

DID YOU KNOW?

There are now options available for our cataract patients who would like to reduce or eliminate their dependence on glasses after surgery.

If the opportunity to be free from having to wear glasses is important to you, then you will want to explore these options and associated costs while you are in our office.

“SPECTACLE FREE” OPTIONS

Available for reducing or eliminating dependence on glasses following cataract surgery.

The restoration of clearest vision possible is the goal for every person having cataract surgery. Cataract surgery is considered a medical necessity by Medicare and other insurance companies, and is therefore a covered procedure. In this procedure, the eye’s natural lens, which has become clouded with a cataract, is replaced with a small artificial lens called an intraocular lens (IOL) which allows clear vision to be restored. For many years, this procedure has been used to restore a person’s distance vision, and glasses would be used for near vision activities, such as reading, working on computers, etc. Insurance covers the cost of this “standard” IOL and procedure described above. This “standard” approach to cataract surgery continues to be the right choice for many of our patients. However, for those who have a desire to be less dependent on glasses, the new options make that opportunity possible.

Over the past several years there have been many advances in the technology associated with lens implant cataract surgery, so now there are options for patients having cataract surgery that make it possible to reduce and in many cases eliminate dependence on glasses after surgery. Recently, new Medicare regulations have made it possible to offer these options to our patients considering cataract surgery. Our doctors experience as an accomplished cataract and refractive surgeon gives our cataract patients the unique opportunity to experience these benefits.

If it is important for you to be free from having to wear glasses after your surgery, we want to help you know the options available. The doctor and staff will be glad to discuss which option would best suit your lifestyle and what cost would be associated with respective options.

My Options:

Option 1 – Standard **Monofocal** lens

Medicare and most private insurance carriers will pay the majority of your cataract surgery for this type of lens. This is considered basic coverage. With single-vision lens implants, there is a high likelihood that you will need glasses for the majority of activities after your surgery. Most standard lens patients need to pay additional replacement costs for glasses and contacts for years to come.

Option 2 – Premium **crystalens** (Multifocal lens) to reduce dependence on glasses

New crystalens technology implants, are designed to improve your vision to see near, far, and everything in-between. Our new goal of cataract lens surgery is to allow you to see and read your computer, newspaper, and to enjoy activities you enjoy with a reduced dependence on glasses. **There is an additional cost for having this new lens implant.**

Would you like to know more about these options?

- YES**, I would like to know more about options to reduce my dependence on glasses.
- NO**, thank you, spectacle dependence is not an issue for me.

Patient signature: _____ Date: _____