**Eye Conditions Snippet**

**Condition Name:** Ocular Motor Apraxia

**Description:** Ocular Motor Apraxia is characterized by a failure of the eyes to initiate fast eye movements. It is also called Cogan’s Ocular Motor Apraxia or Saccadic Initiation Failure (SIF). It is often associated with other learning, language and motor difficulties. It is caused by lack of development of a specific part of the brain.

**Effects on Vision:** The student may move their head from side to side to change the direction they are looking and compensate for the difficulty moving their eyes. Students may also blink to help initiate fast eye movements.

**Educational implications:** The student read slowly as his/her eyes won’t be able to quickly track a line of print or move quickly to the next line. The student will have difficulty shifting gaze so copying will be slower either from a text or from the board. The student will benefit from as much material as possible being presented on the same viewing plane. The student may exhibit eccentric viewing patterns which should not be interpreted as inattention. The student may experience mobility problems, or travel slower to allow for decreased eye movement.