# **EVA USER'S MANUAL**

# **MODEL 11-WIN**



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# **MODEL HIGHLIGHTS**

- Model 11-WIN is the laptop version of the EVA Tester.
- Able to display letters down to 20/6.
- Windows-based system that uses Wi-Fi for communication.
- System controlled using an Apple iPod Touch.
- Sleep option to make monitor dark without turning it off.
- System uses a Dell Latitude laptop with a footprint of approximately 15" wide by 10" deep.
- Test results are stored as encrypted files per HIPAA requirements.

# 1. SYSTEM DESCRIPTION

The Electronic Visual Acuity (EVA) Tester uses an Apple iPod Touch to communicate with a Windows-based computer.

Stimuli are high-contrast, black-and-white letters with luminance of 85 to  $105 \text{ cd/m}^2$  and contrast of 98%. The system can present single letters or lines of letters. Single letters are framed with crowding bars around the letter. For lines of letters, five (5) letters are displayed for sizes smaller than 20/200; a decreasing number of letters is displayed as letter size increases. With a 15.6-inch LCD/LED monitor at  $1920 \times 1080$  pixels, the system is capable of displaying letters from 20/800 ( $1.6 \log MAR$ ) to 20/6 ( $-0.5 \log MAR$ ) at a test distance of 3 meters. Letter size corresponds to the  $\log MAR$  progression of the ETDRS charts.

The iPod, communicating with the PC wirelessly via Wi-Fi, provides instructions to the technician and displays the letter that is being shown on the monitor. For the automated tests (ATS-HOTV, E-ETDRS) the size and sequence of letter presentations is determined from a computer algorithm based on the subject's responses.

# 2. DEFINITIONS AND SYSTEM COMPONENTS

#### 2.1 Definitions

<u>EVA PC</u> The laptop PC used for the EVA Tester. Also referred to as the "Tower."

<u>EVA Tester</u> All components of the EVA Tester including laptop, iPod, programs on the PC, and communication between the iPod and PC.

iPod The Apple iPod Touch that is used as the controller for the EVA Tester.

<u>Program Flash Drive</u> Portable memory device used to start the EVA Tester and store encrypted test results. The flash drive must be inserted in a USB port for the tester to start.

<u>Retrieve Data Flash Drive</u> Flash drive with EVA program to download test data from EVA hard drive when requested by a study coordinating center.

<u>Splash Screen</u> The initial screen when EVA starts up. A white square outlined in black is displayed in the middle of the screen with "EVA" written underneath. Used for monitor calibration.

<u>Tower ID</u> Unique identifier used to configure wireless connection between the iPod and EVA PC. Printed on a label attached to the EVA PC; example "T000001".

<u>Validation Codes</u> Encrypted values for the test result and optional identifiers; used during data entry to validate that information is correctly entered.

# 2.2 System Components

EVA Model 11-WIN uses Wi-Fi communication between the PC and the iPod. The shipment should include the components listed below:

- EVA PC (Laptop Computer) with Tower ID sticker attached
- Power Cord for Laptop Computer
- Apple iPod Touch
- iPod USB Charging Cable
- Program Flash Drive
- Light Meter
- Plastic Ruler
- Tape Measure
- Model 11-WIN Program Flash Drive
- Surge Protector
- Cart (Optional)



#### 3. TIPS FOR SUCCESSFUL USE

- Keep the iPod battery charged by reattaching to the USB charging cable plugged into the EVA after each use.
- Use only flash drives with Model 11-WIN on the label.
- To shut down the EVA PC, use either the PC Power button on the iPod or press and quickly release the power button on the EVA PC. Do NOT press and hold the EVA PC power button or the system may take longer to boot the next time.

#### 4. SYSTEM SETUP

Follow these instructions to set up the 11-WIN EVA Tester.

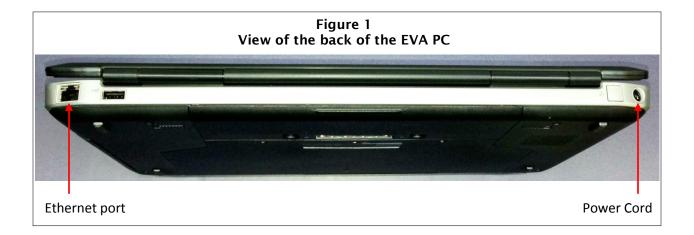
- 1. Place the laptop on the cart provided or your own cart.
- 2. Plug laptop power supply cord into the computer as shown in Figure 1.
- 3. Connect the iPod to the (white) USB charging cable and plug USB end into laptop.
- 4. Connect Wireless Router as shown in Figures 2 5.
  - Plug small end of Micro USB Cable into wireless router (Figure 3 left).
  - Plug large end of Micro USB Cable into wall plug (Figure 3 right).
  - Plug yellow Ethernet cable into yellow port (LAN) on wireless router (Figure 4).
  - Plug other end of Ethernet cable into back of laptop (Figure 1).
- 5. Plug laptop and wireless router power cords into the power strip and then plug the power strip into a wall outlet.
- 6. Attach the plastic ruler to the back of the monitor with the Velcro strip.
- 7. Insert the **Model 11-WIN Flash Drive** in a USB port as shown in Figure 2.
- 8. Turn the laptop on by pressing the power button (Figure 2). The computer will go through start up (boot) sequence.
- 9. When start up is complete, the monitor will display the splash screen with the calibration square in the center.
- 10. Configure E-ETDRS and ATS-HOTV (MUST be configured before initial use).
  - a. Press the Home button on the iPod (round button below screen).
  - b. The passcode is the last four digits of the Tower ID. For example, if the Tower ID is T000123, the passcode is 0123.
  - c. Tap the EVA icon at the bottom of the screen.

- d. Tap Configure Studies at the top right of the screen.
- e. Tap **Set E-ETDRS** and check boxes for studies in which your site is participating. Select Non-Study if your EVA Tester is also used for non-study patients.
- f. Tap **Done**.
- g. If your site uses ATS-HOTV (for children under age 7), tap **Set ATS-HOTV**, select your studies (and Non-Study if needed), tap **Done**.
- h. Tap the Exit to leave configuration.
- 11. Confirm testing distance is 3 meters (118 inches) from the patient to the monitor screen.

The EVA Tester is ready to use. Refer to Section 6 for patient testing procedures.

# **IMPORTANT**

A <u>Model 11-WIN</u> flash drive is required for this EVA Tester. Usable flash drives are labeled "11-WIN". Do NOT use flash drives intended for other models.



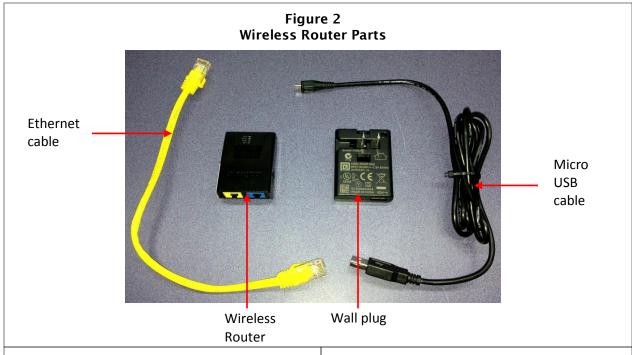
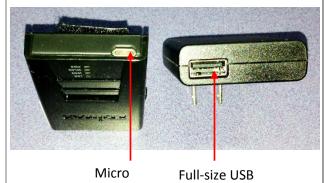


Figure 3 USB Ports on Wireless Router (left) and Wall plug (right)



USB port port

Figure 4
Ethernet ports on Wireless Router



Figure 5 Wireless Router Assembled



#### 5. MONITOR CALIBRATION

The EVA monitor must be correctly calibrated for valid testing. The calibration square is the image displayed on the EVA splash screen. Two monitor calibration checks are performed at regular intervals: (1) size calibration check to confirm letters are accurately displayed and (2) luminance calibration check to confirm the monitor screen is sufficiently bright for testing. Procedures to check calibration on your monitor are as follows:

# 5.1 Size Calibration

- 1. Display the EVA splash screen. The outlined square in the middle of the screen is used for size calibration. Each side of the square should be 114 mm in length.
- 2. Complete the following steps on the top and left side of square:
  - a. Place a ruler with millimeter scale against side of the square. Confirm the length of the side is 114 mm.

    IMPORTANT: When viewing, use only one eye and adjust your head as necessary so your eye is directly on line with side.
  - b. If the either side is not 114 mm, contact EVA Support at the Jaeb Center for assistance.

# 5.2 Luminance Calibration

For correct testing, the white area of the calibration square should be at least 95 cd/m<sup>2</sup>. The corresponding lux values are on the EVA Splash Screen. See Appendix B for instructions and photos.

#### **IMPORTANT!**

- 1. Allow monitor to warm up at least 10 minutes.
- 2. Turn room lights OFF and follow instructions in Appendix B for <u>your</u> light meter.
- 3. If needed, adjust brightness setting as described in Appendix A.

# **IMPORTANT**

The <u>Model 11-WIN</u> EVA Tester has been equipped with a **Sleep** feature that darkens the screen without turning the monitor off. If you use the **Sleep** feature, you do **NOT** need to let the monitor warm up again before use. You should still perform calibration checks before testing.

# 6. USING THE EVA TESTER

# 6.1 Perform Visual Acuity Testing

Follow these instructions to perform visual acuity testing with the EVA Tester.

- 1. Insert the **Model 11-WIN Flash Drive** into a USB port. Power on the EVA PC.
- 2. Perform size and luminance calibration checks on the monitor.
- 3. Confirm test distance is 3 meters (118 inches) from the monitor screen to the position of the patient's face.
- 4. Confirm florescent lighting is not used in the exam room. Dim incandescent lighting is recommended.
- 5. Turn iPod on. The iPod screen should display test icons (E-ETDRS, ATS-HOTV, etc.). If the icons are not displayed, tap the **EVA** icon.
- 6. Tap an icon to start a program.
- 7. E-ETDRS and ATS-HOTV Testing
  - a. For <u>study patient</u>, select protocol (e.g., DRCRnet, PEDIG, etc.). For non-study patient select Non-Study. Tap **Continue**.
  - b. Tap **New Test**.
  - c. Confirm Date and Time are correct. If not, tap **Change Time**, enter the correct date and time and tap **Save**.
  - d. Tap **Start Test**, verify testing distance and calibration, tap **Continue**.
  - e. If necessary, choose a protocol or select **Screening (ID not yet assigned)** and tap **Continue**. (Note: Screening option is not available for DRCRnet and PEDIG.)
  - **f.** Follow directions on iPod screen to perform test.

# 6.2 Validation Codes

The EVA vision test results include encrypted values for the score and optionally for other identifiers such as patient ID andtest date. These codes are displayed on the iPod with the test result and can be used during data entry to confirm the data is entered correctly.

If it is necessary to view the codes for a previous test, select the appropriate icon on the EVA Application screen on the iPod and select the study for which the test was done. Tap **View Previous Tests** and tap either **View by Date** or **View by Patient ID**. Select the patient ID and the test resultsand codes will be displayed.

# 7. CONFIGURE STUDIES

The Configure Studies program selects studies (or non-study) that will use the E-ETDRS and ATS-HOTV vision testing programs. For example, if a site is participating in the DRCRnet and PEDIG studies, Configure Studies is set to display those studies when E-ETDRS testing is used.

You <u>must</u> use the Configure Studies program to set up the E-ETDRS and ATS-HOTV programs before initial use.

- 1. On iPod, tap **Configure Studies** icon in upper right corner.
- 2. Tap **Set E-ETDRS** and check boxes for studies at your site. Select Non-Study if your EVA Tester is also used for non-study patients.
- 3. Tap **Done**.
- 4. If your site uses ATS-HOTV (for children under age 7), tap **Set ATS-HOTV** and repeat steps 2 and 3.
- 5. Tap Exit to leave configuration.

# 8. PRINTING OPTIONS

Your study may have an option to create a printable file with the results of a test. The EVA Tester cannot be connected to a printer, but the printable file is placed on the Program Flash Drive so you can take it to another computer for printing. These features are only available if approved by the study coordinating center.

- 1. Auto Print This feature automatically stores an unencrypted raw text file copy of the Test Results on the Program Flash Drive in a folder named Print
- 2. View Previous Test Print This feature adds a Print button to the View Previous Tests display. Clicking Print stores an unencrypted raw text file copy of the Test Results on the Program Flash Drive in a folder named Print.

# 9. RETRIEVE STUDY DATA

Periodically your coordinating center may want to download stored test data from the PC hard drive. They will send you a **Retrieve Data Flash Drive** to download the data and return to the coordinating center.

- 1. Ensure the EVA Tester is at the Calibration Square.
- 2. Leave the **Program Flash Drive** plugged in and insert **Retrieve Data Flash Drive** in another USB port.
- 3. The data retrieval will start and you will see a message stating that the EVA PC will shut down when the retrieval is complete.
- 4. When the EVA PC shuts down, remove the Retrieve Data Flash Drive.

- 5. Use the same **Retrieve Data Flash Drive** on each Model 11-WIN EVA Tester at your site, repeating steps 1-4.
- 6. After retrieving data from all 11-WIN EVA Testers, mail the **Retrieve Data Flash Drive** to your coordinating center. If the files are emailed, include your Project (DRCR, PEDIG, etc.) and Site Number in the subject line.

# 10. SHUT DOWN THE EVA TESTER

To shutdown the EVA PC, use the **PC Power** application on the iPod.

You can also press and quickly release the power button and the PC will safely shut itself down. (Do **NOT** press and hold the power button or system will crash and require several minutes to restart.)

# 11. EVA VISUAL ACUITY TESTING APPLICATIONS

# 11.1 E-ETDRS Visual Acuity Test

The Electronic Early Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy (E-ETDRS) is a visual acuity testing program for subjects 7 years of age or older. It was developed to provide a visual acuity letter score comparable to the ETDRS chart testing score.

The E-ETDRS Visual Acuity Testing protocol consists of an initial screening phase to obtain an approximation of the visual acuity threshold followed by a testing phase to obtain the visual acuity score. Details of the E-ETDRS algorithm and an example are included in Appendix E.

The E-ETDRS application displays the test result as a letter score (number of letters correctly identified) and as a Snellen approximation. Also displayed are validation codes for the test result, patient ID, and test date. These codes can be used to validate correct entry when the data are entered into a case report form.

The E-ETDRS application includes study versions for use in specified clinical studies. These study versions MUST be used for study patients and patients being screened for the study. Data entry of the patient ID and technician ID is required; results are identified by the patient ID and stored on both the Program Flash Drive and on the hard drive.

# 11.2 ATS-HOTV Visual Acuity Test

The ATS-HOTV is the electronic version of the Amblyopia Treatment Study Visual Acuity Testing protocol that was developed to facilitate the standardization of visual acuity testing in clinical trials of pediatric eye disease involving children in the three to less than 7 years old range.

In brief, the ATS-HOTV consists of the presentation of single-surrounded optotypes (letters H, O, T, and V) in 4 steps: a screening phase, a first threshold determination (Phase I), reinforcement phase, and a second threshold determination (Phase II). Details of the ATS-HOTV algorithm are included in Appendix D.

The ATS-HOTV application displays the test result as a Snellen value. Also displayed are validation codes for the test result, patient ID, and test date. These codes can be used to validate correct entry when the data are entered into a case report form.

The ATS-HOTV application includes study versions for use in specified clinical studies. These study versions MUST be used for study patients and patients being screened for the study. Data entry of the patient ID and technician ID is required; results are identified by the patient ID and stored on both the Program Flash Drive and on the hard drive.

# 11.3 Chart

An application that can be used for manual vision testing. Displays individual letters or lines of letters using either the HOTV or Sloan letter set.

#### 11.4 PC Power

An application to shut down, restart, or "sleep" the EVA PC.

- A. Shutdown This option turns the EVA PC off. Use this if you want to power off the system or if you need to unplug it.
- B. Restart This option restarts the EVA PC. You may be asked to do this in the course of troubleshooting.
- C. Sleep This option displays a black image covering the entire screen. You can use this option when you need to use the room while the EVA Tester is not in use without turning off the EVA PC and/or monitor.

# **IMPORTANT**

The <u>Model 11-WIN</u> EVA Tester has been equipped with a **Sleep** feature that darkens the screen without turning the monitor off. If you use the **Sleep** feature, you do **NOT** need to let the monitor warm up again before use. You **should** always perform calibration checks before testing.

# 12. FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

# **System Questions**

- 1. How much space do I need to properly operate the EVA Tester?
- 2. Why does the testing distance need to be 3 meters?
- 3. I have an LCD monitor that didn't come with the EVA Tester; can I use it?
- 4. What program version is my EVA Tester running?

# **iPod Questions**

- 1. Can I use the Palm PDA from a previous EVA model?
- 2. How can I find which program version is installed on my EVA Tester?
- 3. What do I do if I cannot find the EVA program on my iPod?
- 4. I need to look up a previous score for a patient. How do I do that?

# **System Questions**

- 1. How much space do I need to properly operate the EVA Tester?

  The system is calibrated for a 3 meter (118 inches) testing distance from the patient to the front of the monitor screen. You will need approximately 11 feet from the patient to the back of the laptop.
- 2. Why does the testing distance need to be 3 meters?

For standardized testing of visual acuity in a clinical trial it is best to have the same testing distance at all clinical sites since visual acuity can vary with testing distance. It was therefore decided to have a fixed test distance of 3 meters even if this means that the EVA Tester must be wheeled into position when it is used to test a study patient.

3. I have an LCD monitor that didn't come with the EVA Tester; can I use it?

No. EVA Testers are carefully calibrated and validated with specific hardware. Any variation of this hardware could cause the testing to be invalid.

# 4. What program version is my EVA Tester running?

The program version for your EVA Tester is located on the bottom of the splash screen.

# **iPod Questions**

- 1. Can I use the Palm PDA from a previous EVA model?
  - No. The 11-WIN model EVA Tester is completely new and requires the Apple iPod Touch to access the Wi-Fi signal. PDAs from previous EVA models used Bluetooth to communicate with the PC.
- 2. How can I find which program version is installed on my EVA Tester?

  Tap the Configure Studies icon; the version is displayed on the bottom of the iPod screen.
- 3. What do I do if I cannot find the EVA program on the iPod?

  If you cannot find the EVA program, scroll once to the left and type Safari in the search bar. Select Safari from the list below. In the address bar, type 192.168.250.1 and tap Go. Tap the middle button () and then tap Add to Home Screen. Name the new icon EVA.
- 4. I need to look up a previous score for a patient. How do I do that?

  There are two ways to view previous patient test results; by patient and by date. On the iPod, select the appropriate study for the patient, tap Continue. Tap View Previous Tests. Tap View by Date or View by Patient. Select the appropriate date or Patient ID for previous results. When completed, tap Done three times to exit to the View Previous Tests menu.

# **13. COMMON ERRORS**

# 1. Cannot Open EVA. (See Figure 1)

Check to make sure all devices are on and EVA is at the Calbration Square. Sometimes the EVA Tester takes a minute to start broadcasting the WiFi signal.



Figure 1

# APPENDIX A Monitor Adjustment Instructions

These instructions describe how to adjust the 11-WIN laptop display to conform to luminance specifications. Refer to the instructions for the laptop model included with your system.

**NOTE**: Size cannot be adjusted on these monitors. If the calibration square is incorrect contact Jaeb Center EVA Support; do not proceed with EVA testing.

If the brightness or size do not calibrate correctly contact Jaeb EVA Support for assistance.

# **Dell Latitude E5530**



To Adjust Brightness

- 1. Hold down the Fn key on the keyboard.
- 2. Press the up arrow on the keyboard to increase brightness.
- **3.** Press the down arrow on the keyboard to decrease brightness.

# APPENDIX B **Light Meter Instructions**

The light meter is used to calibrate the computer monitor that you use for visual acuity determinations.

# \*\*\* CRITICAL NOTE \*\*\*

Effective May 2012, EVA Testers only use a digital light meter. See below for photographs and instructions to identify and correctly use your light meter.

YOU MUST USE THE CORRECT PROCEDURE FOR VALID TEST RESULTS!

# **DIGITAL LIGHT METER** Mastech LX1330B

# Important:

- Your EVA Tester **MUST** display the calibration image with a white square inside a black frame as shown at right. If you do not have this image, contact your coordinating center. Do NOT continue with calibration.
- Allow monitor to warm up for at least 10 minutes.
- Be sure other lights are off in the room when you take light meter readings.

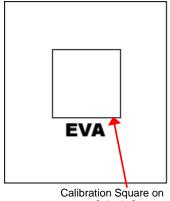
#### **Procedure**

Confirm that all other lights are off in the room.

- 1. Confirm monitor has been warming up for at least 10 minutes.
- 2. Display the EVA splash screen.
- 3. Turn the light meter on by pressing the **POWER** button. If battery icon is displayed on the LCD screen, replace the 9V battery.
- 4. Confirm the light meter screen displays only the word "Lux" (on bottom right). If other items are displayed turn the meter off then on again to clear the display.



ON/OFF Switch



Splash Screen

- 5. Press the Range button once.
- 6. Remove the sensor protective cover and place the side with the white circle (see image above) on the white area in the center of the EVA calibration square. Do NOT allow the sensor to touch non-white areas.
- 7. The display will return the lux value of the monitor screen. Confirm that the displayed value falls within the range specified on your light meter label.
  - If the displayed value is below the specified range, increase brightness, leave the monitor on for 10 minutes, and then recheck with the light meter (recommend increasing brightness in 5% increments).
- 8. When finished with light meter calibration, replace the protective cover to avoid damage when not in use.

# APPENDIX C iPod Instructions Apple iPod Touch 4G 16GB



# APPENDIX D

# ATS-HOTV© Visual Acuity Test Protocol

Single letters with surround bars ½ letter width from the letter are presented in four phases: screening, phase I (first threshold determination), reinforcement, and phase II (second threshold determination).

- In phase I and phase II, up to four single letters are sequentially presented at each logMAR level\* that is tested.
- A level is considered to be 'passed' if 3 of 3 or 3 of 4 letters are correct and 'failed' if 2 letters at a level are missed.
- Testing of a level stops as soon as criteria are met for either 'pass' or 'fail'.

#### Screening Phase

Starting from either 20/100 or 20/400, single letters, in sequential descending logMAR sizes, are shown until one is missed.

- 1. Tester selects 20/100 or 20/400 size letter to present as starting point (depending on the expectation of visual acuity level based on previous testing or a pretest).
- 2. If response is correct, letter at next smallest logMAR level is presented and testing continues sequentially with one letter per logMAR level through 20/20 until there is an incorrect response.
- 3. If starting point was 20/100 and response is incorrect at either 20/100 or 20/80, screening is restarted at 20/400.
- 4. If starting point is 20/400 and response is incorrect at either 20/400 or 20/320, screening is restarted at 20/800.
  - If 20/800 is missed, 20/800 becomes the starting level for phase I.

#### Phase I

Starting 2 logMAR levels above the missed level in Screening, the smallest logMAR level at which 3 of 3 or 3 of 4 letters are correctly identified is determined.

- 1. Up to 4 single letters are sequentially presented 2 logMAR levels above the level missed in screening
  - Exception: if 20/20 was correct in Screening, phase I starts at 20/30.
  - Exception: if 20/800 or 20/640 was missed in Screening, phase I starts at 20/800
- 2. If first tested level is failed, testing continues at sequentially larger logMAR levels until a level is passed.
  - If 20/800 is failed, phase I ends, the Reinforcement phase is omitted, and 20/800 is retested in phase II
- 3. If first tested level is passed, testing continues at sequentially smaller logMAR levels until a level is failed.

# **Reinforcement Phase**

In order to get the child whose attention is drifting back on track, 3 letters larger than the phase I threshold are sequentially presented.

- 1. Starting 3 levels larger than the level missed in phase I, 3 successively smaller single letters are presented.
  - Exception: if the level failed in phase I is 20/500 or 20/640, 3 20/800 letters are shown for reinforcement
  - Note: the reinforcement phase responses do not contribute to the visual acuity score and even if the responses are incorrect, the test proceeds to phase II.

#### Phase II

The last level missed in Phase I is retested and if 'passed', testing continues until a level is 'failed'

- 1. Up to 4 single letters are sequentially presented at the last level missed in phase I
- 2. If the level is failed, testing stops.
- 3. If the level is passed, testing continues at sequentially smaller logMAR levels until a level is failed.

#### **Final Visual Acuity Score**

The visual acuity score is the smallest logMAR level passed in Phase I or Phase II.

\*logMAR levels (Snellen equivalents): 20/800, 20/640, 20/500, 20/400, 20/320, 20/250, 20/200, 20/160, 20/125, 20/100, 20/80, 20/63, 20/50, 20/40, 20/32, 20/25, 20/20, 20/16, 20/12

# APPENDIX E E-ETDRS© Test Protocol

The EVA runs a visual acuity testing program called E-ETDRS© (Electronic Early Treatment of Diabetic Retinopathy). The program has been developed to provide a visual acuity letter score that is comparable to the ETDRS chart testing score.

During development of the E-ETDRS protocol, a study was conducted in which high validity and test-retest reliability were demonstrated (Moke PS, Turpin AH, Beck RW et al. A computerized method of visual acuity testing: adaptation of the amblyopia treatment study visual acuity testing protocol. Am J Ophthalmol 2001; 132:903-14).

#### Overview

The E-ETDRS Visual Acuity Testing Protocol consists of an initial screening phase to obtain an approximation of the visual acuity threshold and then a testing phase to obtain the visual acuity score.

The protocol is summarized below. The complete algorithm is depicted in the figure that follows. Letters are displayed with surround bars one full letter width from the letter.

The E-ETDRS testing protocol:

<u>Screening phase</u>: With single letter presentations, determines smallest logMAR level at which a

letter is correctly identified.

<u>Testing phase</u>: Starts testing letters by intermixing letter sizes of screening phase score and

one level smaller.

<u>Test progress:</u> If a letter is missed at a level, one level larger is added to the testing mix; if a

letter is correct at a level, one level smaller is added to the testing mix.

Acuity Tests 5 letters at each level until smallest level with 5/5 correct and the smallest

level with 0/5 correct are determined.

# **Example:**

determination:

#### IN THE FOLLOWING EXAMPLE, C = CORRECT AND M = MISSED

Screening: 20/400c, 20/200c, 20/100c, 20/50c, 20/25m, 20/40m Score = 20/50

#### Test progress

- 1. Start by intermixing 20/50 and 20/40 letters: 20/50c, 20/40m, 20/50c, 20/40m, 20/50m
- 2. Because a 20/50 letter was missed, add 20/63 to the letter mix (so now have letters of 20/40, 20/50, and 20/63 intermixed): 20/63c, 20/50c, 20/40c
- 3. Because 20/40 was correct, add 20/32 to the letter mix (mix is now 20/32, 20/40, 20/50, and 20/63): 20/32m, 20/63c, 20/63c, 20/50m
- 4. Five letters at 20/50 have been tested, so it drops out of the mix (mix is now 20/32, 20/40, and 20/63): 20/63c, 20/40c, 20/32m, 20/40m
- 5. Five letters at 20/40 have been tested, so it drops out of the mix (mix is now 20/32 and 20/63): 20/32m, 20/32m, 20/63c
- 6. Five letters at 20/63 have been tested, so it drops out of the mix (mix is now 20/32 only): 20/32m
- 7. Five letters at 20/32 have been tested; there are no letters left in the mix so test is over

#### Test summary

20/63 5/5 correct 20/50 3/5 correct 20/40 2/5 correct 20/32 0/5 correct

<u>Letter Score</u>: 10 (number of letters correctly identified)

+ 55 (5 times the number of lines above (larger than) 20/63 and through 20/800)

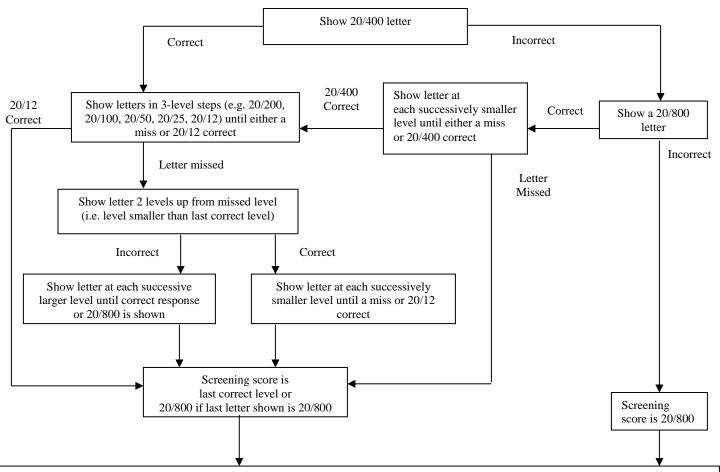
= 65

Snellen Approximation (logMar to Snellen conversion for 65 letters): 20/50

# Electronic ETDRS (E-ETDRS) Visual Acuity Testing Protocol Algorithm

# **Screening Phase**

In each step, one letter is shown at each logMAR level.



#### **Threshold Phase**

- 1. To start, the letter pool consists of letters from 2 levels\*: the level of the screening phase score and one level smaller.
- 2. Each letter presentation is randomly selected from the active pool of letters with the stipulation that every third letter must be from the largest level in the active letter pool.
- 3. A level remains in the active pool until 5 letters are tested at the level.
- 4. A new level is added to the active letter pool when:
  - a. A letter from the largest level in the pool is missed: one level larger is added to the letter pool †
  - b. A letter from the smallest level in the pool is correct: one level smaller is added to the letter pool;
- 5. Testing continues until an upper logMAR level with 5 of 5 letters correct and a lower logMAR level with 0 of 5 letters correct are determined and 5 letters are tested on all levels in between the upper and lower logMAR levels.§
- Visual acuity score is the number of letters correctly identified during threshold testing, plus 5 letters for each logMAR line above the upper logMAR level through 20/800.

The screening phase uses the letters V, R, K and D. The threshold phase uses the same 5 letters from the Sloan letter set that appear on the original ETDRS charts for right and left eyes.

<sup>\*</sup>Unless screening score was 20/12, in which case letter pool consists of only 20/12 letters.

<sup>†</sup>Unless 20/800 letter is missed.

<sup>‡</sup>Unless 20/10 is correct.

<sup>§</sup>If 20/10 becomes part of the active letter pool, it will be the lower logMAR level.