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YAG LASER CAPSULOTOMY

Approximately 20% of cataract patients will develop haze on the membrane behind the intraocular lens implant following cataract surgery, which results in diminished vision. The vision may be blurred, hazy, or is associated with significant glare and loss of visual acuity. This condition is known as posterior capsule opacity or may be called a “secondary cataract”.

In YAG laser capsulotomy, a laser is used to create an opening in the hazy capsule situated behind the intraocular lens implant to allow you to see more clearly.

There are some risks with the laser treatment such as inflammation, retinal detachment, lens dislocation, and raised pressure in the eye. Each of these problems is potentially serious, but they are each very uncommon. Rarely the procedure may need to be repeated.

Pre-operative instructions:

- Before your laser treatment, your eyes will be dilated by a technician. The procedure takes only a few minutes and is entirely painless.
- Nothing will touch your eye; however, you must remain still during the procedure.

Post-operative instructions:

- Following a YAG laser capsulotomy, you may resume normal activities immediately.
- You may experience some floaters afterward. These will likely resolve within a few weeks.
- Most people can expect their vision to improve within a day.

****If you are having both eyes done the same day you will need a driver to take you home afterwards****