

INFORMED CONSENT FOR CATARACT SURGERY AND/OR IMPLANTATION OF INTRAOCULAR LENS



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INTRODUCTION

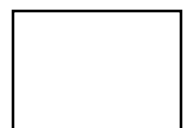
This information is given to you so that you can make an informed decision about having cataract surgery. Take as much time as you wish to make your decision before signing this consent. You have the right to ask questions about any procedure before agreeing to have an operation.

Except for unusual problems, a cataract surgery is indicated only when you cannot function adequately due to poor sight produced by the cataract. You must remember that the natural lens within your eye with a slight cataract, although not perfect, has some distinct advantages over any man-made lens.

After your doctor has told you that you have a cataract, you and your doctor are the only ones who can determine if or when you should have a cataract operation based on your own visual needs and medical considerations, unless you have an unusual cataract that may need immediate surgery.

If you decide to have the surgery, you should understand that once the cataract is removed, there are three methods of restoring useful vision:

1. **Contact Lenses:** A hard or soft lens can be used and offer good visual restoration, but some patients find it difficult to handle and care for contact lenses.
2. **Monofocal Intraocular lenses (IOL's):** These are small plastic, silicon or acrylic lenses that are placed inside your eye. They are designed to remain in the eye permanently. After the eye has healed, you will probably need to wear glasses for reading and fine focusing on distant objects. This is currently the most common method of restoring vision following cataract extraction.
3. **Multifocal Intraocular Lenses:** This lens is designed with two focal powers, one for distance vision and an additional power for near vision.



If you decide to have the cataract surgery, you should understand that once the cataract is removed, an intraocular lens is the preferred replacement for the cataract. The IOL is permanent and does not require handling such as cleaning, insertion, or disinfecting. Since the IOL is implanted, useful vision is available to you at all times of the day and night.

The intraocular lens or IOL, is a small plastic, silicon or acrylic lens, that acts as a substitute for the natural crystalline lens that is removed due to the cataract. Your surgeon will explain to you the methods that will be used in extracting the cataract. All of your questions will be answered regarding the cataract surgery and/or the intraocular lens. Again, it is important to remember that spectacles may be needed to achieve optimum vision with an intraocular lens.

OPTION FOR THE MULTIFOCAL INTRAOCULAR LENS

You and your surgeon may decide that the implantation of an multifocal IOL is a good choice for you to reduce your reliance on glasses for your near and distance vision activities.

With this IOL, you may have additional side effects than with a monofocal IOL. You *may* experience glare, rings or halos around lights and blurred vision. These side effects may make it more difficult to drive at night or to complete tasks in a room with low lighting. You may also have some visual effects when several images are being focused on at the same time.

Implantation of a multifocal IOL does not assure that you will be free of your dependency on eyeglasses or contacts. 20% of the patients in the FDA study required at least some assistance from glasses following surgery. Additionally, 5% of the patients in the FDA study reported severe difficulty with halos and 5% reported severe difficulty with glare.

If you drive a considerable amount at night or perform delicate, detailed “up close” work requiring closer focus than just reading, a monofocal lens may be a better choice.



PROCEDURE

Cataract surgery, by itself, means the removal of the natural lens in the eye by a surgical technique. In order for the IOL to be implanted in your eye, cataract surgery must be performed either at the time of lens implantation or before the lens implantation.

In rare instances, it is possible that during the surgery, your surgeon may decide not to implant an IOL even though you have given your permission to do so. Or if you have selected the multifocal IOL, it may be necessary to substitute a monofocal IOL in its place.

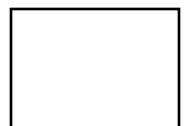
Cataract surgery with the implantation of the intraocular lens is one of the most frequently performed surgeries and is among the most successful. As with any surgery, you should understand the results cannot be guaranteed. It is possible to develop complications common to any surgery due to anesthesia, drug reactions or other factors, which may involve other systems of your body.

As a result of either cataract surgery or intraocular lens implantation surgery, there is a possibility that your vision could become worse. Complications associated with eye surgery include hemorrhage (bleeding), loss of corneal clarity, infection, uveitis, iris atrophy, glaucoma, inability to dilate the pupil, retinal detachment, lens dislocation, total loss of vision and loss of the eye.

These complications may develop at any time during the surgery, days, months and even years after the surgery. There is always the possibility that the implanted lens may have to be repositioned or removed at some time in the future. You must understand that this list of complications above is incomplete. Also, after your surgery, it may be necessary for you to wear glasses for distance vision, for near vision or for both distance and near.

PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS

I understand that pre-existing ophthalmological conditions and diseases such as macular degeneration, macular edema, changes in the optic nerve, diabetic retinopathy, myopic degeneration, macular changes, corneal dystrophy, gutatta, and previous retinal or corneal surgery may have an effect on the visual outcome. This list of pre-existing conditions is not complete. If you have any concerns, your surgeon will be happy to discuss them with you.



CONSENT FOR SURGERY

The basic procedures of cataract surgery with intraocular lens implantation and the advantages, disadvantages, risks and alternative treatments have been explained thoroughly to me by my physician and his/her staff. I acknowledge that it is impossible to explain every conceivable complication or adverse reaction that could occur as a result of my surgical experience. I understand the procedure and my physician has answered all of my questions to my satisfaction.

In signing this INFORMED CONSENT, I am stating that I have thoroughly read or have had it read to me and that I understand the risks, complications and benefits involved.

Additionally, I acknowledge that I have been counseled regarding the multifocal IOL and that all of my questions have been answered in a satisfactory manner.

I wish to have cataract surgery with an intraocular lens implant.

- I am a candidate for the Multifocal IOL, but have chosen the Monofocal IOL Option.
- I have chosen the option for the Multifocal IOL.
- I will receive the Monofocal IOL as I have been informed by my surgeon that I am **not** an appropriate candidate for the Multifocal IOL.

Right Eye

Surgery Date _____

Left Eye

Patient signature

date

Printed Patient Name

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Physician signature