

Ophthalmoscope

Each type of ophthalmoscopy has a special type of ophthalmoscope:

The direct ophthalmoscope is an instrument about the size of a small flashlight (torch) with several lenses that can magnify up to about 15 times. This type of ophthalmoscope is most commonly used during a routine physical examination.

An indirect ophthalmoscope, on the other hand, constitutes a light attached to a headband, in addition to a small handheld lens. It provides a wider view of the inside of the eye. Furthermore, it allows a better view of the fundus of the eye, even if the lens is clouded by cataracts.

An indirect ophthalmoscope can be either monocular or binocular. It is used for peripheral viewing of the retina.

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