

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a blue t-shirt and sunglasses on her head, is looking through a telescope. The background is a blurred interior of a space station. Large, bold text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

LOOKING AT

VISION LOSS

1
00:00:00,000 --> 00:00:06,680
music

2
00:00:07,260 --> 00:00:10,280
The nice thing about the
one year twins mission,

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00:00:10,536 --> 00:00:14,616
it brings a lot of high-quality
researchers together to look

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00:00:14,616 --> 00:00:16,006
at a very specific problem.

5
00:00:16,126 --> 00:00:18,826
It gives us an opportunity
to look at the human body

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00:00:18,826 --> 00:00:21,576
in a very detailed fashion
that we haven't done before.

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00:00:22,036 --> 00:00:25,666
We're also looking at the
vision impairment syndrome,

8
00:00:26,246 --> 00:00:29,006
hypothesized to be
secondary, or as a result

9
00:00:29,006 --> 00:00:31,746
of the head ward fluid shift
the crew members experience

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00:00:31,746 --> 00:00:32,646
during spaceflight.

11
00:00:33,036 --> 00:00:35,386
We're looking at not just

the cardiovascular system,

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00:00:35,506 --> 00:00:39,606

but we're looking at the eye
itself and how it changes

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00:00:39,606 --> 00:00:43,500

in its structure
and its function.

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00:00:47,580 --> 00:00:49,820

There's a strong
cardiovascular component.

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00:00:50,426 --> 00:00:53,596

How much blood and blood
pressure gets transmitted

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00:00:53,596 --> 00:00:55,476

to the head, which
would be different

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00:00:55,476 --> 00:00:56,596

than what's on the ground.

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00:00:58,256 --> 00:01:01,016

The person that goes to
see their doctor every day,

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00:01:01,016 --> 00:01:03,206

will have a potential
benefit from what we learn

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00:01:03,540 --> 00:01:05,040

from looking at our astronauts.

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00:01:09,760 --> 00:01:11,320

Some of the issues
that we're looking

22

00:01:11,400 --> 00:01:12,900

at for the one-year mission,

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00:01:13,420 --> 00:01:17,020

are things that people would normally experience on Earth.

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00:01:25,760 --> 00:01:28,376

The sorts of physiologic changes or adaptations

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00:01:28,376 --> 00:01:33,776

that we've observed are ones we would expect from people

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00:01:33,776 --> 00:01:36,816

on 6-month mission to Mars.

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00:01:37,026 --> 00:01:40,486

We stay busy, asking new questions,