The Ophtalmologist

The consultation
Why do I need to go to the ophtalmologist?

The ophtalmologist takes care of my eyes.

I need to go to the eye doctor:

- To find out if my vision needs correcting.
- To find out if I see straight or not.
To find out if I have an eye disease.
What happens when I'm there?

I can have an eye doctor appointment:

- at an ophtalmology office
- or at a hospital or clinic.

- If I have glasses, I should wear them.
I wait for my turn in the waiting room.

I go into the consultation room.

- There are several machines.
  - The machine that checks my vision
  - The machine that checks if my eyes are sick
  - Chair where I sit
  - Box of lenses
  - Stool for the eye doctor
  - Computer
  - Eye chart
The eye doctor asks me questions.

She asks me why I am here.

Do my eyes hurt?  Do I need to change my glasses?
She asks me about my vision:

Can I see far away?

How do I look at my computer?

How do I read?

She asks me how I am doing:

Am I in good health?

Do I take medication?
The eye doctor starts the eye exam.

- To check to see if I need glasses.
  See the booklet on "The eye doctor checks to see if I need glasses".

- To check how my eyes are.
  See the booklet on "The eye doctor checks to see if my eyes are ok".
The consultation is over.

The eye doctor gives me a prescription.

- For glasses.
- For eye drops.
- For medical tests.
- For other eye tests.
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