

YAG Laser Capsulotomy

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What is a YAG laser capsulotomy?

A YAG laser capsulotomy is a procedure used to help improve your vision if it worsens after cataract surgery.

When is it used?

When a cataract is removed, the thin, clear skin behind the cataract (called the posterior capsule) is left in your eye. This thin skin helps support your artificial lens implant initially and lessens the risk of certain problems after cataract surgery (for example, retinal detachment). Because the posterior capsule is initially clear, you can see through it easily. But, in many cases the capsule eventually becomes cloudy within several months after cataract surgery causing blurry vision. When this happens, YAG laser capsulotomy is usually successful in restoring your vision.

What happens during the procedure?

Treatment takes only a few minutes and does not require anesthesia or hospitalization. The laser painlessly creates an opening in the cloudy posterior capsule for you to see through. The laser is so precise that it has virtually no effect on other tissues in your eye.

As with any medical procedure, there are some theoretical risks, including a small increased risk of retinal detachment and a temporary increase in eye pressure. But YAG laser treatment is generally very safe and highly successful.

No facility fee!

Outpatient facilities typically charge a facility fee in addition to a surgeon's fee. The doctors at the Marion Eye Centers perform this procedure in our office with no facility fee, thereby passing on substantial savings to you.

Side Effects

After the YAG laser treatment, you may experience new floaters in your vision, which is normal. If the floaters do not disappear in a few days, or you experience an increase in floaters after the initial floaters, or if you experience flashes in your vision, or a decrease in your vision, or pain in your eye, please call us immediately at 1-800-344-7058.