



Premium Cataract Surgery



What is a Cataract?

A Cataract is the clouding of the natural lens inside your eye, which affects your vision. Although there are several causes, the normal aging process is the most common cause of cataracts.

Common Cataract Symptoms

- ▶ Difficulty reading small print
- ▶ Driving is more difficult—especially at night
- ▶ An Increased sensitivity to glare
- ▶ Glasses seem dirty—even after cleaning them



Normal vision



Blurry vision caused by a cataract

When is the Right Time to Remove My Cataracts?

When your cataracts begin to interfere with your normal activities they can safely and easily be removed through a tiny incision and replaced with a foldable lens implant on an outpatient basis. A lens implant is similar to a small, soft contact lens, which contains a prescription to help restore your vision.

What Can I Expect for My Recovery?

With our present-day cataract procedures, clear vision is quickly restored and normal activities can be resumed within a couple of days.

THE

Basic Cataract Procedure

► **Improves your vision by removing your cataract**

You may still need glasses to sharpen your distance vision

You will most likely need reading glasses

The Basic procedure is the traditional cataract surgery in which your cataract is replaced with an artificial lens known as a Monofocal implant. Monofocal implants come in basic strengths, but do not correct astigmatism or reading vision. Glasses are then essential for reading, and may be needed for correcting any residual distance prescription.

For those who are eligible candidates we can take this once in a lifetime opportunity to further enhance your eyesight by choosing one of our Premium procedures. These are designed to lessen your dependency on glasses and provide you with personalized vision that will suit your lifestyle.



OUR

Premium Procedure

- ▶ Improves your vision by removing your cataract
- ▶ Corrects your blurry vision caused by astigmatism
- ▶ Provides you with sharp distance vision without glasses

You will most likely need reading glasses

If you have astigmatism, our Premium procedure can provide you with vision that is significantly sharper than what is achieved with the basic procedure. This is done by inserting a Toric implant which can correct residual blurry vision caused by astigmatism.

- ▶ **Astigmatism is blurred vision caused by an oval or irregular-shaped cornea.**



F P
T O Z
L P E D
P E C F D

The image shows a grid of letters (F, P, T, O, Z, L, P, E, D, P, E, C, F, D) that are significantly blurred and distorted due to astigmatism. The letters are not sharp and their edges are soft and out of focus.

Vision with astigmatism



F P
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The image shows the same grid of letters as the previous one, but they are now sharp, clear, and well-defined. The correction of astigmatism has resulted in significantly improved visual acuity.

Vision after astigmatism correction

The Toric implant can be considered a customized implant that contains your individualized prescription, correcting nearsightedness, farsightedness, and astigmatism.

OUR

Premium Plus Procedure

- ▶ Improves your vision by removing your cataract
- ▶ Corrects your blurry vision caused by astigmatism
- ▶ Provides you with sharp distance vision without glasses
- ▶ Allows you to read without glasses
- ▶ The most convenient lifestyle choice

Our Premium Plus procedure encompasses both the basic procedure and our premium procedure, plus the insertion of an advanced-technology Reading implant to additionally restore your near vision. Providing that your eyes are healthy, these specialized implants can grant you with both distance and reading vision without glasses.

We offer two types of reading implants. The RESTOR is a Multifocal implant containing nine circular reading rings etched into the implant, while the CRYSTALENS is an Accommodating implant that flexes to allow you to focus once again.



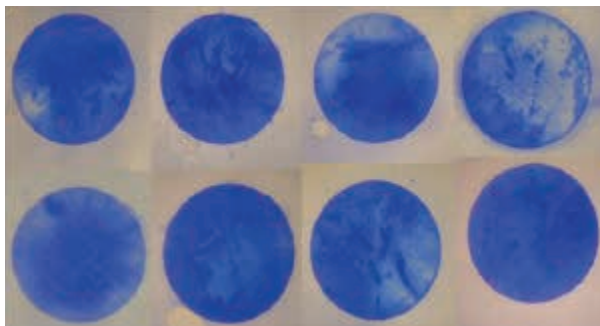
Both distance and near vision are visualized through Reading implants without glasses

The Femtosecond Cataract Laser

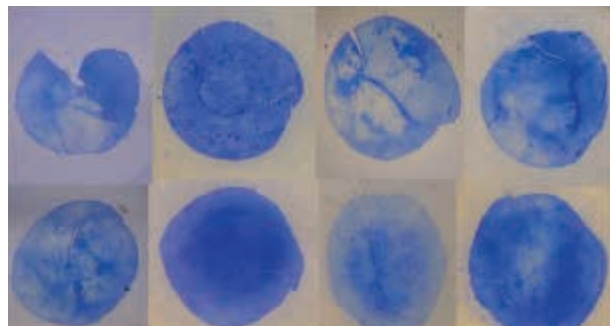
Precision That Changes Everything

In our quest to provide our patients with the best possible vision, we pride ourselves in having the most advanced technology and procedures to offer you. We have now acquired the new Femtosecond Cataract Laser, which allows us to make all your cataract incisions by laser just prior to the actual cataract removal.

Femtosecond laser-assisted cataract surgery has been designed to provide the most precise and safest method to help you achieve the best possible vision from your cataract procedure. Feel free to ask us about the laser, and we will be happy to determine if it is the right option for you.



Femtosecond laser capsulotomy samples



Cataract surgeon capsulotomy samples

A Choice That will Last a Lifetime

You will be using your new eyesight every waking moment for the rest of your life. Please take as much time as needed to consult with us as well as your family. Our Physicians, Counselors and Coordinators are available to help you make the best decision.

Bring a Family Member or a Friend with you for your Cataract Evaluation

We strongly recommend that you have a family member or a friend accompany you for your initial consultation. This can be a 3 hour comprehensive visit containing a considerable amount of information regarding the health of your eyes, the various treatment options, and financial considerations.

Cost

In the basic cataract procedure, Medicare and Private Insurance Companies normally cover the cost. In our premium cataract procedures, the basic cataract surgery is typically covered by insurance plans, while the patient is responsible for the premium portion of the procedure.

► Arrangements

Should you select the Premium or Premium Plus option, you will need to confirm your choice and arrange payment in full at least 3 business days prior to your scheduled procedure. Please contact our Cataract Coordinator at 201-796-2020.



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