



Cataract Surgery Consent

Before proceeding with cataract surgery, we want you to understand the information below.

1. ALL SURGERY HAS RISKS and a guarantee of surgical results is NEVER promised.
 - Risk of complications is low (1-3%)
 - When complications do occur, they often occur unexpectedly. Your surgeon will do their best to anticipate these beforehand, as well as appropriately treat them post-operatively.

2. POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS – all can lead to VISION LOSS
 - Endophthalmitis; infection inside the eye (1/1000)
 - Retinal detachment (1/1000)
 - Suprachoroidal hemorrhage; massive bleed inside eye (1/10 000)
 - Persistent corneal edema
 - Persistent macular edema (1-5%)
 - Posterior capsule rupture (1-3%)

3. CATARACT SURGERY IS NOT PERFORMED TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR GLASSES
 - The majority of patients will not require glasses for their *distance* vision
 - You will still need glasses for reading and intermediate vision
 - There are options to reduce the dependency on glasses we will discuss these with you.

4. CATARACT SURGERY WILL NOT TREAT OTHER EYE CONDITIONS
 - If you have **macular degeneration, diabetic eye disease, glaucoma, previous trauma or any other ocular disease** as told to you by your surgeon, then removing the cataract may not improve the vision.

Usually, cataract surgery is an elective surgery, meaning YOU decide if you want to have surgery.

Just because you have a cataract, doesn't mean you need to have surgery. Your surgeon's responsibility is to help guide your decision making.

At ESNO, we encourage you to take your time and ask questions when making the important decision about proceeding with cataract surgery.

When you are ready, your surgery will be booked.