Options for Your Cataract Surgery

A cataract forms when the natural lens in the eye gets cloudy. When this clouding affects vision, a cataract operation is required to remove the clouded, natural lens that is then replaced with a clear, artificial lens implant.

Modern medicine and technology have given us several options that can make your life easier giving you the benefit of becoming less dependent on glasses after surgery. At your evaluation, Dr. Valli will help you determine which lens would be best for you. Additionally, we are pleased to offer an option of specially compounded bottle of medication reduce the burden of drops use after surgery.

Please review the information below to assist in making your decisions about surgery.

☐ **I am interested in advanced cataract options to reduce my need for glasses and would like to discuss further.**

☐ **I would not mind wearing glasses full-time and elect to have basic cataract surgery.**

Lens Implant Options
1. Multifocal Refractive (Distance and Near Vision) Package
- To reduce dependence on distance and reading glasses
This custom refractive package includes the special testing and calculations as well as techniques to limit your dependency on glasses for both distance and near tasks. The goal of this option is to be nearly glasses free.
This additional service is not covered by insurance or Medicare. **There is an additional fee of $2400/eye for this service that is the responsibility of the patient. This fee is in addition to any copays, coinsurance, or deductibles.**

2. Custom Refractive (Distance Vision) Package
- To reduce dependence on distance glasses
This custom refractive package includes special testing and calculations as well as techniques to reduce or eliminate astigmatism. This will help to limit the need for glasses to see objects in the distance. Reading glasses (usually over the counter) will still be needed.
This additional service is not covered by insurance plans or Medicare. **There is an additional fee of $1200/eye for this service that is the responsibility of the patient. This fee is in addition to any copays, coinsurance, or deductibles.**

3. Basic Cataract Surgery
- NO reduction in need for glasses
With basic cataract surgery, the cloudy lens will be removed and replaced with a single vision lens. You will still need to wear glasses after surgery for best distance and near vision. There is no additional cost for the implant lens with this option. You will be responsible for any copays, coinsurance or deductibles per your insurance contract.

Eye Drops Options (please circle one)

1. Standard Eye Drops (3 bottles/eye)

You will need to use eye drops before and after surgery to prevent infection and assist with healing. The three standard drops we prescribe are: Ofloxacin 0.3% (antibiotic) drops – 10 mL, Prednisolone acetate 1% (steroid) drops – 10 mL, and Ketorolac 0.4% (NSAID) drops – 10 mL. These are all generic drops and are usually on formulary. However, insurance coverage varies and is hard to predict. You may consider asking your pharmacy or your insurance to find out what your cost will be for these prescriptions. You will need to refill the prescriptions for the second eye.

2. LessDrops (1 bottle/eye)

To reduce costs for patients and increase their convenience, we offer a compounded combination of antibiotic, steroids and NSAID medications as one bottle of drops, called LessDrops. The medications in this bottle are of higher quality than the generic drops. However, this is not covered by insurance. The cost for 1 bottle of these drops is $55, which is payable at your office visit when you pick up the drops. For many patients, this is equal to or less than their prescription copays. You may also consider this option if it is difficult for you to put drops in your eyes.

If you wear soft contact lenses, please stay out of them for at least 3 days prior to your visit.

If you wear rigid contact lenses, please stay out of them for at least 1 week prior to your visit.

Please complete the cataract surgery questionnaire (separate sheet).