

PLEASE READ ALL OF THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PRIOR TO YOUR SURGERY



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### **POST-OPERATIVE CARE INFORMATION:**

**Anesthesia Precautions:** Please arrange for a responsible adult to remain with you for 24 hours after surgery as you may experience dizziness or lightheadedness. **DO NOT** operate a vehicle, power tools, make any important decisions, or drink alcohol for 24 hours.

**Visual Recovery:** Be patient. Your vision will be blurry for several days after surgery. You should **not** expect to see well immediately after any eye operation. Typically, the vision is clearer and stable about 1 week following surgery; however, it can take up to 1 month to fully heal. There is normal variability in the recovery rate between patients, and even between both eyes of the same patient. The amount of initial blur during the first week has no bearing on your final vision.

#### **Normal early postoperative symptoms:**

- Slight discomfort and changes in the sensation of your eye are normal
- Redness in the white of your eye
- Eye watering
- Scratchy or sandy sensation
- Stinging with instillation of the medicated eye drops
- Fluctuating or shimmering vision
- Sensitivity to bright lights
- A curved shadow or light reflection on your side vision and/or halos at night
- The pupil may be slightly larger or smaller than your other eye

#### **Serious eye problems that are NOT normal:**

Contact your ophthalmologist immediately if you experience any of the symptoms below after cataract surgery:

- Severe eye pain uncontrolled by Tylenol
- Flashing lights or a large burst of floaters
- Dark curtain closing in on your vision
- Yellow, cloudy discharge of the eye
- Persistent nausea and vomiting
- Temperature greater than 100 degrees F

**If you have a Bandage Contact Lens placed in your eye after surgery, it will be removed at your next day follow-up appointment. If the Bandage Contact Lens should fall out, DO NOT put it back in your eye! Please call the office immediately for instructions.**

**Your eyes need time to heal after cataract surgery:** During cataract surgery, a small incision is made in the front of your eye. Through this opening, the surgeon removes your cloudy lens and