

CATARACT SURGERY INSTRUCTIONS

3 DAYS BEFORE SURGERY: Begin using the drops in your surgical eye as indicated on the checklist on the back of this page. Review your surgery instructions.

DAY OF SURGERY:

- Unless directed otherwise DO NOT have anything to eat or drink, including water, gum, or mints after midnight the night before your surgery, or your surgery will be cancelled.
- You may take your morning medications with a small sip of water (no juice or coffee). Continue all medications (including blood thinners) unless Dr. Kelly tells you to stop.
- Diabetics: DO NOT use your insulin or diabetic medications before coming to the hospital. Please bring your insulin or oral medication with you to the hospital to take after surgery.
- Wear comfortable clothing as you may be changing into a hospital gown.
- Please remove all makeup, fingernail polish, and jewelry. Wash your face with soap and water.
- You MUST have a family member or friend stay with you while you are at the facility, drive you home, and help you through the night. The facility will cancel your surgery if you do not. Expect to be at the facility about 3-4 hours.
- Bring your sunglasses, photo identification, and your insurance cards with you.

AFTER SURGERY:

- **If you have a gauze patch, DO NOT remove the patch. Drops will begin after your post-operative visit.**
- **DO NOT RUB YOUR EYE.** You may wipe away tears, but do not rub. Use Systane Ultra (bottle) 3 times a day for three months after surgery.
- **CONTINUE using the eye drops (Besivance, Ilevro, and Durezol) that you started before surgery.**
- **It is common to have BLURRY VISION for a few days and to see FLOATERS after surgery.**
- Do not bend over from the waist for the first 24 hours
- Do not lift anything over 5 pounds for the first 24 hours
- Do not sleep on the side of your surgery for the first 24 hours
- Wear the plastic shield when you sleep tonight, or if you take a nap today
- You may continue all your regular medications
- You may eat or drink anything you like
- You may take Tylenol, Advil, or aspirin if needed for pain
- You may wear your eye glasses today; they may be too strong, but it won't hurt your eye
- Wear your sunglasses, as you may be sensitive to light because you are dilated from surgery
- Expect your close-up vision to be blurry and a need to change your glasses prescription

PLEASE CALL 919-282-1100 IF YOU EXPERIENCE LIGHT SENSITIVITY, SORE EYES, REDNESS, SEVERE PAIN, NAUSEA, OR VOMITING.

BEGIN **THREE (3)** DAYS BEFORE SURGERY AND CONTINUE EACH DAY, INSTILLING **ONE** DROP OF EACH MEDICINE IN THE **SURGERY EYE** AS INDICATED IN THE CHECKLIST BELOW.

<input type="checkbox"/> Right Eye	Morning			Noon		Evening	
<input type="checkbox"/> Left Eye	Ilevro	Besivance	Durezol	Besivance	Durezol	Besivance	Durezol
Day 1	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day 2	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day 3	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day of surgery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Day after surgery	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

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REMEMBER to wait about 5 minutes between each drop. This allows the first drop to be fully absorbed before the next drop goes into the eye.

IF YOU HAVE A **GAUZE** PATCH, DO NOT PLACE DROPS IN EYE AFTER SURGERY