

THERE ARE LENS AND MEDICATION OPTIONS THAT YOU NEED TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH PRIOR TO SCHEDULING SURGERY. PLEASE READ BELOW AND MAKE YOUR SELECTION.

A cataract forms when the natural lens in the eye gets cloudy. When this clouding affects vision, a cataract operation is done 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 give you the benefit of becoming less dependent on glasses after surgery and make your life easier. This service is not covered in any way by insurance or Medicare, and is an additional out-of-pocket cost that the patient is responsible for. Please check box below:

- 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. **Basic Cataract Surgery – Will need full time glasses**

With basic cataract surgery, the cloudy lens will be removed and replaced with a single vision lens. You will need to wear glasses after surgery for best distance and near vision. The surgery is covered by Medicare or your insurance. There is no additional cost for the implant lens with this option; however, you will be responsible for any copays, coinsurance or deductibles per your insurance contract.

2. **Custom Refractive Package - Reduce dependence on distance glasses**

The custom refractive package includes special testing and calculations as well as techniques and placement of a lens to reduce or eliminate astigmatism, with the goal of limiting the need for glasses to see objects in the distance (sometimes this package is needed for clear *near* vision based on the shape of your eye). Depending on the option chosen, glasses will still be required on a part-time basis, usually for near tasks including reading. This service is not covered by insurance plans or Medicare. There is an **additional fee of approximately \$1500/eye** for this service that is the responsibility of the patient. This fee is in addition to any copays, coinsurance, or deductible costs incurred through insurance.

3. **Multifocal Refractive Package - Reduce dependence on distance & reading glasses**

The custom refractive package includes special testing and calculations with placement of a lens designed to reduce your dependence on glasses for both distance and near tasks (astigmatism will also be corrected). The goal of this option is to be nearly glasses free. Patients will still need glasses occasionally, particularly for extended near work. Multifocal lenses are not covered by insurance or Medicare. There is an **additional fee of**

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approximately \$2800/eye for this option that is the responsibility of the patient. This fee is in addition to any copays, coinsurance, or deductibles incurred through insurance.

EYE DROP OPTIONS (Circle your preference)

1. Standard Eye Drops (3 bottles)

You will need to use prescription eye drops 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. Generally, you will need to refill the prescriptions for the second eye.

2. LessDrops (1 bottle)

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. Dr. Valli recommends that you use these drops before and after surgery. 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. Generally, you will need 1 bottle of drops for each eye.

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.

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