**Diabetic Retinopathy**

And now, a “Medical Minute” from Mass. Eye and Ear.

Hi, I am Dr. Lucy Young, an Ophthalmologist at the Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary. Did you know that about twenty-one million Americans have diabetes, and nearly one third do not know that they have the disease? There are many ocular complications associated with diabetes, but diabetic retinopathy is by far the most devastating complication. In the U.S., diabetic retinopathy is the leading cause of blindness among adults age 20-74. Mass. Eye and Ear offers the latest technology in laser and drug treatments for the management of diabetic retinopathy. With our recently acquired Pascal Laser, we are able to provide faster and more comfortable laser treatment for patients. Remember, every diabetic is at risk for diabetic retinopathy, but with timely diagnosis and proper management, the majority of diabetic patients can be spared from severe visual loss. To learn more visit masseyeandear.org, or appointment, call 617-573-3288.