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AN ALTERNATIVE VISION CORRECTION OPTION

YAG

LASER POSTERIOR CAPSULOTOMY



What is Posterior Capsule Opacification?

After cataract surgery, the back membrane of the cataract is left in place to support the lens implant. In some cases, this membrane can become cloudy, causing blurred vision.

This is called posterior capsule opacification, or PCO.

Good news!

This can be treated with a very simple outpatient procedure called a YAG Laser Posterior Capsulotomy, or YAG for short.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

During your procedure, you will be given numbing eye drops. Then, Dr. Solomon will use the YAG Laser to create an opening in the clouded back lining of the lens capsule, allowing light to pass through to the retina and providing you with clear vision once again.

The procedure does not involve any incisions, and no general anesthesia is needed. In fact, the entire procedure takes about 5 minutes, and most patients are able to resume their normal activities immediately after the procedure.

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

YAG is covered by Medicare and most private insurances. Copay and deductible may apply.

POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS

- You may resume your normal activities immediately after the laser procedure.
- You will not need any eye patch, but do wear your glasses or sunglasses.
- Continue all of your normal medications by mouth and your regular drops (if any) after the laser procedure.
- Take Tylenol as needed for mild discomfort.
- After your laser procedure, you may experience any of the following; redness, slight blurring of vision, minimal discomfort in the eye and floaters. These are normal and usually last less than 72 hours.
- If you experience any of the following symptoms, please call our office immediately.
 - Severe pain
 - Sudden decrease in vision
 - Flashes of light

Your laser surgery has been scheduled for:

Right Eye / Left Eye _____

We will call you 2 days before surgery with arrival time.

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- You are required to have a driver to bring you the surgery center and wait throughout the entire process
- **Make sure you bring your insurance cards**
- Remember to take all of your normal medications and eye drops on the day of this procedure
- If you're having your laser procedure for glaucoma or PCO, you may be asked to stay one hour after to have your eye pressure checked
- You may have a normal diet on the day of your procedure

Your post-operative appointment is scheduled for:

_____ at _____ AM/PM in our _____ office.

If you have any questions or need to reschedule your procedure, please call us: 843-881-3937.



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