



Public Health System

Provision by Spanish National Health System (Sistema Nacional de Salud) (SNS) and delivered by nineteen autonomous communities. Residents can access medical and surgical care for eye diseases, injuries, or urgent conditions.

Private Health System

Individuals are required to pay out-of-pocket and/or purchase private insurance to access routine eye exams as well as faster specialized care.

First point-of-care to screening

1. Lack of screening sites, treating physicians, or equipment and technology in certain areas, particularly those that are rural and remote.

2. Barriers such as long wait times to schedule an appointment, the cost of an exam, and lengthy waits during the visit itself can lead to missed or delayed detection of eye disease at its earliest stages.



3. Limited information and lack of knowledge about patient organizations prevent individuals from accessing optical care at appropriate times.
4. Lack of national screening programs to facilitate regular eye screenings, leading to delays in diagnoses and treatment.

Referral to specialist

Triage by specialist



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6. Lack of clear guidelines on how to make referrals leads to unnecessary referrals due to misreads, misdiagnoses, or missed cases.

Confirmation of diagnosis and treatment

5. In the public sector, wait times can be long. There is a significant delay in visiting a general ophthalmologist

