

Causes of blindness and disability pensions in the eastern metropolitan area of Santiago Causas de ceguera y pensión de invalidez en el Area Metropolitana Oriente de Santiago.

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Between June 1983 and September 1987, 2799 disability pensions were given in the East Santiago Area, population 676,269. Of them, 222 (7.9%) were due to ophthalmological causes. Blindness as defined by the WHO was present in 57 cases. It was caused by myopia (33%), glaucoma (21%), diabetic retinopathy (9.8%), retinal detachment, cataract and optic atrophy (5.2%) and ocular trauma (3.5%).