



The Eye Center

OF SOUTHERN INDIANA

Cataract Surgery *Frequently asked questions*

Question: Will I need glasses after surgery? Yes, you will need glasses after surgery *unless you upgrade*. The upgrade fee allows us to utilize the very best optical and surgical technology to allow you to see great without glasses.

Question: Will my insurance pay for the surgical upgrade? No. Insurance plans do not cover the upgrade fee because of Medicare policy (even if you do not have Medicare). Medicare statutorily does not cover refractive procedures (ie. procedures to lessen the need for glasses).

Question: Do you take payments? No. However, there is an interest-free financing option for you to consider called CareCredit. It is a healthcare debit card our staff can introduce it to you.

Question: If I don't need glasses to do certain things now, why will I need them to do those things after surgery? The cataract is a cloudy lens in your eye that will be replaced by a diamond-clear lens implant. Because the new lens will be a different power than your human lens you will need glasses different than before. You will need a weak pair of bifocals if you do not upgrade.

Question: Do you do both eyes the same day? No. The soonest we would do the next eye is the next day. "Next Day Surgery" is the quickest way to resume normal daily activities. Some patients are advised to wait for a week or two for surgery on the other eye, however.

Question: Who will do my surgery? Dr. Warren Chang does surgery on Mondays and Tuesdays. Dr. Joe Mackey does surgery on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Each surgeon uses the same surgical team, laser, lens implants and information from the clinic. You are likely to see Dr. Chad Huck, Dr. Steve Holbrook or Dr. Jason Gray for your clinic appointments upstairs. This offers you the most specialized and convenient care possible.

Question: Who will do my follow-ups? If you were referred here for surgery by your eye doctor, our staff will make arrangements with that optometrist to do the follow-ups. This is called "Co-management." It is a common routine that makes it more convenient for you because it reduces the number of trips to our office. Of course, we can see you again at any time if a problem occurs.

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