



CRYSTALENS PREOPERATIVE INFORMATION

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Post Operative Expectations

Crystalens Vision Enhancement process is a surgical process which like all, surgical interventions requires time for healing to take place. Some patients achieve rapid visual improvement but do not expect sharp vision the first day or even the first week after surgery. The operative eye will be dilated for one week after surgery. During this time, your doctor expects for you to have blurry vision, glare, halos and light sensitivity. You may have little to no capacity for near vision the first two weeks after surgery. Similar to a movie star undergoing cosmetic surgery, you may not see your optimal visual outcome until three to four months after bilateral (both eyes) surgery.

In the FDA trials, over 98% of patients with bilateral Crystalens implantation could see well enough to be legal to drive without glasses and to see menu sized print at near. This is referred to as functional vision and should be considered the goal with Crystalens. In a survey conducted during the FDA study, over 70% of patients stated that they wore glasses none of the time or almost none of the time. This means that approximately 30% of patients still wore corrective lenses part of the time or even, rarely all of the time. The size type being read is 12 point and should be a reasonable expectation for uncorrected near vision in the majority of patients. Please realize that Crystalens Vision Enhancement process is a surgical procedure to decrease the dependence on corrective eyewear. The Crystalens Vision Enhancement process in no way guarantees that "perfect 20/20 vision" will be obtained.

Despite our best computer models for lens implant calculations, a minority of our patients desire an enhancement procedure for residual nearsightedness, farsightedness or astigmatism. In some instances your surgeon may advise you to expect an enhancement preoperatively. In the event that you desire excimer laser enhancements to fine tune your vision, your doctor will determine the proper timing for laser enhancement. Excimer laser enhancement is usually not advised until three months after your initial surgery. Even with near perfect distance and intermediate vision, please realize that approximately 25 to 30% of patients will still require eyewear to enhance their near vision.

I have read the information regarding Crystalens postoperative expectations. I have had all my questions answered with regard to postoperative expectations.

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