



Cataract Surgery – IOL options

During your surgery, your surgeon will remove the cataract and put a clear plastic lens (IOL) in its place. This is what focuses the light so you can see! There are several options for this IOL:

1) OHIP covered:

- This is a standard monofocal IOL, meaning it will focus to one distance only (typically good for your distance vision such as reading road signs, watching TV, golf, etc). Most patients will not require glasses for their distance vision.
- If you do not mind wearing glasses for near and intermediate vision, then this IOL usually works well for the majority of patients

2) NON-OHIP: TORIC IOL (Alcon AcrySof Toric®)

- TORIC IOLs reduce or eliminate astigmatism, which is an asymmetric curvature to the cornea that increases the need for glasses at all distances.
- Many patients receiving TORIC lens implants no longer need glasses for distance vision.
- TORIC lenses provide good vision for one focal distance only, meaning you will still require glasses for reading.

3) NON-OHIP: MULTIFOCAL IOL (Alcon PanOptix®)

- Multifocal Lenses offer the possibility of seeing well at more than one distance, greatly reducing the need for glasses or contacts
- The nature of the way in which light is handled by multifocal lenses can decrease contrast sensitivity and create visual aberrations such as glare and flashing lights.

You do not need to decide on your IOL choice at the time of your appointment.

Your surgeon will help guide your decision making and when an IOL is selected, your surgery can be booked.