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BOYNTON BEACH, FL -- The majority of childhood vision problems, 97% of them, can be corrected if they're caught early.

But until now, there's been no easy way to detect those problems, especially in preschool children.

A Florida-based company is offering a solution that doctors are calling revolutionary.

3-year old Sean Mundy has big bright blue eyes, eyes that see and register all the excitement of life around him. But it wasn't that long ago mom and dad learned Sean could barely see out of his right eye.

The only reason the problem was caught is because their pediatrician had a special device.

Jim Mundy, Sean's dad explained, "So he took it and he failed the test. We were shocked because prior to that he had had no issues."

Ordinary vision screening with young children is difficult. They don't like to sit still. They can't focus in one area and certainly don't like drops in their eyes.

But the device, called [PediaVision](#), does a detailed vision exam in 3 seconds. And it never touches the eye.

Dr. Lee Friedman, a pediatric ophthalmologist in Boynton Beach saw Sean right after he was diagnosed. He says that PediaVision takes a digital snapshot and then gives you an immediate printout.

Dr. Friedman says the device worked like a dream on young Sean, "The PediaVision machine on him was fantastic. It showed he had two different powered eyes. It showed he was extremely far sighted in the right eye and minimally in the left eye."

Dr. Friedman believes PediaVision is a technological leap out of the dark ages. "And you can do kids who are pre-verbal, you can do them from 6 months on. You can do delayed kids. You can do anybody. And it gives you a very accurate view of what's going on with their eyes. And you can pick things up before they become true problems."

Pediatricians are just beginning to get their hands on this device and they're detecting everything from abnormalities within the eye, to improper alignment, even near or farsightedness and astigmatism.

"So it's important though to pick up the kids early. That's the key that we're trying to let people know, Dr. Friedman says.

Sean's problem was caught early. Therapy worked and he'll have no problems when he starts school. His parents are relieved. "It's worth it to get the test, just to know. I mean we didn't know and now he's on the road to getting his eyes corrected," his mother Lisa says.

PediaVision is based in Lake Mary, Florida. It's only in about 100 offices of pediatricians in the nation. 10 of them are in Palm Beach County.

Insurance companies are just beginning to learn about it. But based on Dr. Friedman's endorsement, and he has no connection to the company whatsoever, PediaVision is the greatest detection tool to hit his specialty in decades.



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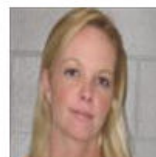
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