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Eye test may detect Alzheimer's disease

Australian scientists are reporting encouraging early results from an eye test they hope will detect signs of Alzheimer's disease.

The CSIRO's Shaun Frost discussed the test yesterday at the Alzheimer's Association International Conference in France.

Researchers compared retinal photos of 110

healthy people, 13 with Alzheimer's and 13 with mild cognitive impairment or "pre-Alzheimer's", who were taking part in a larger study on ageing.

The widths of certain blood vessels were different in those with Alzheimer's than in the others, and the amount of difference matched the amount of plaque seen on brain scans. **AP**