

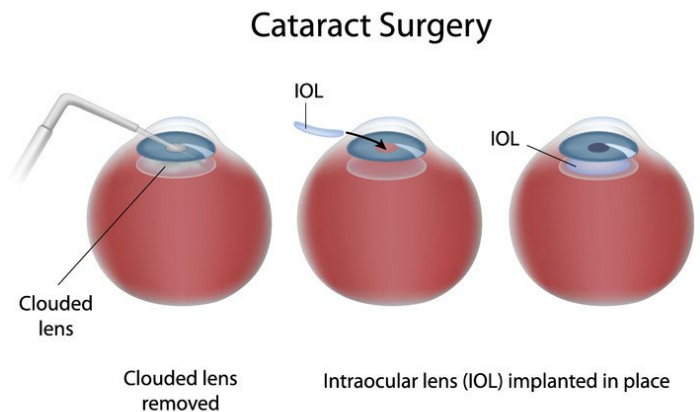
## CATARACT SURGERY

### Procedure Overview/ Why is it done?

Cataract surgery helps you see better. It replaces your natural lens, which has become cloudy, with a clear artificial one. The doctor makes a small cut in your eye and breaks your cloudy lens apart. The small pieces of the lens are removed and replaced with an artificial lens.

### What to Expect

The surgery will be done at an outpatient center. There you will be given mild sedation as well as local anesthetic on the eye. You will not be able to drive yourself home after the procedure, so we recommend having someone accompany you to the center. You will need to wear a protective shield over the eye at night for one week and sunglasses since you will be sensitive to light. You will be seen the next day at the office to ensure everything went well and be required to use medication drops to reduce the risk of infection and promote healing. There is normally no significant pain after surgery.



### How Well it Works / Risks

Cataract surgery is successful for the majority of adults. Cataract surgery, like any surgery anywhere in the body, does have its risks, including the risks of infection, complications, and partial to total vision loss; however, this risk is very low. Most complications that occur can be treated and vision loss reversed.

### Tradition Cataract Surgery vs. Femtosecond Laser

The main difference between traditional cataract surgery and femtosecond laser is how the cataract is broken up for extraction. In traditional surgery, an ultrasonic phacoemulsification device breaks up the cataract, whereas in femtosecond laser surgery, a laser is used to cut up the cataract. The laser requires much less force to break up the cataract and reduces the time the surgeon physically spends inside the eye, making the surgery safer. As an added benefit femtosecond laser can also be used to correct a mild amount of astigmatism.

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Depending on the vision you would like to have, there are several lens choices:

### Lens Options

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- **Light-Adjustable Lens (LAL)** is the most advanced intraocular lens available for cataract surgery; this new lens is the first and only lens to allow us to **CUSTOMIZE** your vision **AFTER** cataract surgery. We will have a unique opportunity to measure and adjust your lens AFTER implantation during a series of in-office light-treatment procedures that take only a few minutes each. Insurances do not cover this lens, but we offer special financing through Care Credit.
- **Multifocal lenses** have a corrective zone that is stretched to allow both distance and intermediate vision. But this zone is stretched to allow distance and intermediate vision. This lens is not covered by insurances, but we offer special financing through Care Credit.
- **Toric lenses** have an extra built-in correction for astigmatism. They are now available as Monofocal lenses (one distance correction) or multifocal lenses (distance & near correction). This lens is not covered by insurances, but we offer special financing through Care Credit.
- **Monofocal lenses** are designed to provide the best possible vision at one distance. Most people who choose monofocal have their IOLs set for distance vision. They use reading glasses for near-vision tasks. Your health insurance usually covers this lens with traditional cataract surgery.

### How do I schedule?

When you are ready, call us at **301-896-0890 ext.123** or visit us at **[www.voeyedr.com/](http://www.voeyedr.com/)** One of our surgical counselors will assist you in scheduling your procedure. All or most health insurances cover this procedure as it is deemed medically necessary. For uninsured patients, we offer special financing with Care Credit.



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