

The DR Barometer Study: South Africa Overview

The DR Barometer study was conducted in 41 countries. In South Africa, 70 adults with diabetes and 68 health care professionals provided new information about the experiences of living with, managing and treating diabetes, DR and DME.

47%

of patients said that **cost** was a barrier to eye exams

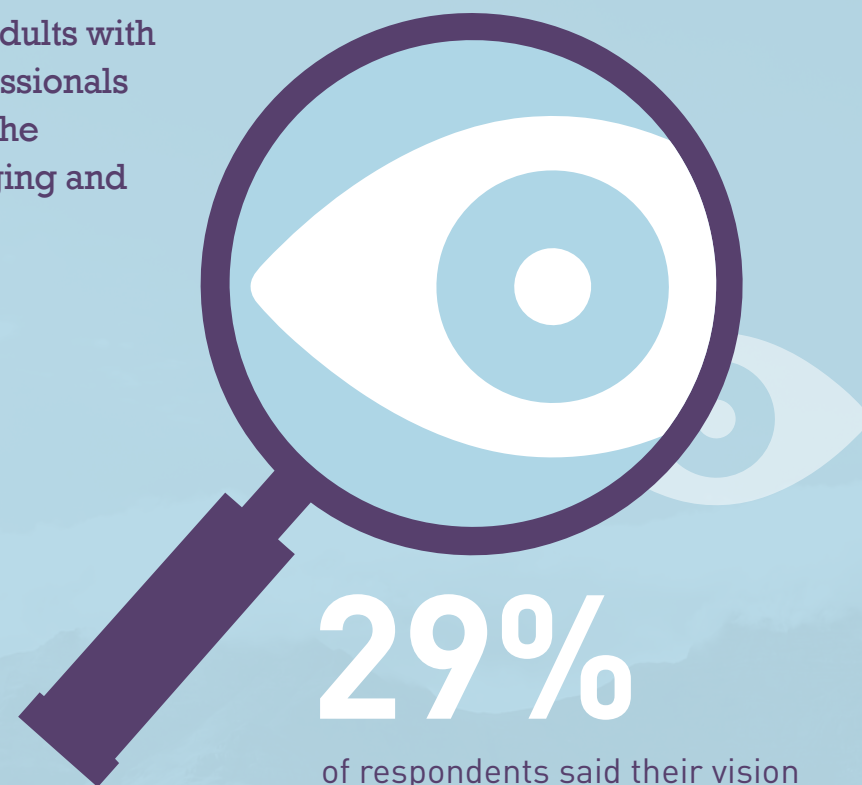


50%

of all providers **did not have written protocols/guidelines** for detection and management of diabetes-related vision loss available

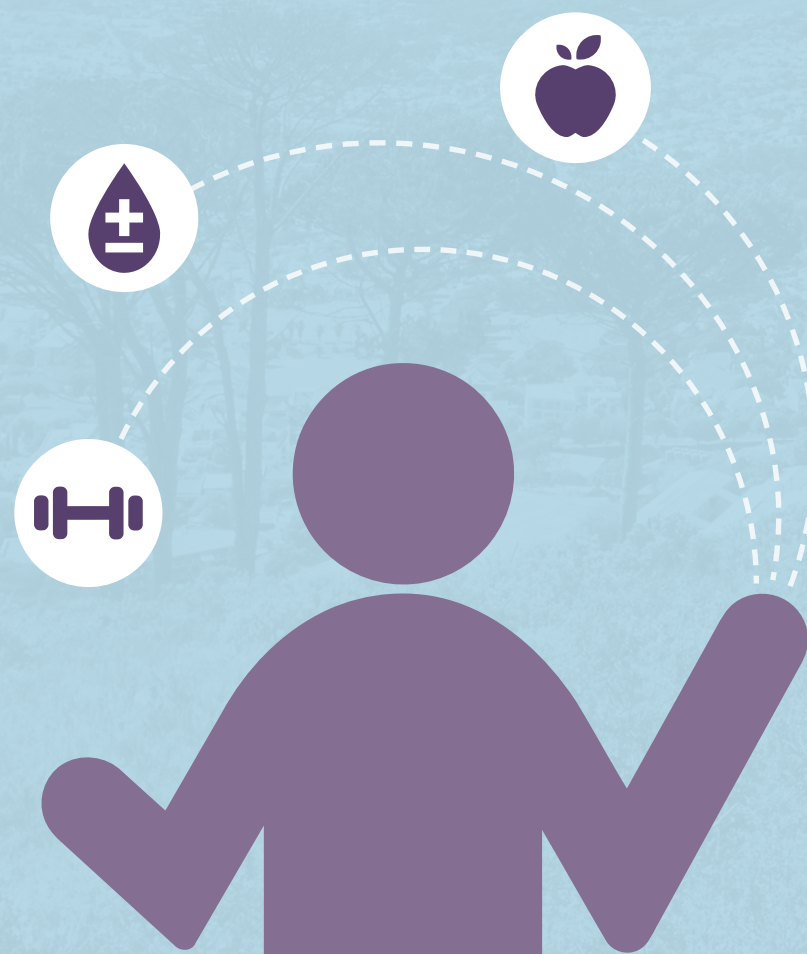
DR: Diabetic Retinopathy
DME: Diabetic Macular Edema

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29%

of respondents said their vision impairment due to DR or DME made it **difficult to manage their diabetes**



86%

of patients with vision loss due to DR or DME said that their condition made everyday activities, **such as driving**, working and completing basic household tasks difficult and in some cases impossible



36%

of patients either **never discussed eye complications with their doctor** or did so only after the onset of symptoms



25%

of ophthalmologists **had not received specific training** in the treatment and diagnosis of DR and or DME

