

Module: **Visual Conditions and Functional Vision:
Early Intervention Issues**

**Session 1: Working With Families and
Eye Care Professionals**

**Handout G: Questions Families May Want to Ask the Eye Care
Specialist**

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1. What is my child's visual condition (diagnosis) and what caused it (etiology)?
2. Do you want my child to have any other tests? What are they called, what do they do, and when should my child be retested?
3. Will my child's vision get better, worse, or stay the same (prognosis)?
4. What do you think my child is able to see?
5. What kind of lighting will help my child see best?
6. What other things can I do to help my child use his or her vision better?
7. What other conditions are associated with my child's visual condition?
8. What can we do about my child's visual condition? Glasses? Operations? Medications? Patching?
9. What do you think my child is able to see with eyeglasses?
10. If you are prescribing medication for my child, are there any side effects?
11. When would you like to see my child again?

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