



## Detecting and Preventing

Patricia Lopez-Landabaso | 73 x 92 cm, oil on canvas

The artwork shows a person who is under funduscopy examination with pupil dilation. The patient feels that her eyes are widening, being opened for observation by the ophthalmologist. The target is to see the fundus and to detect eye disease with light. The artist is a diabetic painter who tries to express what she feels when she has a funduscopy examination to detect and treat her diabetic retinopathy. The imagination of the artist is expressed by her own feelings with this painting.

Patricia Lopez-Landabaso has followed a formal academic career, starting from the Basque country and completing her education with audiovisual and pedagogy. Her artwork has been the subject of multiple exhibitions and is in national collections in Spain.

*Description by Jorge L. Alió*

The "Miradas" competition was created by Jorge Alió, Journal of Refractive Surgery Editorial Board Member, and his wife, Maria Lopez, in 1998 with the intention of using artistic sensibility to bring society's attention to the phenomenon of sight, vision, and blindness. "Miradas," which means glances, is a contest in which artwork is sent from Spain and many international countries from the four continents for the Miradas International Artwork Competition every two years. Each cover of the Journal of Refractive Surgery features paintings that were submitted to this competition. "Miradas" is sponsored by OPHTEC BV, The Netherlands. For more information, contact [www.fundacionalio.com](http://www.fundacionalio.com)

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