



YAG LASER CAPSULOTOMY INFORMATION & CONSENT FORM

Please read this document carefully. If you have any questions please discuss them with Mr Wevill prior to signing the form.

In some people who have had lens surgery, vision may deteriorate because the membrane which holds the lens implant in place can cloud over. This is called posterior capsule opacification. The membrane is part of the natural lens of your eye, which was left after cataract surgery to support the lens implant. When it clouds over it obstructs your vision, making things seem hazy.

THE YAG LASER CAPSULOTOMY PROCEDURE

The aim of this laser treatment is to remove the central part of the cloudy membrane to bring your vision back up to the level that it was after the lens replacement operation was performed. On the day of the procedure you will receive drops to enlarge the pupil. The treatment is painless. You will be asked to sit with your chin on a chin rest with your head against a "strap", just as you do when your surgeon examines your eye in the clinic. You will be asked to look straight ahead and you will hear some "clicking" sounds.

AFTER THE LASER PROCEDURE

Straight after the laser treatment the vision in the treated eye will not be very good because your pupil will still be enlarged. You may notice a few more floaters ("bits" moving about in the vision) than you are used to, but these are usually less marked after a few days. You will be given some eye drops to use for a few days and you usually notice an improvement in your vision by the next day. Most people do not need the procedure repeated and the improvement in vision remains. However, occasionally further YAG laser is necessary.

Please use the prescribed drops and attend post-operative appointments if asked to do so. If you are concerned about your eye(s) after the treatment please call the emergency number: 07732406784

BENEFITS AND RISKS OF YAG LASER CAPSULOTOMY

Most people find that their eyesight improves significantly after this procedure. But if you have another eye condition or develop one in the future, the improvement may be limited. It is rare to encounter significant problems as a result of having the treatment. However, as with any procedure there may be complications during or after the treatment. It is not possible to detail every possible risk of YAG capsulotomy treatment here, but the severe and common complications are listed below. These complications could make your vision worse and your vision may not be correctable with glasses or contact lenses.

Please read this form or have it read to you and ask us any questions that arise from reading it before signing the form and agreeing to have the treatment.

POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS FROM YAG LASER CAPSULOTOMY

- Damage to the lens can occur, but it is unlikely to result in a visual disturbance.
- Movement of the implant with a change in the focus. After YAG laser the implant may move slightly, slightly changing the focus of the eye. A large movement is extremely rare but this could significantly affect your vision.
- Raised eye pressure. The laser treatment may cause the pressure in the eye to rise temporarily.

- Floaters are very common following treatment. Usually they subside in a few days, but sometimes some of the floaters may persist long-term.
- Retinal detachment risk is increased risk after YAG capsulotomy , however, the risk for most people is still very low. We have explained the symptoms and if you experience any of them please contact us or see another eye care professional as soon as possible.
- Inflammation and swelling of the central retina at the back of your eye can occur which can blur your vision. You will be given anti-inflammatory eye drops after the treatment to reduce this risk.
- Removal of the lens after YAG laser treatment is more difficult. If you are dissatisfied with your vision through the lens implant after the YAG treatment your surgeon will be unlikely to suggest removal and replacement of the implant.
- Other complications may also occur.

ALTERNATIVE TREATMENTS

You may choose not to undergo the laser treatment. If you do not have the treatment, however, it is likely that you will have some further reduction in your vision. It is possible to have the cloudy membrane removed with a surgical procedure but this carries more risk than laser treatment.

CONSENT

I consent to undergo the procedure of YAG laser capsulotomy to my right / left / both eye(s) (circle and delete as applicable).

In signing this form I confirm that:

- The proposed treatment has been explained to me in a way that I understand.
- I have read, or had read to me, and understood the information given above and I have had the opportunity to ask my surgeon further questions relating to my treatment.
- No guarantee has been given regarding the results that may be obtained by treatment.

Patient's signature: Date:

Name (PRINT):