

## **CATARACT SURGERY PREOPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS**

The introduction of **Dropless Cataract Surgery** is an important advancement in ophthalmology, and we are thrilled to bring this best-in-class treatment option to our patients. Typically, no need to fill any prescription eye drops before or after your surgery.

In certain circumstances, it is not safe to inject medication into the eye after cataract surgery, and this will not be evident until the time of surgery. In this circumstance, your surgeon will inform you of this and you will be given a prescription for eyedrops. In other circumstances, like active diabetic retinopathy, epiretinal membrane (retinal wrinkles) you will need to use a drop before and after surgery. In other circumstances, if you have significant swelling or inflammation, you may still need to use drops.

### **NO SMOKING STARTING 48 HOURS BEFORE SURGERY**

- Your cooperation is critical in this matter to minimize coughing during surgery.

### **THE NIGHT BEFORE SURGERY**

- Wash your face before you go to sleep
- No food or drink after midnight

### **THE MORNING OF SURGERY**

- Plan to be at the surgery center for approximately 3 hours. Please arrive on time or you will delay other people's surgery.
- Please make arrangements for someone to drive you home.
- Take all of your other routine medications (Except Lasix or Hydrochlorothiazide) with small sips of water.
- If you take Lasix or Hydrochlorothiazide do not take them the day of surgery. You should resume taking this medication once the surgery has been completed
- No food or drink except small sips of water to take your medications.
- Take all eyedrops you normally take in the morning, such as glaucoma drops.
- Wash your face thoroughly before coming to the surgery center.
- Do not wear any facial make-up, eye make-up, and facial cream/lotion.
- Refrain from using any scented products (i.e. perfume, cologne, hairspray and scented soap).
- Wear freshly laundered, casual, loose-fitting and comfortable clothing.
- Do not wear large earrings, necklaces or chains because the support pillow around the back of your neck may cause discomfort from pressing on these items.



**FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS**

- Please have all financial matters completed **prior** to your arrival for surgery.
- Payment for surgery will be requested when you check in for surgery.
- We accept cash, cashier’s checks, and personal checks, Visa, MasterCard, Discover or Financing.
- **Financing:**
  - The application must be submitted to CareCredit and approved prior to your date of surgery.
  - Applying for CareCredit is quick and easy. Simply choose the option you prefer:
  - Online Application
    - Visit <http://advvisioncenters.com/> and click the “financing” tab; or:
    - Go to <http://www.carecredit.com/> , fill out the application
    - Either way, you will usually receive an immediate decision
  - Phone Application – Call (800) 365-8295 and follow the prompts to receive an immediate decision.
  - Standard Application – can be filled out at the office prior to surgery and we will submit.
  - Please be sure to ask us about our 0% interest payment plans (up to 24 months!!)

**If you have any questions, please call our office at (805) 987-5300 or toll-free (866) 987-2020**

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