

## Age Related Macular Degeneration:

Age Related Macular Degeneration (AMD) is the leading cause of blindness in the world. There are two forms of AMD, dry and wet. With the dry form of AMD, patients have yellow deposits within the retina called drusen. Atrophy may develop from drusen that have been present for a long time causing the macula to thin and lead to slow progressive vision loss. Wet AMD is less prevalent but causes more severe vision loss if not diagnosed and treated. In wet AMD, new blood vessels grow under the retina. These new vessels are weak and may leak fluid and blood, causing swelling which usually decreases a person's vision.