

# Visual Snow Syndrome Diagnostic Criteria

- A. Dynamic, continuous tiny dots across the entire visual field persisting for more than three months.
- B. Additional visual symptoms of at least two of the following four types:
  1. Palinopsia (persistent recurrence of a visual image and/or trailing images after the stimulus has been removed)
  2. Enhanced entoptic phenomena\*
  3. Photophobia (sensitivity of intolerance of light, which can cause some people to avoid sunlight, computers, fluorescent lights, and car headlights)
  4. Nyctalopia (impaired night vision)
- C. Symptoms are not consistent with typical migraine visual aura
- D. Symptoms are not better accounted for by another medical condition

*\*excessive floaters in both eyes, excessive blue field entoptic phenomenon (uncountable little grey, white, or black dots or rings shooting over the visual field of both eyes when looking at homogeneous bright surfaces such as the blue sky), self-lighting of the eye (colored waves or clouds perceived when closing the eyes in the dark), and spontaneous photopsia (bright flashes of light)*

## Visual Symptoms:

- Visual Snow
- Photopsia
- Photophobia
- Palinopsia
- Entoptic Phenomena
- Diplopia
- Nyctalopia
- Other visual effects such as starbursts and halos
- Pulsating, vibrating vision
- Shaky, unsteady, or trembling vision
- Flickering lights, strobing effects

## Non-Visual Symptoms:

- Tinnitus
- Depersonalization
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Frequent Migraines
- Brain Fog and confusion
- Dizziness and Nausea
- Insomnia and other sleep-related issues
- Paresthesia
- Sensory hypersensitivity / hyperesthesia
- Susceptibility to sensory overload
- Balance issues
- Tremors
- Cutaneous Allodynia
- Hyperacusis
- Phonophobia
- Dry Eyes
- Synesthesia

**Note:** Above is a list of the most common symptoms associated with Visual Snow Syndrome. Please note this is not a full representation of every symptom that can occur or should warrant a Visual Snow Syndrome diagnosis.

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