To use the following letter, enter the patient's previous and current spherical equivalent Rx in the boxes on the top table. Sign it and hand it to the parent.





Because your child has been diagnosed with myopia, I am referring them to the doctors at Treehouse Eyes for a <u>myopia progression evaluation</u>. These doctors are focused exclusively on treating myopia in children, with offices in Bethesda and Tysons Corner.

Myopia is a condition where light entering the eye falls in front of the retina, causing blurry distance vision. Glasses compensate for the blurry vision, but do not treat the underlying condition, an eye that is growing too long.

Research shows that <u>any</u> amount of myopia increases the risk of several serious eye diseases. Nearly all children with myopia get worse until they stop growing, so it is highly likely your child's eyes will continue to deteriorate. Treehouse Eyes will perform a complementary evaluation of your child's myopia and discuss which treatment would be best to slow or stop it from getting worse. All treatments are non-surgical, and the doctors at Treehouse Eyes will discuss which one will be best for your child.

Your child's myopia

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	Right Eye	Left Eye
Previous amount		
Current amount		

Increased risks of serious eye diseases, based on your child's myopia

	If above numbers are -1.00 to -2.75	If above numbers are -3.00 to -5.00
Retinal detachment ¹	4.4 times greater risk	9.0 times greater risk
Myopic maculopathy ²	2.2 times greater risk	9.7 times greater risk
Glaucoma ¹	2.3 times greater risk	3.3 times greater risk

As you see above, the risk of more serious eye diseases increases significantly the more myopic your child becomes, so there are obvious <u>benefits to early treatment</u>. After you begin treatment at Treehouse Eyes, we will continue to provide your primary eye care services, and work together with Treehouse Eyes, much like a dentist does with an orthodontist providing braces.

Please remember the two main reasons I am referring you to Treehouse Eyes. First, even if your child's myopia is currently a small amount, nearly all childhood myopia gets worse. Second, as with nearly all things in medicine, including the non-surgical myopia treatment I am recommending, the sooner we intervene, the better the long-term results. Thank you for entrusting me with the care of your child.

Treehouse Eyes is located in VisionQuest Eyecare, 1160 N St Rd 135 Greenwood, IN 46142. For questions please call (317) 865-6829. Please visit them online for more information and to book your child's appointment at TreehouseEyes.com.

Dr. Co-Manager

¹ Blue Mountains Eye Study; Vangphanit et al, 2002

² Ogawa & Tanaka; 1988