

### 33 Clinical Signs, Symptoms, or Family Member Observations Suggestive of Eye/Vision Problems

1. Defective ocular fixation or visual interactions
2. *Abnormal light reflex (including both the corneal light reflections and the red fundus reflection)*
3. Abnormal or irregular pupils
4. *Large and/or cloudy eyes*
5. Drooping eyelid
6. *Lumps or swelling around the eyes*
7. Ocular alignment or movement abnormality
8. *Nystagmus (shaking of eyes)*
9. Persistent tearing, ocular discharge
10. *Persistent or recurrent redness*
11. Persistent light sensitivity
12. *Gazes at lights*
13. Squinting/eye closure
14. *Learning disabilities or dyslexia*
15. Eyes that are red-rimmed, crusty looking, or swollen
16. *Eyes that are frequently inflamed or watery*
17. Styes that recur frequently
18. *Pupils that look cloudy*
19. Unable to make eye contact
20. *Attempts to brush away a blur*
21. Rubs eyes excessively
22. *Frowns constantly*
23. Shuts or covers one eye for visual tasks
24. *Tilts or turns the head when looking at something*
25. Leans forward to see better
26. *Blinks excessively*
27. Excessively irritable during close work
28. *Stumbles or trips over objects*
29. Clumsy in reaching
30. *Dizziness, nausea, and headaches after close work*
31. Statements such as "I can't see that."
32. *Statements such as "I see two of them" (when only one object is present)*
33. Complaint of pain in the eyes

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