

INFORMED CONSENT FOR YAG POSTERIOR CAPSULOTOMY

After cataract surgery, the back membrane of the cataract is left in place to support the lens implant. This membrane may become cloudy, cause blurred vision and sometimes cause patients to see streaks or haloes around lights. These problems worsen with time.

Your doctor has recommended YAG laser treatment which can be done quickly as an out patient by dilating your eyes and the use of numbing drops. There is no interruption in physical activities and a patch after the laser treatment is not needed.

To accomplish this procedure more efficiently, you will need to keep your forehead against the head strap, chin in the chin rest and teeth together and maintain a steady fixation on the target. You will feel slight pressure when the doctor inserts a contact lens that keeps you from blinking and helps focus the laser accurately. You will hear a “snap” of the laser as it treats your eye and you may see small flashes of light. This procedure usually lasts less than 3 minutes.

Laser surgery is still surgery. Complications can still occur. Some new floaters or spots may be seen. Retinal swelling or detachment can follow this type of surgery as well as your eye pressure may rise temporarily after the YAG laser treatment.

THE ALTERNATE TREATMENTS AND THEIR RISKS AND BENEFITS HAVE BEEN EXPLAINED TO MY SATISFACTION. I HEREBY GIVE MY INFORMED CONSENT FOR A POSTERIOR CAPSULOTOMY IN MY **RIGHT / LEFT EYE** (circle one) WITH THE YAG LASER.

Patient Signature

Date

Witness Signature

Date