Eye Condition Snippet

**Condition Name:** Strabismus

**Description:** Strabismus is a condition in which the eyes are not properly aligned with each other. As a result one eye turns in (esotropia), turns out (exotropia), turns up (hypertropia) or turns down (hypotropia). It is usually caused by a lack of coordination between the muscles that control eye movement thereby preventing binocular vision where both eyes focus on the same point in space. It is also known as “lazy eye”. Treatment may involve patching the straight eye, glasses or surgery.

**Effects on Vision:** Strabismus can cause amblyopia (reduced vision) if left untreated, because the brain will shut down the vision from the affected eye. To prevent this, strabismus should be treated as soon as it is noticed. Strabismus can also affect depth perception and may initially result in double vision before amblyopia sets in.

**Educational implications:** If student is patched, preferential seating is recommended to maximize visual access to the classroom. Depth perception will also be reduced which may affect physical activity. Strabismus should be reported for treatment as soon as it is noticed.