



SOUTHWEST EYE CLINIC

PATIENT LENS OPTIONS FOR CATARACT SURGERY

A cataract is the clouding of the natural lens of the eye that impacts your overall vision. Cataracts are treated by removing the clouded natural lens and replacing it with a Standard Intraocular Lens Implant called an IOL. In the past the IOL only corrected your distance vision and required you to wear reading glasses or bifocals following surgery.

Advancements in IOL lens technology now allow us to offer Presbyopia Correcting Lenses which can improve your vision at a distance, up close, and at intermediate ranges. These lenses have proven in many cases to significantly reduce or eliminate the need for glasses.

In addition, there are also advanced IOL implants called Toric Lens Implants which correct astigmatism. Many patients have this type of correction currently built into their glasses or contact lenses. This type of IOL implant corrects the patient's astigmatism with a goal of lessening their dependence on glasses for distance vision.

We have included brochures about cataract surgery and these advanced lens implants. Please review these materials and let us know which options you might be interested in hearing about.

(1) _____ *Standard Lens Implant*

GOAL: This lens can help correct vision, more for distance than for up close, after cataract surgery.

COST: Medicare and/or private insurance will commonly cover most of the costs of the surgery including a standard lens implant.

I wish to hear more about a cataract operation using a Standard Lens Implant. I understand I will need to wear glasses. (over)

(2) _____ *Presbyopia Correcting Lens Implant*

GOAL: This lens has the ability to provide the highest possible level of spectacle freedom after cataract surgery.

COST: Medicare and/or private insurance will cover most of the surgery costs but do not cover the cost of the Presbyopia Correcting Lens Implant.

I wish to hear more about a cataract operation using the Presbyopia Correcting Lens Implant. This lens is to help increase my ability to read, however, I may still need to wear glasses for specific tasks. I would also like to hear more about the additional cost of this lens.

(3) _____ *Toric Lens Implant (for astigmatism correction)*

GOAL: This lens will reduce or eliminate your Astigmatism and significantly decrease dependence on glasses, especially for distance.

COST: Medicare and/or private insurance will cover most of the surgery costs but do not cover the cost of the toric lens.

I wish to hear about a cataract operation with a Toric Lens Implant. This lens will help correct my astigmatism and lessen my dependence on glasses for distance vision. I understand I will need to wear glasses for near vision and may need bifocal glasses. I would also like to hear more about the additional cost of this lens.

Patient

Signature _____ Date _____

**We are glad to offer budget friendly payment plan options. Please ask for more information if this interests you!