

On November 20th, 2006 news correspondent, Andrea Grymes from News 12 The Bronx interviewed Dr. Mark Fromer on the basics of the dry eye syndrome and its prevention. Dr. Fromer spoke about the condition that affects an estimated 3.2 million American women and 1.6 million American men over age 50, but many younger people also are bothered by it. Hispanic and Asian women are more likely to be affected by the symptoms of chronic dry eye.

There is no cure for chronic dry eye. But you can help prevent evaporation of your tears by avoiding environments that can cause dryness. Dr. Fromer spoke about the new eye drop called Restasis, that in 2002, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration approved. This treatment increases the body's ability to produce its own natural, healthy tears by treating one underlying cause of the disease---inflammation.

The program was aired in the Bronx and Brooklyn.