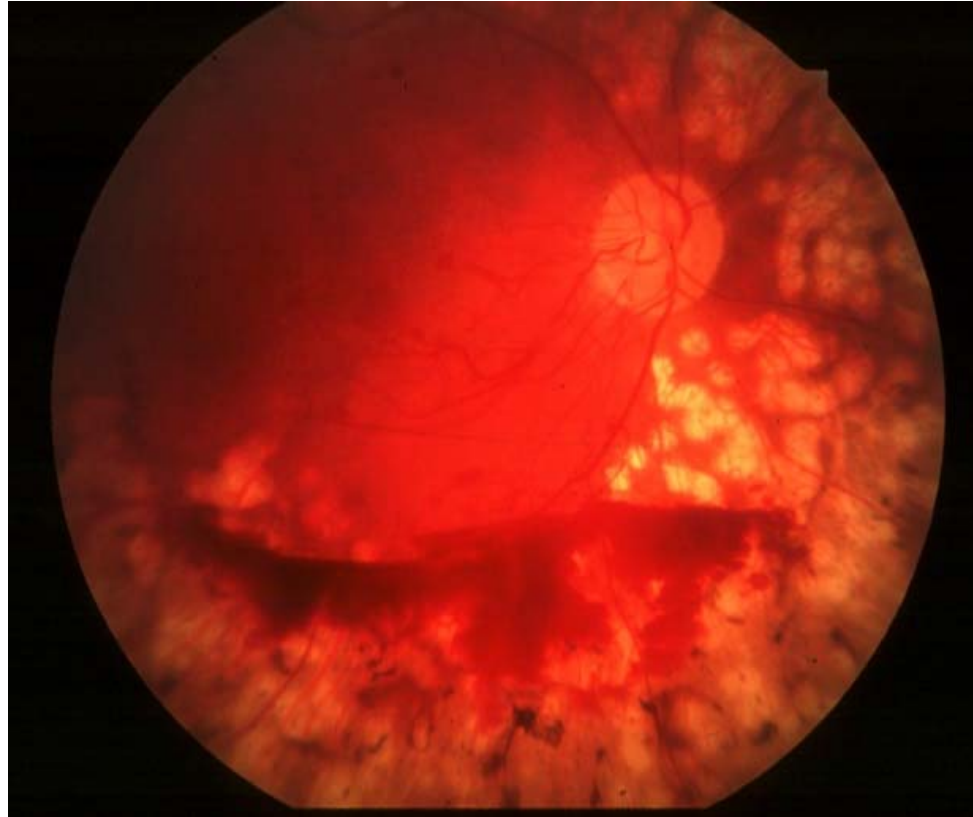


# Improving eye health in the community



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# The challenge

- 2,000,000 people in the UK with sight loss
- Vast majority are over 60
- 26% just need a pair of glasses
- Every day another 100 people start to lose their sight
- Ageing population will mean increase
- The impact of sight loss



# UK Vision Strategy

Response of the UK to the WHO Vision 2020 resolution.

Three key outcomes:

1. Improving eye health
2. Eliminating avoidable sight loss and delivering excellent support for those with sight loss
3. Inclusion, participation and independence for people with sight loss



# What can primary care do?

- Regular eye tests
- Recognise our at risk patients
- Is your practice set-up for sight impairment and do you routinely offer health information in an appropriate format?
- **RNIB Medicine Information Line: 0800 198 5000**



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# What will success look like?

- Changes in attitude to eye health
- Early detection of sight threatening conditions in primary care.
- And, most importantly.....  
a positive impact on lives of people with sight loss and people presenting with eye problems.

