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Presbyopia Correction with Cataract Surgery

Presbyopia makes it hard for the eye to focus on near vision. This happens to most people as they age. It can also happen after cataract surgery to people of any age if they have a monofocal IOL for distance vision. People with presbyopia might hold a book or menu at arm's length to see it more clearly. Reading glasses can improve vision problems caused by presbyopia.

Your eye surgeon can correct presbyopia during cataract surgery. The goal is to reduce your need to wear eyeglasses. There are two options for correcting presbyopia during cataract surgery.

1) Monovision using two different monofocal (single focus) IOLs. The eye surgeon can correct Presbyopia by placing a monofocal IOL for near vision in one of the eyes having surgery. The eye surgeon will put in a monofocal IOL for distance vision in the other eye. The goal is to improve both near and distance vision by having these two IOLs work together. But some patients do not like having two different monofocal IOLs. To see if you will, your eye surgeon might have you try two different monofocal contact lenses before your surgery.

2) Premium IOL (Restor Lens) - Another option to correct presbyopia is for your eye surgeon to put in a premium IOL. Premium IOLs allow your eye to focus at more than one distance so that you do not have to wear glasses as much. Premium IOLs work best if put into both eyes. There are different types of premium IOLs. Your eye surgeon told you about them and helped you decide which is best for you. However these Premium IOLs are not covered by Medicare or any other Private Pay Insurance Company, these IOLs if chosen are the patients responsibility.

Risks - As with all surgery, problems can happen. In addition to all the risks for cataract surgery, here are some common or serious risks for presbyopia correction:

- You may see halos and ghost images. Or you could have night glare, double vision, or blurry vision.
- You might have trouble with depth perception (seeing which of two objects is closer) or problems driving at night.
- Premium IOLs may not work well if you have certain eye problems or large pupils.
- You may need to wear glasses at all times or just for some activities, even after getting premium IOLs.
- The Premium IOL (Restor Lens) does not correct astigmatism. Glasses may be needed after surgery for astigmatism correction.

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By signing below, you consent (agree) that:

- You read this informed consent form, or someone read it to you.
- You understand the information in this informed consent form.
- The eye surgeon or staff offered you a copy of this informed consent form.
- The eye surgeon or staff answered your questions about presbyopia correction.
- You understand that you may need to wear glasses after surgery.

Please check the box about how you choose to correct presbyopia:

- MonoVision using two monofocal IOLs (different types in each eye) this can be achieved with the Standard Monofocal IOL or the Premium Toric IOL.**
- Premium Multifocal Restor Lens (this is a non-astigmatism correction IOL)**

I consent to Presbyopia Correction with Cataract Surgery on my Right / Left Eye

Patient's Signature (or person authorized to sign for patient)

Date

Surgeon's Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date