Dry vs. Wet Macular Degeneration: Key Differences Explained

If you or a loved one has recently been diagnosed with macular degeneration, your first question may be which type they have. At the Bochner Eye Institute in Toronto, we help you understand what's happening in your macula and what comes next.

The macula is the part of your retina responsible for detailed, central vision. Dry AMD is the more common form of AMD, while wet AMD is less common but can cause vision changes more quickly.

Dry AMD involves yellow deposits called drusen that build up under the retina. In its late stage, an area of the retina can thin out, which is known as geographic atrophy. Wet AMD often announces itself with straight lines suddenly looking wavy or a dark spot in the middle of your view, which should be assessed promptly by an eye doctor.

A dilated eye exam paired with retinal imaging can help our team determine which type you have, so your care and follow-up can be matched to your needs.

Whether your vision has changed slowly or overnight, our team in Toronto, Scarborough, Unionville, and Oakville is here to walk you through it in plain language.

To learn more, read our full blog on the topic!