CATARACT SURGERY INFORMATION

Important Information! Please read carefully!

BEFORE SURGERY

Surgery Time: On the day before your scheduled surgery, a nurse from our surgery center will call you with your arrival time. If you are being picked up by our van service, we will let you know what time the van will arrive at your home. (Please note, the van service must be arranged 48 hours in advance of your pre-operative phone call.)

Transportation: If you are providing your own transportation, your driver must be licensed, at least 18 years of age, and remain with you while you are at our surgery center. If you are utilizing our van service, you must provide us with emergency contact information.

Medications: When the nurse calls you with your surgery time, you will also receive instructions on what to do with your current medications. Please bring a full list of all current medications (prescription and non-prescription) that includes the name, strength, dose and frequency with you to the surgery center. A convenient form has been provided for you.

Food / Beverages: Please stop eating and drinking at midnight the night before your surgery. This includes water, gum, mints and candy. Also, DO NOT consume any dairy products (such as milk, butter, yogurt, cream cheese, etc.) or citrus products. It is important for your anesthesia safety to follow these instructions.

Eye Drops: You have received a prescription for eye drops. You must fill this prescription at your local pharmacy prior to your surgery. You will receive specific instructions on how to use your drops before leaving our surgery center.

AFTER YOUR SURGERY

The First 24 Hours: You may experience a foreign body sensation, burning, stinging, or tearing the first 24 hours following your procedure. Your vision may be foggy, fuzzy, and hazy. You may shower, bathe, and wash your hair at any time; however, avoid splashing water or getting soap in your eye for 48 hours. You may resume wearing eye make-up after 48 hours.

Restrictions: Do not swim underwater, rub or push on your eye or have any type of dental work for 1 week following your procedure. No driving on the day of your surgery.

GLASSES AFTER SURGERY

If glasses are needed following cataract surgery, Medicare will reimburse a portion of the optical purchase. The benefit is for both the frame and the lenses. The amount of the reimbursement will be based upon whether or not you have met your annual deductible. If your post-operative care is being provided by a Center For Sight physician, we will file the claim with Medicare as a courtesy, and you
should expect to receive reimbursement directly from Medicare in approximately 45-60 days from the date your glasses are received.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our office at (941) 925-2020. A doctor is on call 24 hours a day / 7 days a week.