



CATARACT SURGERY FAQ

What time is my surgery?

The surgery center will call you to notify you of your time of surgery the business day before.

How long will the surgery last?

The procedure typically lasts between 15 to 30 minutes, though you should allot two to three hours from walk-in to walk-out.

Will the doctor I meet at my cataract evaluation perform my surgery?

Yes, the Surgeon you meet at your cataract evaluation will perform your surgery.

Will I be awake during the surgery?

Yes. The procedure takes minimal time, and Monitored Anesthesia Care (MAC), which is the intravenous administration of mild sedatives to help a patient relax and relieve anxiety, will be used, along with a local anesthetic eye drop to keep you from feeling pain.

Can I get both cataract surgeries done at once?

Doctors typically recommend two or three weeks between procedures to reduce the risk of infection. In addition, most insurances require each eye to be a separate procedure.

Can I Drive to my post-operative appointment?

Yes, you can drive to your 1-day post-operative appointment if you feel comfortable doing so. Please remember to remove the eye patch before driving.

When can I return to work?

Most patients can return to work after 1-2 days, However, any heavy lifting or bending the head below the waist is prohibited for 1 week.

Will I need to use eye drops?

Yes, you will be given preoperative and postoperative instructions. The instructions will include the directions for administering the medicated eye drops.

Are any restrictions after surgery?

Yes, please refer to the postoperative instruction sheet for restrictions after surgery.