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Super Suggestions for
Medical Centers

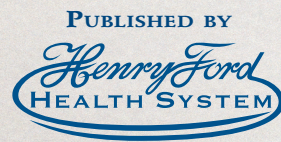
The Big Four Tips for Optimizing Access

Maximize
Lighting

Minimize
GLARE

Maximize
CONTRAST

Maximize
SIZE



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Entrance, Stairways and Elevators

- Outline railings, projections, handicap buttons in high contrast
- Keep paths clear of obstacles
- Apply contrasting, non-skid strips to steps
- Outline elevator buttons



Lobby and Hallways

- Mark protrusions with high contrast
- Contrast furniture with wall, floor
- Contrast freestanding signs with floor
- Use large print on all signs



Exam Areas

- Outline scales, steps in high contrast
- Contrast doors with walls
- Use large print on doors, signs



Outside Walkways

- Paint edges of steps, curbs, slanted surfaces yellow, access area blue
- Mark freestanding objects with yellow tape or paint



Supplies You May Need

- Roll of colored tape
- Yellow and blue paint

Employee Education

Alert staff to:

- The large and growing number of adults with vision loss
- The invisibility of central vision loss to others; seniors may not appear to have impaired vision, but they may not be able to recognize faces or read signs
- The need for clear communication, identifying yourself and giving specific verbal directions
- The need for home instructions in high contrast large print

Patterns of Vision Loss



MACULAR DEGENERATION

GLAUCOMA

DIABETES

STROKE

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WHY Use SiteWise?

BECAUSE:

- Seniors are the fastest growing customer base in the U.S. and many seniors have reduced vision
- Following these few, easy inexpensive tips can keep senior patients safe and happy and help them use your services

Your senior patients and their families will be grateful for your thoughtfulness in instituting these easy suggestions.

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