**Eye Condition Snippet**

**Condition Name:** Amblyopia or Lazy Eye

**Description:** In order to develop properly a child’s visual system requires well focused images, without them, permanent visual impairment may occur within the brain (visual cortex). This is why the detection and treatment of causes of visual impairment should occur at an early age. The condition in which the brain does not develop the capacity to see well owing to the poor quality of the pictures presented to it during early life is called derivational Amblyopia. Amblyopia is very often associated with strabismus or squints.

**Effects on Vision:** The image from the amblyopic eye is likely to have a lower visual acuity than the other eye when the eyes are tested separately. The image may be so poor and blurred that the brain will rely on the good eye for sight and the student will have monocular vision.

**Educational implications:** Students with one damaged eye and one healthy one may require the good eye to be patched for a number of hours every day to encourage development of the pathways from the weaker eye.