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What is albinism?

Albinism is an inherited genetic condition that reduces the amount of melanin pigment formed in the **skin, hair and/or eyes**. Albinism occurs in all racial and ethnic groups throughout the world. In the U.S., approximately one in 18,000 to 20,000 people has some type of albinism. In other parts of the world, the occurrence can be as high as one in 3,000. Most children with albinism are born to parents who have normal hair and eye color for their ethnic backgrounds.

People with albinism have vision problems that are not correctable with eyeglasses, and many have low vision. It's the abnormal development of the retina and abnormal patterns of nerve connections between the eye and the brain that cause vision problems. The degree of impairment varies with the different types of albinism. Although people with albinism may be considered "legally blind" with a corrected visual acuity of 20/200 or worse, most learn to use their vision in a variety of ways and are able to perform innumerable activities such as reading, riding a bike or fishing.

Because most people with albinism have fair complexions, it's important to avoid sun damage to the skin and eyes by taking precautions such as wearing sunscreen or sunblock, hats, sunglasses and sun-protective clothing.

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