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degree from the Southern California College of Optometry. Dr. Huff has completed training in low vision rehabilitation at the Southern Arizona Veterans Administration Healthcare System in Tucson, AZ and at the Foothills Center for the Partially sighted in Glendora, CA.

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feature giving the user the flexibility to view images at a comfortable angle and also has a freeze frame feature that allows the user to take a temporary picture. The **Amigo** comes with a manufacturer's 2 year warranty, a removable standard battery with internal charger, a writing stand and carrying case. The **Amigo** can be connected to a television set when increased magnification is needed.

### Nystagmus Rehabilitation Program

Nystagmus is characterized by involuntary rhythmic eye movements that result in vision loss. The degree and direction of the eye movement, as well as the vision loss, vary from person to person. Although nystagmus may be present without evidence of another eye disease, it most often accompanies a congenital vision loss from eye diseases such as albinism, optic nerve hypoplasia, achromatopsia and retinopathy of prematurity. Nystagmus acquired later in life is often associated with multiple sclerosis, brain injury or brain tumors.

While there is no treatment that will eliminate nystagmus entirely there are several treatment options that may slow eye movements resulting in better visual acuity.

- ◆ Patients with congenital nystagmus often have a head and eye posture that decreases the intensity of the nystagmus. This position is called the null position. The null position can be moved either surgically or optically so that the patient's null position is present when looking straight ahead.

- ◆ Contact lenses have been shown to help slow eye movements in some patients. Another benefit is that since the contact lens moves with the eyes, it may provide better image quality than when wearing glasses.
- ◆ Prisms can be added to glasses to induce convergence of the eyes. This increased convergence may reduce the nystagmus in some patients.
- ◆ In the past few years, there have been developments in the pharmacological treatment of nystagmus in adults.
- ◆ Although congenital nystagmus will never go away entirely, the intensity of nystagmus often improves with age.

### Miscellaneous News:

- ◆ ViewFinder now offers **no-interest-3-month financing** on low vision glasses, products and services costing over \$750.00 and can arrange extended payment plans fixed at 9.9% for up to 5 years.
- ◆ ViewFinder Teacher & Student Low Vision Aid Grants are distributed at the end of each quarter. Please request a grant at [info@viewfinderlowvision.com](mailto:info@viewfinderlowvision.com).
- ◆ ViewFinder College Scholarship application form is due by April 30, 2007. This scholarship is available to all college students. Please request an application at [info@viewfinderlowvision.com](mailto:info@viewfinderlowvision.com).
- ◆ This years Vision Rehabilitation & Technology Expo 2005 will be held on Friday November 17, 2006 at the Glendale Civic Plaza. Go to [VRATE.org](http://VRATE.org) for more information.

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