



CALLAHAN EYE HOSPITAL

LASER CATARACT SURGERY INFORMATION PACKET

Nothing can change your world like **seeing it more clearly**, again.

If your vision is clouded by cataracts, laser cataract surgery may be an option for you to remove cataracts from your eye(s). Our laser cataract surgery uses advanced technology that provides unmatched precision and computer control, allowing surgeons to customize cataract surgery and correct for astigmatism for each patient.

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Laser cataract surgery is a bladeless, computer-controlled procedure that is image guided. The laser system uses a range of highly advanced technologies to capture high resolution images that map the size, depth, and curvature of the cornea and other key features of the eye that are unique to each patient. The measurements provided by these images are used to plan and perform the surgery to exact specifications not attainable with traditional surgery.

If you are one of the 22 million¹ Americans affected by cataracts, get a clear picture of your options. Discuss laser cataract surgery with one of the physicians certified to perform laser cataract surgery at Callahan Eye Hospital.

¹ American Academy of Ophthalmology

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How do I make an appointment to have laser cataract surgery?

A: You will need to schedule an initial consultation appointment with a physician. To view a full list of physicians certified to perform laser cataract surgery at Callahan Eye Hospital, refer to pages 6 - 7 in this packet.

Q: Which physicians are performing laser cataract surgery?

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Q: How much does laser cataract surgery cost?

A: Costs may vary depending upon the plan of care your physician will recommend. Your physician will be able to address any questions about costs of the procedure.

Q: Will my insurance pay for laser cataract surgery?

A: Most patients are responsible for a portion of the cost of laser cataract surgery. Speak with your insurance carrier for more information specific to your coverage. Additionally, your physician will be able to review these costs with you during your evaluation.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - CONTINUED

Q: What's the difference between laser cataract surgery and traditional cataract surgery?

A: Laser cataract surgery differs from traditional cataract surgery in that a laser is used to make the incision. Watch the video on uabmedicine.org/seeClearly to ***See the Difference***. The laser has additional benefits, specific to your eye care needs, which your physician will discuss with you.

Q: How long does the laser cataract surgery last?

A: The actual procedure usually takes about 10-15 minutes. Additional time is needed to prepare you for surgery and to allow you to recover.

Q: Is laser cataract surgery a painful procedure?

A: You may experience mild soreness for about 24 hours after surgery. However, most patients report little to no pain during or after the procedure.

Q: Will I still have to wear glasses after cataract surgery?

A: In most cases, patients have a decreased dependency on glasses or may not need them at all. Your physician can speak to you regarding your specific eye care needs.

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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS - CONTINUED

Q: Will my vision improve immediately following laser cataract surgery?

A: Patients typically experience immediate results following cataract surgery. Your physician can speak with you in greater detail.

Q: What are the risks associated with laser cataract surgery?

A: There are risks associated with any surgical procedure. Your physician will speak with you about the risks and benefits of laser cataract surgery.

Q: Can I go back to work immediately following laser cataract surgery?

A: You and your physician will develop a plan for resuming normal activity following your procedure.

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