

# Vision loss may up cognitive decline-related functional limitations

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"Having vision impairment might increase the likelihood that persons with SCD report related functional limitations," the authors write. "Addressing vision impairment through prevention or corrective treatment might reduce functional SCD-associated limitations in the adult population."

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(HealthDay)—Vision impairment is associated with increased subjective cognitive decline (SCD)-related functional limitations for adults aged 45 years and older, according to research published in the May 24 issue of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

Sharon Saydah, Ph.D., from the CDC in Atlanta, and colleagues describe the correlation between [vision impairment](#) and SCD-related functional limitations using data from the 2015 to 2017 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System surveys.

The researchers found that 18 percent of adults aged ≥45 years who reported vision impairment also reported SCD-related functional limitations compared with 4 percent of those without [visual impairment](#), after adjustment for age group, sex, race/ethnicity, [education level](#), health insurance, and smoking status.

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