

TYPICAL Post-Op SYMPTOMS: You may notice...

Blurry or hazy vision for the first several days, but blurry vision may last for a couple weeks
Flickering/reflecting lights or “fluttering” (arc-shaped pattern) in your peripheral vision for days to weeks
A mild ache for the first few days
A foreign body or scratchy sensation in the eye for weeks to months (use Artificial Tears periodically for relief)

ACTIVITIES TO AVOID:

Avoid lifting/pushing anything that causes you to STRAIN for at least 1 (one) week
Avoid bending/stooping/head positions that causes a “pressure” feeling in your head for 1 (one) week
Avoid dusty/dirty environments at least 1 (one) week- wear protective eyewear if you must be around dust/dirt
No eye make-up for at least 1 week (being careful not to rub eyes hard when removing make-up for 4 weeks)
No swimming and avoid splashing water directly into eye for 2 weeks
No forceful rubbing the operative eye for approximately 4 weeks

PRECAUTIONS:

Wear eye shield at bedtime for 1 (one) week
Take a shower or bath, but cautiously wash your eyelids — no splashing
Wear sunglasses if light sensitive
Wear eye protection when needed

APPROVED ACTIVITIES: You may...

Sleep on either side, but use the eye shield for the first week after surgery
Watch TV, read, or work on computer, etc
Perform most household activities, but minimize “STRAINING” for 1 (one) week
Participate in most exercise routines, except avoid straining to lift/bend for 1 (one) week
Have your hair styled at barber/beauty shop (being careful not to get hair or hair product in eyes)

EYEGASSES:

Most, not everyone’s, eyeglass prescription changes after cataract surgery.
Patients may have trouble deciding whether they see better with their old glasses or not, especially between your first and second eye. Some will see better without glasses. Some see better using old glasses. A few (very few) patients will prefer to remove one lens. Try each option to determine which method allows you to function best. YOU WILL NOT STRAIN OR HARM EITHER EYE DURING THIS PERIOD.
Many people can function well with Over-the-Counter “drugstore” readers during this healing period.
Start with **+2.50 READERS** and vary the power up or down to find the one best for you.
You can consider new glasses options typically 1 month after your final surgery.

CALL OUR OFFICE IMMEDIATELY IF YOU EXPERIENCE:

SEVERE PAIN
SIGNIFICANT REDNESS
INCREASED FLOATERS OR FLASHES OF LIGHT (like lightning streaks or flash bulb)
SUDDEN LOSS OF VISION or NEW DOUBLE VISION
SUDDEN CHANGE IN EYE COLOR OR PUPIL SIZE

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DRIVING:

You will NOT be allowed to drive home from the Surgery Center—please make arrangements.
We ask that you do NOT drive until you discuss with your doctor during one of the post operative visits.
If your doctor indicates that you are “legal to drive”, we ask that you:
1) limit driving to day-time only and familiar areas for at least the first several days,
2) please use YOUR best, safest judgment on whether you are safe to drive.

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