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Prevent Blindness Declares Fifth Annual Inflammatory Eye Disease (IED) Week as Oct. 20-26, 2025

-- Annual Observance from Prevent Blindness Offers Free Inflammatory Eye Disease (IED) Educational Resources to the Public and Professionals, Including Webpages, Fact Sheets, Shareable Social Media Graphics and Videos featuring Patient Testimonials and IED Experts--

CHICAGO (Oct. 15, 2025) – [Prevent Blindness](#), the nation's leading patient advocacy organization dedicated to preventing blindness and preserving sight, has declared Oct. 20-26, 2025, as the fifth annual Inflammatory Eye Disease (IED) Week. Prevent Blindness is offering a variety of free educational IED resources including a [dedicated webpage](#), updated social media graphics and several downloadable fact sheets in English and Spanish, and videos. IED Awareness Week is supported by a grant from [Mallinckrodt Pharmaceuticals](#).

Inflammation is the body's natural response to injury, infection, or irritation. Inflammation can sometimes occur in response to normally harmless substances, such as dust, grass, or pollen. Eye inflammation is common and can happen at any age.

Most cases of eye inflammation can be successfully treated. However, in rare cases there can be a serious disease present, which is a threat to the eyesight. Early diagnosis and treatment are crucial in saving eyesight.

There are several different types of IEDs, including [Conjunctivitis](#), [Keratitis](#), [Thyroid Eye Disease](#) and [Scleritis](#).

[Uveitis](#) is the most common form of IED and affects the middle layer of tissue in the eye, called the uvea. The types of condition include anterior uveitis (iritis), intermediate uveitis, and posterior uveitis. Panuveitis affects all layers of the uvea. In some cases where inflammation is recurrent and chronic, damage to the eye can occur, particularly to the retina and optic nerve, and cause permanent vision loss.

Signs and symptoms of uveitis include:

- Eye redness
- Eye pain
- Light sensitivity
- Blurred vision
- Dark, floating spots in your field of vision (floaters)
- Decreased vision

Additionally, Prevent Blindness has several IED episodes in its Focus on Eye Health Expert Series, including:

- [Uveitis and Inflammatory Eye Diseases](#) featuring Steven Yeh, MD, Professor and Stanley Truhlsen Jr. Chair of Ophthalmology, Truhlsen Eye Institute, University of Nebraska Medical Center. Dr. Yeh is also a volunteer on the Prevent Blindness Scientific Committee.
- [Inflammatory Eye Disease](#) with Ann-Marie Lobo-Chan, MD, MS, Associate Professor, Co-Director, Uveitis Service, Director, Uveitis/Medical Retina Fellowship, Department of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences, University of Illinois College of Medicine.
- [Thyroid Eye Disease and Mental Wellness](#) with Dr. Prem Subramanian, neuro-ophthalmologist with the UCHealth Sue Anschutz-Rodgers Eye Center.
- [Thyroid Eye Disease](#) with Sara T. Wester, MD, FACS, professor of clinical ophthalmology at Bascom Palmer Eye Institute, and TED patient Stephen Bander.

“Inflammatory eye disease encompasses a range of conditions. If left untreated, IEDs can result in significant vision loss,” said Jeff Todd, president and CEO of Prevent Blindness. “We urge anyone who has IED symptoms to schedule an appointment with an eye doctor right away.”

For more information on inflammatory eye disease, please visit <https://preventblindness.org/inflammatory-eye-disease>.

For a listing of vision care financial assistance programs in English or Spanish, visit <https://preventblindness.org/vision-care-financial-assistance-information>.

About Prevent Blindness

Founded in 1908, Prevent Blindness is the nation's leading volunteer eye health and safety organization dedicated to fighting blindness and saving sight. Focused on promoting a continuum of vision care, Prevent Blindness touches the lives of millions of people each year through public and professional education, advocacy, certified vision screening and training, community and patient service programs and research. These services are made possible through the generous support of the American public. Together with a network of affiliates, Prevent Blindness is committed to eliminating preventable blindness in America. For more information, visit us at PreventBlindness.org, and follow us on [Facebook](#), [X](#), [Instagram](#), [Threads](#), [LinkedIn](#), [TikTok](#) and [YouTube](#).

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