



Researchers at the School of Optometry and Vision Science at The University of New South Wales are seeking volunteers to participate in a research study examining whether there are changes in the nerves at the front of your eye during diabetes and whether these changes are associated with changes to tears.

## Would the research project be a good fit for me?

The study might be a good fit for you if:

- Are 18 or above years of age.
- Have normal, healthy eyes (no history of ocular surgery, injury, recent or current infection).
- Have adequate understanding of the English language.
- Are not pregnant or lactating.
- Have been diagnosed with diabetes OR not been previously diagnosed with diabetes.
- Have been diagnosed with diabetic peripheral neuropathy OR do not have diabetic peripheral neuropathy.
- No allergy to eye drops.
- No history of ocular (eye) herpes infection.

## What would happen if I took part in the research project?

If you decide to take part you would be required to:

- Attend two visits for approximately 1 hour ( each Visit) at the UNSW Optometry Clinic, at least 24 hours apart.
- Fill out three questionnaires which may take up to 10 minutes of your time.
- Have samples of your tears collected and scans of the corneal nerves documented at each visit.

## Will I be paid to take part in the research project?

You will be reimbursed for your time with a Coles Myer \$20 gift voucher.

## Who do I contact if I want more information or want to take part in the study?

If you would like more information or are interested in being part of the study please contact:

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