or staff discuss lifestyle changes that would benefit my eye health?	Yes!		

	Practice A: Small Wonder Eyecare	Practice B Name:	Practice C Name:
Do staff provide educational materials for any eye conditions that I might have?	Yes!		
What measures are taken to ensure that I have a complete and thorough eye exam?	Each patient a full hour with Dr. B.		
Can I reach the doctor if I have questions after my appointment?	Dr. B. will follow up to check in, and I can call or email any time.		
How much will I pay for the exam, including extra tests such as dilation or retinal photos? (If you are insured, ask about your copay and whether insurance covers extra tests. If you are not insured, ask about a self pay discount.)	Everyone pays the same fees. A comprehensive eye exam costs \$145. Dilation is included.		

Knowing which questions to ask, and comparing answers from multiple clinics, will help you choose a doctor who meets your needs, takes the time to provide a thorough exam, and gives you recommendations for your eye health.