



## Treatment for Glaucoma: Comparative Effectiveness: Comparative Effectiveness Review Number 60 (Paperback)

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Createspace, United States, 2013. Paperback. Condition: New. Language: English . Brand New Book \*\*\*\*\* Print on Demand \*\*\*\*\*. Glaucoma is a leading cause of visual impairment and blindness both in the United States and worldwide. It is estimated to affect 60.5 million people worldwide. Glaucoma is defined as an acquired disease of the optic nerve (neuropathy), characterized by a particular appearance of the optic nerve and by visual field defects that are usually midperipheral and in the nasal visual field. Depending upon whether the optic nerve damage is associated with an open or closed appearance to the drainage channels for aqueous humor in the front of the eye, the glaucoma is referred to as open angle (the subject of this report) or closed-angle. Mild glaucoma damage to the optic nerve may be asymptomatic, but as the damage worsens, the patient begins to have difficulty with peripheral vision, contrast sensitivity, glare, and adjusting from light to dark and dark to light - symptoms that eventually affect day to day function and quality of life. In its most severe form, glaucoma results in total, irreversible blindness. Although deficient blood supply to the optic nerve, inadequate structural support for the neurons that make up...



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