

Vision

Make sure doctors know of any problem with eyesight (vision), and ask them to explain the reason for changes. Vision can be affected by a stroke in several ways, and usually new glasses do not help. A visit to an eye specialist is best made two to three months after the stroke, as initial problems may improve.

Difficulties may include:

- inability to see the outer half of the visual field on the affected side, because the nerves from the eye to the back of the brain, where vision is interpreted, are affected. (This is not the same as having lack of awareness to one side – [see page 53](#).)
- blurred vision
- double vision
- difficulty with vision because an eyelid is paralysed and remains closed
- rapid side-to-side movements of the eyeballs may occur and can affect vision