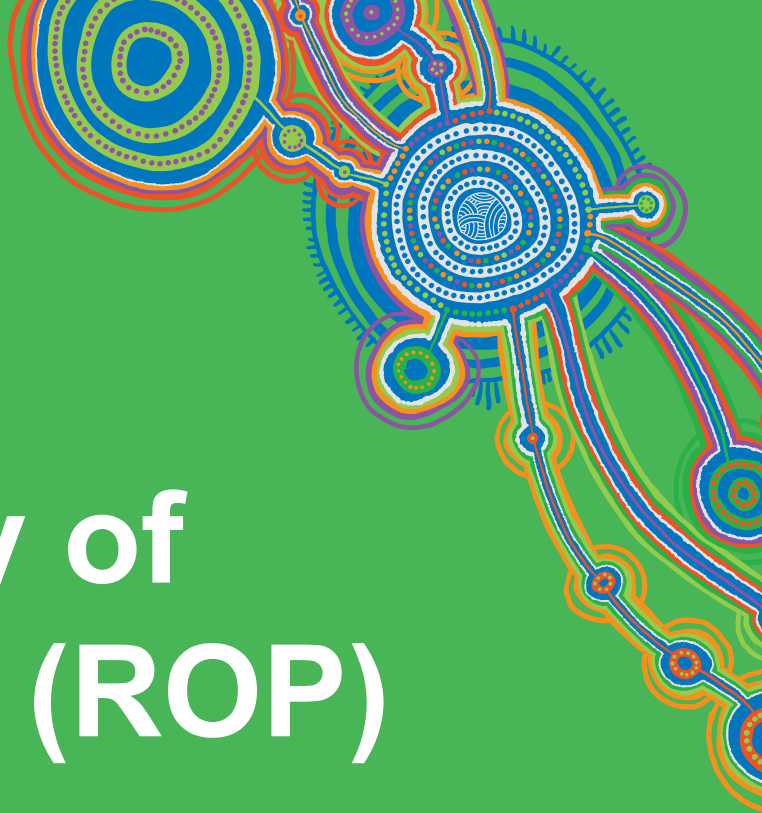




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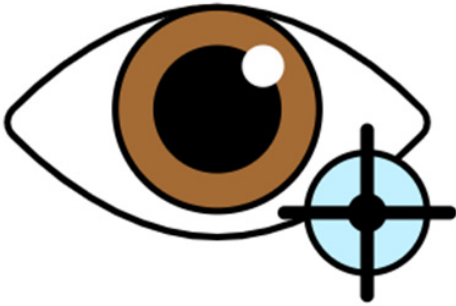
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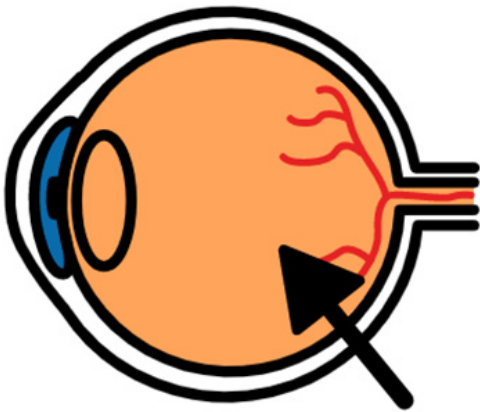


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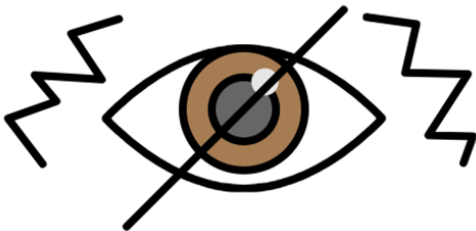
What is ROP?



Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP) is a condition that can happen in some **babies born too early**.



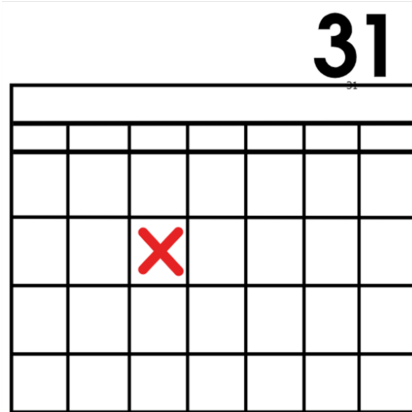
This happens when the **eye** doesn't **grow** the right way, and the **back of it** called the **Retina**, scars.



Most cases will **heal** by itself, but if left **untreated** can cause **blindness**.



The **earlier** your **baby**, the **higher** the **risk**. **ROP** can be bad if not found **early**.

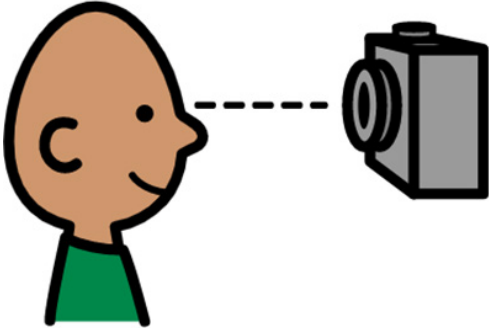


Babies who are born **before 31 weeks**, or **underweight**, will have **regular** tests.



We **won't** be **able** to **tell** by just **looking**. That's why we need **eye tests**.

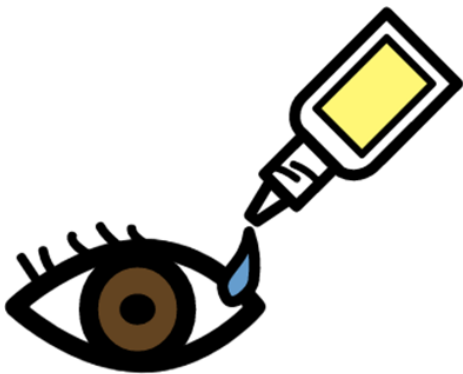
Testing for ROP



These tests use a **special camera** to take **pictures** of the **retina**.



Our **eye doctor** will **decide** if **more** tests are **needed** based on these **pictures**.



Before we **test**, we will put **eye drops** into your baby's **eyes**.

This will help **relax** the eyes and help us **see them**, this will **not hurt**.



Our **special camera**, will hold open baby's **eyes**. This may look **strange**, but baby **won't feel** any **pain**.

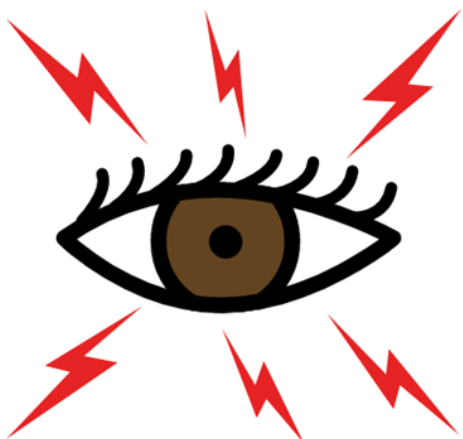


We **need** to do this to take **good photos** of the **eye**.

We will only hold each eye open for **2 minutes**.



The **whole test** will take **20 minutes**. Let your **nurse** know if you would like to be **with** your **baby** for the **testing**.



After the **test**, your **baby's** **eyes** might be sore to **light** for a **short time**.

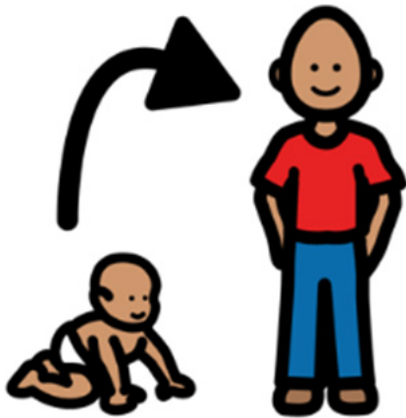


The **results** from our **doctor** will be **available** the **next day**.



If you have **any questions**, just **ask** our **staff** to contact the **Eye Team**. We are here **Monday** to **Friday**.

Going home with ROP

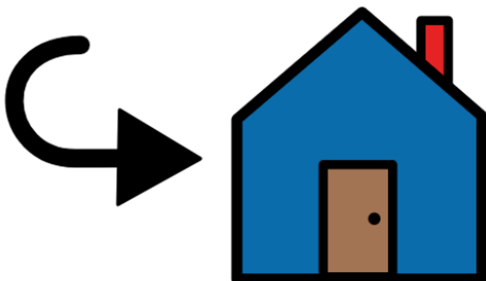


Don't worry if baby has **ROP**.
Most cases **heal** on their **own**.

We will **watch** their **eyes** over
time.



We **may suggest surgery** for
serious cases.



Eye tests will **continue** after you
go **home**.

A **clinic near** home will be found,
our **staff** will help you **find** this.

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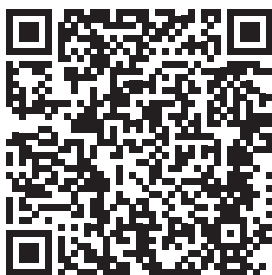
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